

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

During the meeting on 11th June with Fraser Robb, EDC staff, Stantec, Kirkintiloch and Waterside Community Council representatives, Tom Gray, Fiona Sandford, Jack Cook, and Drena O'Malley from Lenzie Community Council the following points were noted:

Background information:

6 pre-plan consultation meetings were planned and some had occurred – school, pupils, staff, EDC Community Councils. The following day was the public session being held in LA.

Feedback would be accepted until end June. In the third week in September further consultation, and opportunities for further feedback would be available.

The Target was to put in place a planning application October 2025. There would then be 12 months of pre-construction activity.

EDC required report in September prior to planning process. And a second report in June 2026 giving info on final costs and construction.

The background to the decision to build on Whitegates Park has been widely publicised, is well documented and has given rise to concerns in the Lenzie population. Many agree that a new secondary school is needed but many, however, are opposed to building on Whitegates Park, the only sizable green space in that area of Lenzie.

EDC officers and Stantec made a presentation to the group went through slides and drawings with the group explaining the benefits of the proposed current design.

During this presentation and the following discussion members of LCC made the following points which had been conveyed to LCC by Lenzie residents

- The lack of public consultation re the site concerns many Lenzie residents
- Many people simply don't understand why the school could not be built on the current site with adjustments made to accommodate the required sports fields at the Rugby Club, just a short walk away.
- Whitegates Park is unsuitable for a secondary school site. It is "roadblocked" by busy roads - Initiative Road, Garngaber Avenue, Kirkintilloch Road and Monklands Avenue. Pupils will require to be extraordinarily careful however they travel to it.
- Whitegate Park is the only sizeable green space on that side of Lenzie.
The Whitegates area contain a population of 3000 people, many under 18. The school will increase the daily population to 4,400 with no sizeable green space available to anyone. This will be more like an inner city school than one built in a leafy suburb. Is this really our ambition?

- The traffic and parking caused by not only the new school but Aldi on its doorstep will affect everyone living in Lenzie and in Kirkintilloch particularly in the streets adjoining any new school and Deafblind Scotland members and staff in particular.
- There is dark orange coloured water on this site which is concerning particularly for Larkfield residents. Residents for more than 40 years pointed out the colour was stronger than in the past. They had asked that the cause be established , and the solution. Stantec agree to take a serious look at the cause.
- EDC and Stantec pointed out that a Mitigation Plan would need be attached to the Planning Application, and a proposal had been developed to redevelop the current school site as the mitigation for reducing green space
- LCC pointed out any redeveloped space in Myrtle Avenue would be of little or no benefit to those living in the Whitegates area and surely that must be taken into consideration? It is a mile away which is little use to children or elderly or disabled people. Indeed Myrtle Avenue is in little need of more green space as it adjoins Lenzie Moss, has the gardens and is adjacent to Ingleside.
- LCC has been preparing a Local Place Plan for some time which could benefit all people in Lenzie in the form of a Walkway/Cycleway using existing paths where possible and potentially creating new ones. Fraser Robb agreed to meet LCC to gain information about the proposed Local Place Plan.