

Planning

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 30 April 2026 09:10
To: Planning
Subject: TP/ED/26/0104

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to voice our objections to the proposals to build a new school on what is currently recreation space at Whitegates Park.

As local residents my husband and I regularly use this area for exercise for ourselves and our dogs because it is a safe, open space where we can allow the dogs time off their leads and know that if other dogs are in the area we will be able to see them and recall our dogs (who are rescue dogs and not good at close encounters with other dogs).

We also appreciate that this space attracts local wildlife including deer, foxes, hedgehogs, moles, ducks, woodpeckers, various types of tits, thrushes, etc and there are probably invertebrates such as frogs, toads, newts and the like who use the damp spaces in this area.

And its one of the few areas in our neighbourhood where local kids can go and play a game of footie or similar, away from traffic and local housing so they can make lots of noise without disturbing local residents. We are supposed to be protecting our existing green spaces rather than destroying them.

We also have concerns regarding traffic and how they will access the site – there are no main roads that access the site, which means a large increase of traffic on residential roads which have not been designed for same.

Plus of course, building on contaminated lane will mean that the contaminants will need to be exposed and treated (if possible) or relocated.

All of which seems crazy given there is an existing site for the school in the middle of the Lenzie catchment area as opposed to being on the very edge of same, quite close to the new primary school too.

The existing school can be replaced / upgraded and if required, additional land could be utilised closer to the existing school, such as the playing fields on Boghead Road and the now vacant site that was previously the special needs school, also on Boghead Road. We have seen the council's proposal that the existing sports facilities on the school site (which were designed for school children) will be retained for community use but there are already sports facilities for community use (designed for adults as well as school children) at the nearby leisure centre. The council has already taken decisions to cut opening hours at the swimming pool for example on the basis of cost effectiveness – why are they proposing to retain yet more facilities for community use which will be a further drain on their resources? If the plan is to retain these facilities for the school's use, then surely they should retain the school in its current location?

I have already responded to a council online survey regarding this development but the survey questions were laughably biased in favour of their proposed development and did not allow anything other than yes / no answers. Yes – I'm happy for the Lenzie schoolkids to have a new secondary school. But I believe the current proposal makes no sense given the additional costs involved in remediating the proposed site and

the impacts on local roads of the increased traffic for both construction and afterwards. The existing school site is already in a central location and the local infrastructure developed to accommodate same.

Please reject the current proposals and force the council to reconsider their proposal to use this site for any new purpose. For those of us living in this area of Lenze ([REDACTED]), we will feel the loss of yet another local green space. There have already been many losses since we moved here in 2013.

Yours faithfully,

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