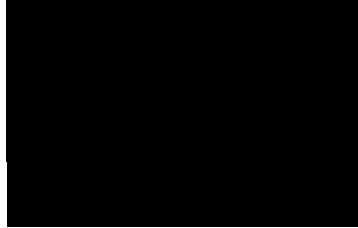


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Middlemuir Road, Lenzie



based on the following **development plan policies** and **other material planning considerations**.

space is only acceptable where a **superior** replacement is provided.

wetland, peatland and mature habitat network at Whitegates. It does not meet the policy test.

corridors and protected species. Replacing this with buildings an artificial surface results in a **net loss** of biodiversity.

valued open spaces unless a demonstrably superior alternative is provided. Myrtle Avenue does not meet this requirement.

Objection: Excavating peat and replacing it with hard surfaces will increase surface water

Whitegates Park is a wetland with shallow groundwater and deep peat that acts as a natural

flood-mitigation sponge.

runoff and risk groundwater displacement toward nearby homes. The application does not demonstrate that these risks can be safely mitigated.

generations.

Whitegates is the only large, accessible green space within walking distance. Relocating open space to Myrtle Avenue reduces accessibility and disproportionately impacts those who rely on the park for daily wellbeing.

for decades. The Council has not carried out a Health Impact Assessment to evaluate the psychological and social harm caused by losing this specific natural landscape.

peatland, or wildlife corridor cannot be relocated or recreated elsewhere.

Lenzie Academy. I agree a new school is desperately required but not at the loss of such a lovely local park. I regularly play football there with my friends as it is one of

safe, not near a road and not locked away behind school gates. I love to walk my dog on the paths at Whitegates and my mum and I listen to the birdsong and spot different birdlife. I am so confused as to why people who are meant to work for the benefit of our community are even considering such a destructive action. It will cost so much extra money and loss of nature, which is just so very sad.

The proposed mitigation is inadequate, the community loss is too great, and the development conflicts with key national and local planning policies.

