



Date: 17th April 2026

For the attention of: Development Management / Planning Officer

Re: Objection to Planning Application **TP/ED/26/0104** – *Proposed Lenzie Academy, Whitegates Park, Middlemuir, Road Lenzie*

Dear 

I am a local resident, writing to lodge an objection to the above planning application, submitted to East Dunbartonshire Council. Please register this letter as a formal representation and take the points below into account when determining the application. I would be grateful for written acknowledgement that my objection has been received and recorded.

Grounds For Objection

Policy 14 – Design, Quality and Place

NPF4 policy 14 dictates that development proposals should be designed to be "suitably scaled, sited and designed to be in keeping with the character of the area". The proposed development is located in a suburban area of detached and semi-detached suburban housing and adjacent to low rise retail units (Aldi). The size and proposed four story-height of the building is out of character and not suitably scaled for the area. There are no buildings in Lenzie of a similar height (with the exception of the local churches).

The height of the building is inconsistent with other school redevelopments within East Dunbartonshire. As an example, the Bishopbriggs school development is in a similar suburban area but the height is only two stories and therefore appropriate .

Policy 20 – Blue and Green Infrastructure

NPF4 policy 20 protects existing green infrastructure and states that “development proposals that result in the loss of green infrastructure—or access to it—will generally not be supported unless they comply with strict criteria, such as replacing the space with an equivalent or better provision”. The development will result in the loss of an open space and woodland in a part of Lenzie where there is limited alternative open space available. This will have a negative impact on residents who use this amenity and local wildlife and biodiversity.

Whilst there is a separate proposal to redevelop the current Lenzie Academy site as a sports and recreational facility, this will not provide the same biodiversity and woodland as the existing site. There will also be a period of time (likely a number of years) when the Whitegates Park is undergoing development where there will be no park available to residents of Lenzie. Therefore the proposed development does not meet this policy by providing an equivalent or better provision both in short term and long term.

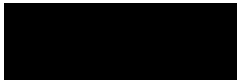
The approach of development for Lenzie Academy is inconsistent with other school redevelopments within East Dunbartonshire. As an example, I understand that the Bishopbriggs school development used the existing site, therefore ensuring that no existing green infrastructure was impacted. A similar approach could be adopted for the Lenzie Academy.

Requested outcome

For the reasons set out above, I ask the Council to refuse planning permission. If the Council is minded to approve the application, I request that the proposal is amended and/or subject to robust conditions aligned to Scottish Government planning policy, particularly in relation to the scale of development and the protection of public open space.

Please notify me of the decision and if you require any further information, please contact me using the details above.

Yours faithfully,

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