

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

Name:

Address:

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I do support the proposal including the development of a functional park on the existing Lenzie Academy site, but have some comments on the proposals which largely reflect comments I have read within the supporting statement so I am hopeful that they will be addressed as part of the approval conditions.

I have lived in the area for 10+ years and do frequently use the current Whitegates Park for leisure. However, I understand the need for a replacement Lenzie Academy and given the space constraints and long term accessibility to make the school a core element of the community I feel this is on balance an acceptable location.

The existing Whitegates park is of limited recreational value, and biodiversity is limited. A strong emphasis on bio-diversity improvement must be incorporated into the new development and the EDC Biodiversity officers recommendations which I have noted should be delivered and promoted.

The woodland garden should be accessible to the public, even if only outside of school operating hours, and the sports fields should be accessible to community sports groups.

I am hopeful for a more non-vehicle connection across initiative road, linking Woodilee properly with the town centre and the new Lenzie Academy being a central part of this. Strong collaboration with the appropriate EDC teams and their partners are essential to avoid development silos resulting in poorly considered pathways and desire paths being formed. Linking up the footpath from Gatehouse which currently terminates at the deaf-blind center is a must. The current proposals do not entirely achieve this yet.

Access from Initiative road is sensible and should be better than current arrangement.

Good luck with the project and with a focus on biodiversity and connectivity I feel the public will be supportive overall.