

Comments for Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104

Application Summary

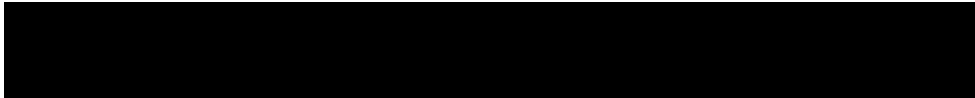
Application Number: TP/ED/26/0104

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

Customer Details



Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I wish to object to the proposed development of the new Lenzie Academy at Whitegates Park, Lenzie.

1. Severe, Unmitigated Contamination and Public Health Risks

The Council's own reports (Curtins Consulting, 2025) confirm severe contamination of the site, including:

- Lead: 1,400 mg/kg (over four times the school threshold of 310 mg/kg).
- Benzo(a)pyrene: A carcinogen, found above safety limits.
- Asbestos: Fibres detected in two locations - no safe level of exposure exists.
- Nickel: Exceeded health thresholds in multiple samples.

Despite these extreme levels, inadequate physical remediation is proposed. Contaminated soil will be reused onsite, with risk downgraded to "Low" via computer modelling that ignores realworld scenarios such as flooding, future repairs and damage due to standard child play. This is an unacceptable risk management strategy that prioritises cost savings over child safety.

2. Whitegates Park is designated protected green space under LDP2 Policy 4 (Community Facilities) and Policy 17 (Natural Environment). The proposal would permanently remove a vital community asset used daily for walking, cycling, dogwalking, informal football, and recreation.

3. The development will generate substantial traffic, with inadequate provision for parking, dropoffs, and safe access for pedestrians and cyclists. Several junctions are already at capacity. The school address being Middlemuir Road cannot be correct as the only access is currently through the hole in the wall! Parents will use Laurel Ave and Middlemuir as drop off points and the

streets are not wide enough for this.

The proposal for a new Lenzie Academy at Whitegates Park is unsound. It fails to address catastrophic public health risks from severe contamination and flooding, breaches core planning policy, undermines climate resilience, and sacrifices a vital community asset without justification.

I therefore strongly object to the building of the new school on Whitegates Park.