

Comments for Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104

Application Summary

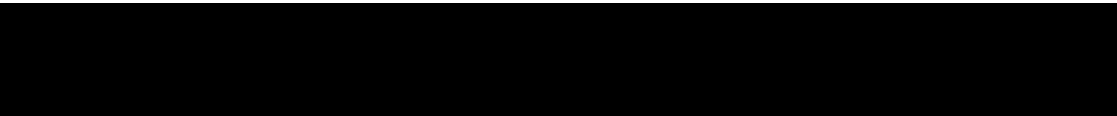
Application Number: TP/ED/26/0104

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: I wish to object to the proposed development of the new Lenzie Academy at Whitegates Park,

Lenzie. My objection is based on material planning considerations including...

Biodiversity impacts.

The development would result in the loss of almost all habitat, tree cover and wildlife connectivity on the site. Given the restricted footprint, it is unlikely that a genuine nature-positive outcome could be delivered.

The latest Technical Note confirms that Myrtle Avenue will come forward as a separate major planning application, rather than as secured mitigation linked to Whitegates Park. This material change undermines reliance on Myrtle Avenue to justify the current proposal.

The Council has resolved to make a Tree Preservation Order for Whitegates Park. Determination of this application should not pre-empt or undermine the statutory TPO process now underway.

4. Traffic congestion and road safety issues:

The Transport Assessment underestimates the likely traffic impacts and congestion around Initiative Road and surrounding residential streets, raising concerns about road safety and suitability of the location for a school of this scale.

Transport and road safety are major concerns. The surrounding roads already experience significant congestion and parking pressure at peak times. Introducing a large secondary school would make these issues worse and create additional safety risks for pedestrians.

5. Unjustified Expansion & Projected Need:

A 1,400-pupil school assumes sustained high demand despite fluctuating roll projections, discretionary intake and recent catchment changes. Building to this scale on a constrained site risks over-provision and the permanent loss of protected green space without clear evidence of enduring local need.

