

Planning

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 April 2026 11:10
To: Planning
Subject: Proposed new school at Whitegates park

To whoever it may concern:

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I wish to log my objection to the proposed new school that would be built on Whitegates Park.

I live locally [REDACTED] and walking through the park is one of my favourite local walks.

Whatever time of day, you wander through, it amazes me how much wildlife there is to see and birdsong to hear. It is such a wonderful place to lift the spirits and improve mental health. As I get older and not being a driver, these green spaces within walking distance are invaluable.

We are losing our accessible green spaces at an extraordinary rate. These are precious and should be treasured. They are vital wildlife corridors that can never be replaced once destroyed.

As a local resident, these spaces are what makes Kirkintilloch a special place to live in.

How can we claim to protect nature and promote green policies, and climate protection, when we destroy these essential places.

So many of our local wildlife species depend on us and our decision making. There is roe deer, hedgehogs, foxes, bats, birdlife and insects that will all be destroyed or displaced, if this development goes ahead. Soon we could be living in a sterile concrete desert, if this environmental vandalism continues.

And why choose a park that requires millions of extra pounds to "clean up", to make suitable for a school? Why not build on the original school site, that was deemed a suitable strategy for St Ninians and Kirky High School?

In these cash-strapped times we are living in, why are the council opting for the hugely expensive option? As council tax increases, we the people need to know our money is being spent wisely.

After all you are answerable to us.

Building a new park at the site of the old school is ridiculous, and let's be real, will probably not happen. The money will not be there to do it, after the spiralling costs of this new school.

Even if done, that park is in Lenzie, and not Kirkintilloch, so is not a replacement, and does not link up with Woodhead Park as a wildlife corridor. I know there is debate about whether Whitegates park is Lenzie or Kirkintilloch. As a lifelong resident of Kirkintilloch, I can tell you this is gerrymandering, as Whitegates park has always been considered to be Kirkintilloch!!

Written with hope that you will reconsider this plan.

Yours Sincerely [REDACTED]