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Dear Planning Officer,

I am writing to formally object to the planning application for the proposed new Lenzie Academy at Whitegates Park (TP/ED/26/0104). I am deeply concerned about the devastating impact this massive development will have on our community's safety, health, and environment.

Lenzie has been expanding in recent years, which has brought welcome change to our community. But we must work to preserve the limited green spaces in the town, not pave over them. The school can and should be built on the existing Lenzie Academy grounds as has been done before in other East Dunbartonshire areas.

My objection is based on the following material planning considerations:

- 1. Severe Flood Risk (Breach of NPF4 Policy 22)** Whitegates Park currently acts as a natural, saturated sponge that absorbs heavy rainfall. Local residents know that this site is essentially a bog for much of the year. Removing this natural drainage and replacing it with concrete, tarmac, and underground tanks is incredibly risky. We have not forgotten the devastating floods of 2005, which forced families in Sycamore, Middlemuir, and Laurel Avenues out of their homes for months. Building a massive facility on this low-lying, waterlogged ground will inevitably push floodwaters into the surrounding residential streets.
- 2. Traffic Congestion and Child Safety (Breach of NPF4 Policy 13)** The road infrastructure around Whitegates Park simply cannot handle a 1,400-pupil secondary school. The developer's Transport Assessment is highly unrealistic and completely ignores the massive bottleneck that already exists at Lenzie Cross. Introducing hundreds of staff cars, parent drop-offs, and school buses into these narrow residential streets will create gridlock and pose a severe safety hazard to children walking or cycling to school. The traffic data provided by the applicant does not reflect the daily reality of living in this area.
- 3. Public Health and Contaminated Land (Breach of NPF4 Policy 9)** It is a matter of public record that this site contains significant toxic contamination, including high levels of lead and ground gases. In fact, the Council previously deemed this exact site unsuitable for an Additional Support Needs (ASN) school because of these hazards. It is unacceptable and highly dangerous to propose digging

up this toxic soil and building a massive campus for 1,400 children here. The health and safety of our children and the surrounding residents must come before cost-cutting.

4. Loss of Protected Green Space (Breach of NPF4 Policy 21) Whitegates Park is a vital, well-used community asset. In an area that already lacks sufficient public parkland, destroying a protected green space and mature habitats cannot be justified. The Council's suggestion that the old Myrtle Avenue site will eventually become a park does not help the residents of this immediate area, nor does it replace the specific biodiversity and mature trees that will be permanently lost at Whitegates.

This development is in the wrong place, is absurdly expensive which will cost the community dearly, carries unacceptable environmental and safety risks, and it fundamentally contradicts national planning policies designed to protect communities and the environment.

I also fully support the enclosed objection document which professionally deals with my concerns.

I urge the Planning Committee to reject this application.

Please confirm receipt of this objection.

Kind regards,

