

## Planning

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Objection to TP/ED/26/0104

I object to the proposed development of a new school at Whitegates Park on the grounds of environmental risk and site suitability.

The site is known to experience drainage issues and areas of standing water. Development on this permeable greenspace will reduce natural drainage capacity and increase surface water runoff, heightening flood risk both on-site and in surrounding areas.

There are also unresolved concerns regarding ground conditions and potential contamination. The interaction between these factors and flood risk has not been clearly or comprehensively addressed. Given the scale of the development, full and transparent assessments should be available prior to determination.

The ecological impacts further reinforce the unsuitability of the site. The loss of irreplaceable habitats—including wet woodland and lowland fen—represents a permanent environmental cost. The Environmental Impact Assessment confirms that these losses cannot be fully mitigated.

In the context of climate change, planning policy requires development to be resilient, sustainable, and environmentally responsible. This proposal fails to meet those expectations.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the application be refused.

Please confirm receipt.