

Comments for Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104

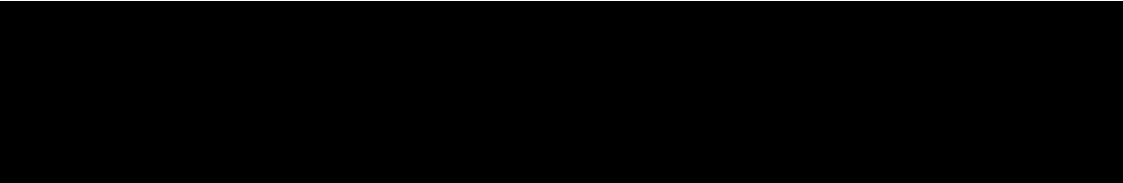
Application Summary

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: Whitegates Park is an well used area of green open space that plays an important role in the local area. For nearby households it's not spare land but an accessible space used daily by families with young children, walkers, and residents who may have access to other green space. Local Development Plan 2 and National Planning Framework 4 place strong emphasis on protecting green infrastructure that supports health, wellbeing and placemaking. The proposal would result in the permanent loss of the park as a public space. I don't consider that the application demonstrates this loss is unavoidable or that alternative sites with fewer impacts on green space have been fully explored. Once developed, this space cannot be meaningfully replaced.

Whitegates Park was an important and easily accessible space for me when I had a very young baby and was struggling with my mental health. Being able to spend time in a nearby green space played a meaningful role in supporting my wellbeing. This reinforces the wider planning point that local, accessible green space is essential, particularly for parents with young children. There is already a limited amount of green space within easy walking distance in this part of Lenzie, so the impact of its loss would be disproportionate. Impact on residential amenity:

The school would introduce a large, busy institutional use into a predominantly residential area. Likely impacts include increased noise from school activity, changes to outlook due to the scale and massing of the buildings. I don't think these impacts can be adequately mitigated. Traffic, access and safety: The development would significantly increase traffic at drop off and pick up times, congestion, parking pressure, air pollution and impact road safety in an area used by children and families. Environmental impact: it contributes to the local green network and provides environmental and biodiversity value. loss of trees and open ground would result in habitat loss.