

Comments for Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104

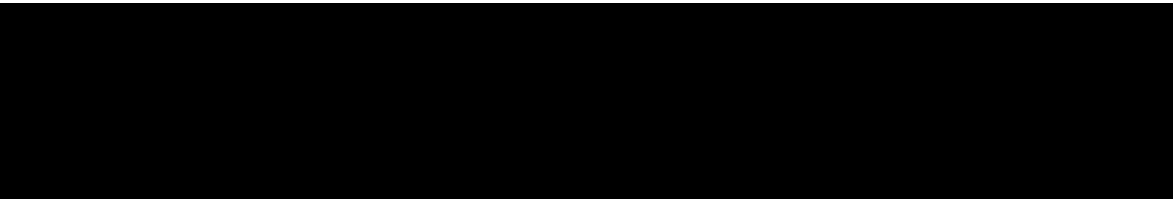
Application Summary

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:FAO of Fraser McNair Planning Case Officer for planning application TP/ED/26/0104

I write to object to the planning application TP/ED/26/0104, which I refer to below as the proposal.

I support investment in the East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC) schools infrastructure in particular as it affects ward 6, providing funds are spent appropriately and in the right location.

The fact that Lenzie Academy (LA) is now the oldest secondary school in East Dunbartonshire and was prior to the rebuilding of all other secondary schools in the authority area one of the oldest, but is now last to be considered for improvement is a disgrace and those responsible for this failure to ensure LA was given the same consideration as other secondary schools should be ashamed.

I am familiar with the proposal site which I use on a regular basis for my wellbeing and recreation. Whitegates Park (WP) is a neighbourhood park, designated open space and contains within it a community recreation and sports facility (formal football pitch). The proposed change of use of the site is a significant departure from East Dunbartonshire Council Local Development Plan 2 2022 (LDP2) which presumes against the development of the site and this proposal unless there are material considerations justifying such a significant departure.

Contamination lies beneath the surface of WP, within the knowledge and consent of past and present Local Authorities, due to the site's industrial past and as I understand it the relocation of spoils from the construction of the now completed A806 (Initiative Road).

My own research has informed me the contamination poses no threat to me or anyone else that has used or currently uses the park if the current surface remains undisturbed. However, I believe investigations are required to confirm that the underground contamination has not leaked into the watercourses on the site and in consequence the outfalls from the site and watercourse outside the site. Page 1 of several