

# 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

## Customer Details

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: As a local resident affected by the planned construction I wish to register my objection on the following grounds.

### 1. Traffic and safety

I live on one of the streets neighbouring Whitegates Park. I object to the application on the grounds that Middlemuir Road, Laurel Avenue, Hazel Avenue, Douglas Avenue etc were laid out in the 1930s as narrow residential streets which are not designed to cope with the demands and scale of modern vehicles, let alone the estimated 110 cars of school traffic drop-offs quoted in the application.

### 2. Ecological impact

The loss of a decades old and highly valued green space would have a profoundly negative effect on the surrounding area. The construction of the school at the park would completely destroy an established habitat and ecosystem which has developed over the 50 years since the closure of the railway and the creation of the park.

### 3. Exposing contaminants

Building upon a site which your own reports have said is contaminated appears ill-judged. The construction would involve a large amount of earthworks, exposing the contaminated soil, which is only a danger when disturbed. The estimated costs of addressing the contamination have already reached staggering figures.

### 4. Flood risk

Building on the green site increases the risk of flooding in the area - our house was flooded in the

mid 1990s so there is an unwelcome precedent. An increased risk of flooding combined with the contamination known to affect the site presents an alarming prospect for local residents.

#### 5. Reuse of the existing school's location

Replacing the current school with another built on the same site appears to have been given far too little consideration. There are many precedents of such projects being completed successfully and it would clearly be far less costly once the remedial requirements of the Whitegates site are factored in.