

Comments for Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104

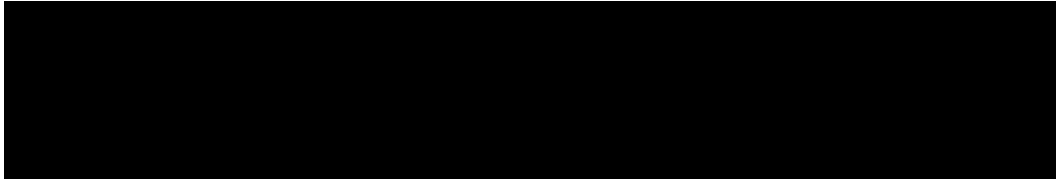
Application Summary

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



Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to the proposed development at Whitegates Park for the following reasons.

There's a complete lack of transparency on the site selection process. No compelling, publicly available evidence has been provided to justify why this protected site was chosen over the brownfield or non-designated locations (NPPF4).

The Council's consultation did not specifically show support for building on Whitegates Park as it did not mention location. The Report admits many "Yes" answers were conditional and many of the objections focused on site.

Whitegates Park is designated public open space, and the application does not provide sufficient planning justification to override policies protecting such land (NPF4 & LDP2).

Whitegates is a designated open space, this proposal removes this greenspace entirely, contrary to policy whereby open space must be protected unless clear evidence shows that alternatives have been fully assessed.

The development will result in the loss of almost all habitat, trees and wildlife on site. The latest Technical Note confirms Myrtle Avenue will come forward as a separate planning application instead of a secured mitigation linked to Whitegates Park, undermining the reliance on Myrtle Avenue to justify this proposal.

The Transport Assessment underestimates the traffic impacts and congestion around Initiative Road and surrounding streets, raising concerns about road safety and suitability of the location for a school of this scale. The surrounding roads already experience significant congestion and pressure at peak times, which would be made worse.

There are known problems with drainage and ground conditions at Whitegates. Standing water is frequently present and ground-quality issues have been raised. Full geotechnical and contamination evidence, including how these interact, must be available before any decision is made. The developer's flood screening assertion that the site is not vulnerable contradicts SEPA flood maps and historical records.