

# Comments for Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104

## Application Summary

Application Number: TP/ED/26/0104

Address: Whitegates Park Middlemuir Road Lenzie East Dunbartonshire

Proposal: Erection of a secondary school including road access, landscaping, car parking, sports pitches, recreational areas and associated development.

Case Officer: Fraser McNair

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: in accordance with s160 (1A)(a) that it is expedient in the interests of amenity to make the Order "

The applicant relies on NPF4 Policy 6: Forestry, Woodland and Trees to justify the proposal and the removal of a significant number of protected trees including the majority identified in the Arborio cultural Impact Assessment (PL70) as the most valuable (TG8) and regarded as category A woodland by the assessment.

Reliance is again placed on mitigation provided by the inference of a replacement park at MA which for reasons previously rehearsed I believe are not a material consideration in this proposal. Should this proposal be consented to by the Planning Committee the applicant has the ability to cut down these valuable trees in order to make way, in the main, for plastic sports pitches. In my opinion it's a national disgrace that Tree Preservation Orders can be manipulated in this way, by Councils. If the applicants for this proposal were other than the council the proposal would be refused on the basis of protected trees alone.

The applicant provides commentary (PL69 page 74) acknowledging that proposals resulting in the loss or reduction of outdoor sports and recreation facilities will be resisted unless one of any of the four mitigating criteria (A-D) applies to the proposal (LDP2 policy 13).

The applicant outlines a summary of the Pre application comments of the council's internal consultees in relation to "Sports and play facilities" (PL69).

It is represented by the applicant that those representing the council believe the pitch at WP is informal, which is a concern. However, replacing a formal pitch with an informal one does not accord with NPF4 Policy 21 or LDP2 Policy 13.

I dispute the applicants claim that the grass football pitch at WP is informal, it is maintained by the council, is bookable, has changing facilities, has permanent goals and accords with Sports Scotland data sheet 10.

It is unreasonable for the applicant page 19 of several