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[Official] : FW: Late Representation - Objection to Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104 (New Lenzie Academy, Whitegates Park, Lenzie)

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Hi Validation,

Please can you log this submission as a further representation from [REDACTED] and acknowledge receipt.

Kind Regards,

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Planning Officer

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Sent: 18 May 2026 15:53  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: Late Representation - Objection to Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104 (New Lenzie Academy, Whitegates Park, Lenzie)  
Importance: High

Proposal: Erection of a secondary school including road access, landscaping, car parking, sports pitches, recreational areas and associated development.  
18/05/2026

Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to submit this late representation in strong objection to the above application. I understand the formal consultation period has closed, but I respectfully ask that these comments be accepted and fully considered before any decision is made, given the significant public interest and ongoing safety concerns surrounding development on this protected open space..

Key Reasons for Objection

**1. Failure to Comply with Planning Conditions on a Similar Recent Site (Donaldson Street Sports Complex)**

I recently received confirmation via Freedom of Information (internal review) that no gas monitoring has ever been carried out at the Kirkintilloch Community Sports Complex on Donaldson Street (opened July 2024), despite a specific planning condition requiring it due to the brownfield/industrial history of the site. This is a clear

breach of planning control on another East Dunbartonshire Council project.

Whitegates Park shares similar characteristics with potential contamination risks.

Allowing this application to proceed without robust, verified gas monitoring and remediation at Donaldson Street raises serious questions about the reliability of any contamination strategy proposed for Whitegates Park.

## 2. **Ground Contamination, Ground Gas and Public Health Risks**

The proposal involves building on land with documented concerns regarding contamination, ground gas, peat deposits and a high-water table. A school is a particularly sensitive use with high numbers of children and young people present for long periods. Given the council's apparent failure to enforce gas monitoring on the recent Donaldson Street site, members of the public cannot have confidence that risks to human health will be properly assessed or mitigated here.

## 3. **Loss of Protected Greenspace and Amenity**

Whitegates Park is valued community greenspace. The development would result in the permanent loss of recreational open space, mature trees (some protected by TPO) and biodiversity without adequate justification, especially when redevelopment on the existing Lenzie Academy site is a feasible option, as confirmed by EDC's own consultants in the McLaughlin & Harvey feasibility Report June 2022.

## 4. **Other Material Considerations**

- Flood risk concerns previously raised by statutory consultees.
- Traffic, parking and construction impacts on narrow streets not designed to cope with a major application which involves major piling and contaminated land excavations.
- Precedent of poor compliance with planning conditions by the applicant (the Council itself).

I therefore urge the Planning Authority to **refuse this application** until:

- Full transparency and enforcement action is taken on outstanding gas monitoring and remediation details (with long-term verification) are provided and rigorously assessed for Whitegates Park.
- All alternative sites, particularly the existing Lenzie Academy grounds, are properly re-evaluated. Tandem builds have been successfully carried out on sites the same size as the Lenzie Academy site, so precedent does exist, indeed primary school pupils in Bishopbriggs are currently experiencing a tandem build without fuss or fanfare.

I would welcome confirmation that this late representation has been received and will be taken into account. I am available to provide further information if required.

Yours Sincerely,

