

Comments for Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104

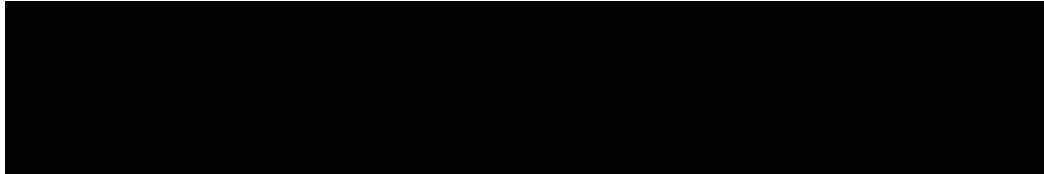
Application Summary

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: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:

Environmental Impact

Whitegates Park is designated as Protected Open Space & identified in the Local Development Plan as being of regional or neighbourhood importance. Development would result in the irreversible loss of wet & broadleaved woodland & lowland fen habitats, which form part of a wider, interconnected ecological network. These habitats-and the species they support, inc. protected birds and bats-cannot be effectively recreated or relocated. On-site mitigation would be undermined by environmental changes such as noise and light pollution, while off-site mitigation does not provide an equivalent ecological function. The proposal conflicts with National Planning Framework 4, notably policies aimed at protecting biodiversity and strengthening nature networks.

Inequalities and Wellbeing

Whitegates Park is a valued community asset that supports physical activity, mental wellbeing & social connectivity. Its loss would disproportionately affect local residents, particularly in an area already experiencing reduced access to greenspace. The proposed alternative at Myrtle Avenue is not comparable in accessibility, function, or community value, and would primarily benefit a different, more affluent area. This would deepen existing inequalities and undermine place-based wellbeing objectives, contrary to national planning policy on community assets.

Transport

The Transport Assessment relies on assumptions about walking and active travel that are not

realistic. Proposed mitigation measures to address congestion and safety concerns are unclear, dependent on future funding and approvals. Residential streets identified for drop-off are unsuitable for increased traffic, and key hazards-such as the tunnel on Easter Garngaber Road-remain inadequately addressed.

Financial

The cost of developing this site is a greater financial burden on residents, which would be lessened if built elsewhere, for a capped school roll, requiring less transport & environmental mitigation.