

Planning

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To: Planning
Subject: Ref- TP/ED/26/0104 - Whitegates Park Concerns

Hi,

While I am all for a new and much needed Lenzie Academy I am concerned about the proposal to build the new Lenzie Academy campus at Whitegates Park as it appears not to be a good site to use. First it is a health and safety risk due to the extensive industrial contamination - I am worried that if this is not capped properly this could lead to contamination reaching the surface causing harm to pupils and staff - this has happened at other schools in Scotland and has lead to strikes.

I am also concerned about the extra expense involved in using this site - surely there is a better site that has less costs involved - £138million with expected spend over £160million is excessive considering costs involved in other school builds. I previously worked at Dunbar Grammar which was refurbished and extended for £10.8million with little disruption to teaching, I also worked at Wick High School before that which had a new campus built on a new site for approx. £48.5million - while I know inflation means costs have risen I still don't understand why so much more needs to be spent on Lenzie Academy - surely it can built for less leaving more money for the council to spend on other projects that benefit the communities in East Dunbartonshire. The old Wick High School building also lay empty, was vandalised and fell into disrepair and so I am concerned that if a new site is used instead of reworking the current site the same will happen with the current Lenzie Academy buildings.

It also appears that the site has a high risk of flooding with the proposed remedial work not meeting the rules stipulated by SEPA. It is also a protected and well used greenspace appreciated by many in the community. Finally, I am also concerned about the impact that using Whitegates park will have on traffic in a residential area.

Please could you confirm you have received this email.

Kind regards,

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