

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 OBJECT to TP/ED/26/0104. As a [REDACTED] the wildlife corridor, I write from sustained personal observation.

1. Irreplaceable habitat loss - NPF4 Policies 3 & 4

ECIA losses: 60% broadleaved woodland, 61% wet woodland, 77% lowland fen, 100% neutral grassland, 85 trees. ECIA: wet woodland "effectively lost", lowland fen "cannot be recreated". Myrtle Avenue compensation is unsubmitted, undesigned and unsecured, breaching NPF4 Policy 3(b) and the mitigation hierarchy.

2. Severance of an irreplaceable wildlife corridor - NPF4 Policies 4 & 8 Strathkelvin

Railway/Whitegates is a working Green Network Hub. My BTO BirdTrack records: 42 lists, 1,140 records, 54 species (46 in 4 months of 2026 alone). Red-listed: House Sparrow, Starling, Song Thrush, Yellowhammer, Tree Sparrow, Greenfinch, Fieldfare, Redwing. Amber-listed: Bullfinch, Dunnock, Reed Bunting, Willow Warbler, Kestrel, Tawny Owl. The corridor also supports bats (European Protected Species), hedgehogs (regularly four at once in my garden), foxes, frogs, smooth and palmate newts. Severance cannot be mitigated.

3. Loss of irreplaceable community space - NPF4 Policy 11, LDP2 OS139 Designated Open Space of Neighbourhood Importance. My children (11, 13) have used it since infancy for play, cycling and socialising; no equivalent exists within walking distance.

4. Cost escalation on hazardous ground - A 2018 feasibility study deemed the site "not feasible" due to peat, ground gas and contamination. Costs have risen from £85M (2023) to £138M (Dec 2025), including £4.8M for hazardous waste removal - risking toxic exposure of children and

residents.

5. Flood risk - SEPA's 1 April 2026 holding objection confirms the FRA is inadequate. Excavating peat from a floodplain endangers neighbouring homes, including mine.

I request REFUSAL and progression of viable alternatives, including a tandem build at Myrtle Avenue as delivered at other EDC secondaries.