

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. My objection is based on material planning considerations including

- a flawed consultation process
- policy conflict and loss of protected space
- biodiversity impacts
- unjustified projected need
- transport issues
- environmental risk - flooding and contamination.

1. Inadequate & Flawed Consultation Process:

The consultation has been insufficient and has excluded key stakeholders. Many residents and other stakeholders were not consulted in good time and were not properly engaged. Furthermore, there has been a complete lack of transparency in the site selection process. No compelling, publicly available evidence has been provided to justify why this protected site was chosen over alternative, brownfield, or non-designated locations, as required by NPPF4. This failure undermines the entire application.

The Council's Education consultation did not show support for building on Whitegates Park.

2. Policy Conflict & Loss of Protected Open Space:

Inadequate justification for building on protected open space

Whitegates Park is designated public open space, and the application does not provide sufficient planning justification to override policies protecting such land under NPF4 and LDP2.

Whitegates Park is designated open space within the Local Development Plan. The proposal would remove this valued community greenspace entirely. This is contrary to policy, which requires open space to be protected unless clear evidence shows that alternatives have been fully

and robustly assessed - a process which has not been transparently demonstrated.

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There are also known problems with drainage and ground conditions at Whitegates Park.

Standing water is frequently present, and potential ground-quality issues have been raised. Full geotechnical and contamination evidence, including how these interact, should be available before any determination is made.

I object in full- app. refused.