

Comments for Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104

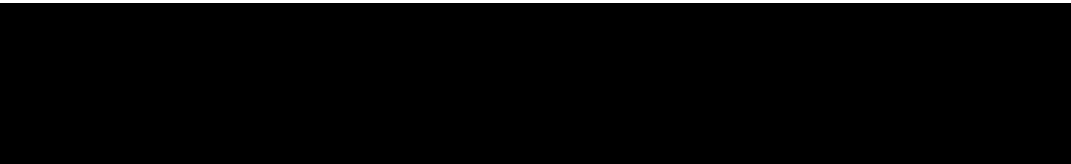
Application Summary

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:Environment: This areas has been used by locals and supports wild life and should not be disturbed. It is a thriving wildlife haven. The creation of a new park at a brownfield site while destroying a green space is illogical and lacks credibility. A "new park" cannot compensate for the decades of mature biodiversity at the current site. The proposal would remove a large area of public parkland in a town that already has a deficit of public park provision.

Costs: The council decision to waste £50m plus to build in this location when the current site of Lenzie Academy would suffice.

Contamination: Sub soil contamination meant that it was not feasible for previous schools to be built. This makes this whole proposal a very costly exercise. The expense involved in decontaminating the proposed site is prohibitive and is hard to justify.

Location: Whitegates Park is in Kirkintilloch. People in Lenzie have purchased houses near the current school so that their children could safely walk to school. The proposed new site will mean that current Lenzie children will have further to walk to the new proposed school.

Congestion: The surrounding streets will be grid locked during drop off/pick up times both by cars and pedestrians. The pavements in Middlemuir are inadequate as both ends of Middlemuir Road have only one pavement on one side of the road. This creates a H&S risk to all school children, pedestrians and local residents. The junction access to the Kirkintilloch Sport Centre area is already congested and this proposed site only adds to the problem.

The traffic congestion already experienced at the school will further increase at Whitegates due to

longer travelling distance than current site as many children travel to school via the train or will be living at a greater distance from the current school in relation to the catchment area. This will no doubt mean they will be driven to school or dropped off in the surrounding streets.