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Subject: Stoke Lodge Playing Fields, West Dene, Bristol, BS9 2BH - Reference number: S62A/2025/0133

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my support for Cotham School's planning application for the installation of CCTV at its playing field at Stoke Lodge (Reference: S62A/2025/0133).

This proposal is essential for the following reasons:

Safeguarding Duties

- The school has a legal duty of care to protect students and staff.
- CCTV provides accountability when staff supervise students off-site.
- It helps prevent bullying, fights, or inappropriate behaviour during school use and protects against false allegations.

Out-of-Hours Security

- School facilities are frequent targets for vandalism, graffiti, and break-ins.
- CCTV will deter theft or damage to equipment and prevent unauthorized access after hours, reducing repair costs and disruption to PE lessons.

Public Use Conflicts

- If the field is used outside school hours, CCTV helps manage disputes and document damage.
- It deters anti-social behaviour that could make the site unsafe for students or staff.

Risk Management

- The field is remote from the main school site, limiting direct oversight.
- CCTV allows staff to check conditions before transporting students and provides evidence for injury claims or accidents during school activities.

Given the heightened safeguarding responsibilities for schools, CCTV at an off-site field is considered best practice rather than optional.

Thank you for considering this important application.

Kind regards,
Del Planter