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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to provide my full support for Cotham School's proposal to install Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) at Stoke Lodge Playing Fields. This recommendation follows a series of incidents involving criminal damage to the perimeter fencing surrounding the site, which have raised significant concerns regarding security, community safety, and the protection of public assets.

Stoke Lodge Playing Fields are an important resource for both Cotham School and the wider community, providing a safe and accessible space for education, recreation, and sporting activities. Unfortunately, repeated acts of vandalism have compromised the integrity of the fencing, resulting in financial costs for repairs and creating opportunities for further anti-social behaviour. These incidents not only disrupt the school's ability to deliver outdoor education but also undermine the sense of safety for pupils, staff, and local residents.

The installation of CCTV would serve several key purposes:

1. Deterrence of Criminal Activity – Visible surveillance is proven to discourage individuals from engaging in vandalism and other unlawful behaviour.
2. Evidence Gathering – In the event of further damage or trespass, CCTV footage would provide vital evidence to assist police investigations and support prosecutions.
3. Community Reassurance – The presence of CCTV will help restore confidence among parents, pupils, and residents that the playing fields are being actively safeguarded.
4. Protection of Public Investment – Maintaining the security of Stoke Lodge Playing Fields ensures that the significant resources invested in these facilities are preserved for future generations.



As a Police Constable, I am committed to working in partnership with local schools and community stakeholders to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. I believe that installing CCTV at this location is a proportionate and necessary step to address the ongoing issues and prevent further incidents. This measure aligns with wider community safety objectives and will contribute to creating a secure environment for all users of the site.

I strongly endorse this proposal and encourage its approval. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
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