

Comments for Planning Application TP/ED/26/0104

Application Summary

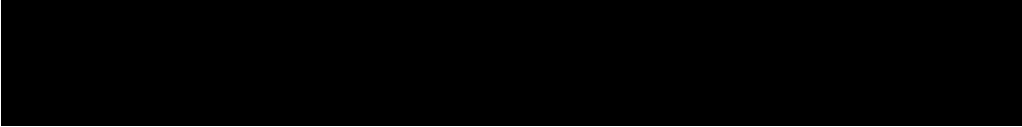
Application Number: TP/ED/26/0104

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 would like to object to the proposed building of the new Lenzie Academy in Whitegates Park.

My objection is based on:-

Environmental Concerns

Whitegates Park is designated as a "Protected Open Space" and should be Policy Protected as detailed in the EDC current Development Plan.

Mitigation cannot replace the impact of the loss of wet woodland, broad leaved woodland or lowland fen. As detailed in the Environmental Impact Assessment. These habitats do not stand in isolation but as part of a wider wildlife corridor/network which cannot be replaced to another site.

Likewise wildlife found in these habitats cannot be mitigated for at another site, notably bird (including protected species) and bat communities. Mitigation on site is also likely to be unsuccessful due to the changed environment, physical, noise and light pollution.

Building on Whitegates park will result in a permanent loss of a connected and functioning open space resource, with no secured or equivalent replacement.

Inequalities/Wellbeing

Mitigation has been considered in respect of habitat and species loss/relocation. There is also a human impact with the loss of the community amenity area. The proposed mitigation (Myrtle Avenue) is in an area with existing greenspace, notably Lenzie Moss, Parkburn area and Boghead woods, used both by wildlife and residents..

The proposal results in the loss of an established community asset which cannot be replaced on an equivalent basis, undermining place-based community value.

Transport Concerns

The Transport Assessment relies on assumptions about walking and active travel that may not reflect real-world behaviour. Proposed mitigation measures to address congestion and safety concerns remain uncertain, dependent on future funding and approvals. Residential streets identified for drop-off are unsuitable for increased traffic, and key hazards-such as the rail tunnel on Easter Garngaber Road-remain inadequately addressed.

Financial Considerations

The significant costs associated with developing this site raise concerns about the financial burden on residents, which are not clearly outlined in the application. This further supports consideration of alternative approaches, including redevelopment of the existing site.