

Planning

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I wish to formally object to the proposed development of the new Lenzie Academy at Whitegates Park, East Dunbartonshire

The proposed site is an essential community asset – a publicly available, accessible, open green space, which is well used by residents of all ages, young and old, for recreation, health and wellbeing and being at one with nature. Its unique central location, ensure that it is easily accessible for residents of both Kirkintilloch and Lenzie.

Policy Conflict

The proposal would remove a large area of public parkland in a town that already has a deficit of public park provision, directly conflicting NPF4 Policy 20, which requires development not to exacerbate deficiencies in green infrastructure.

The proposal at Whitegates Park removes a valued, used, community playing field, which has not been replaced like for like, as national guidance requires.

The irreversible loss of protected green space and biodiversity, with no EIA considered or conducted, with known contamination, known flood risk, biodiversity loss, and public health concerns, shows a clear predetermination.

The EIA screening assessment, TP/ED/26/0093 states that the location is not susceptible to flooding which is simply not true.

Whitegates Park is designated open space, part of the established Green Network, protected under Policy 17 of LDP2. This designation remains in force, and any change of use must be made through a formal amendment process, subject to consultation and examination. EDCs own policies prioritise brownfield development and the protection of open spaces.

The proposal contradicts the principles of NPF4.

The recent proposed planning application for Myrtle Avenue, is being progressed as a stand-alone proposal. This represents a material change. This is unacceptable. The Whitegates and Myrtle proposals cannot and should not be separated. Myrtle was presented as a mitigated park due to the huge loss of green space and biodiversity at Whitegates Park. To separate the two means that policy compliance cannot be properly assessed.

For the above reasons I propose that you reject this proposal

