

## Planning

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**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** TP/ED/26/0104 Erection of a secondary school, Whitegates Park

Hi

I object to the proposed build.

Firstly the park is in Kirkintilloch, not Lenzie. Why does the Council persist in getting the address of the park wrong?

Whitegates Park is well known to act as a large sponge in the event of heavy rain. The type of rainfall that is becoming all too frequent. The proposed system with underground tanks to capture the floodwater seems overly complex, expensive and inherently risky. If it doesn't work, homes will flood. It is not clear that this risk has been appropriately modelled with sufficient stresses and taking into account current thinking that rainfall will increase. It also hasn't considered the impact of the overflow from nearby burns and culverts into the sponge/nearby drainage. The school should not be sited at Whitegates Park due to the flood risk to homes.

It is concerning that the site has contaminated soil. What level of confidence be placed in the bore testing that the contaminants are properly understood and the proposed solution is robust? What is the presence of peat being brushed aside as being of little importance? I have little confidence that this aspect of the plan is robust and accords with legislation.

The proposed ecological mitigants for the loss of the park are not sufficient to offset that loss. The new park is far smaller, will have too much hard standing/tarmac and a hall. It is a whitewash proposal. The new park at Myrtle is also too far away for residents that previously easily accessed green space.

The new site does not offer similar safe cycling routes as the existing school. All pupils are pushed onto busy roads to access by foot or by bike.

There will be increased traffic congestion. Not least as parents now have to do two school drop offs - secondary school and then a dash to the primary school.

The new school is enormous - 4 floors. It will dominate the landscape and not in a good way. It is being squeezed on the site with no spare space for errors in design. The school will actually have a surfeit of space that will be hardly used. What teacher could ever trust pupils to sit in the corridor space. Build something more sensible and reduce the impact on the planet and our pockets!

The proposal has nothing to recommend it from the perspective of saving our planet. The school will allegedly save on some heating costs - but that in no way offsets the clearing of the site, the loss of wildlife, insects, birds, plants, the destruction of the existing school and carparks, playing fields and the impact of the materials and building of the new school.

This proposal should never have got off the starting blocks.

