

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: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I wish to object to the plans to build Lenzie Academy on the Whitegates park site.

There are several reasons as follows:

The site has previously been rejected as suitable for a ASN school due to toxic waste, unsuitable land to build on(peat) and the lack of drainage and flood risks. This is unsafe for a number of reasons for staff and pupils and surrounding communities.

This is a well used mature park full of wildlife and mature trees and a welcome green space.

Helping clean air and supporting the mental health as well as physical health of the surrounding communities. Planning a new park on the current school site seems ridiculous expense and will take many years before it would be a mature park and there are more green spaces nearby rather than decimating WGP.

There is not suitable parking available for the planning size of school and the surrounding streets are already busy and can not accommodate the number of cars projected. Currently pupils walk to school down the road or at the edges of pavements making it difficult to drive past at certain points of the day. Some driveways are narrow and need space to exit their driveways.

The cost of building a school there is much higher than building on the current site. This will be a burden on council tax payers to cover. Much cheaper to build on the current site which is in Lenzie, not Kirkintilloch's and there is already a secondary school just up the road.

There is an issue with the size of the planned school with a large percentage of placement requests which causes many to drop off and pick up by car as they do not live in the area. If placement requests were limited there would not be the need for such a large multi story building which would be cheaper, less burden on council tax payers and less traffic at peak times.

I strongly object to the current plans and urge the council to rethink and make the sensible decision to build on the current site saving millions of pounds.