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**To:** [Section 62A Applications Non Major](#)  
**Subject:** S62A/2025/0133 Stoke Lodge Playing Fields, West Dene, Shirehampton Road, Bristol BS9 2BH  
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Dear Section 62A applications team,

The above application site is in Stoke Bishop ward of Bristol City Council and I write in my capacity as Bristol City Councillor for Stoke Bishop ward.

I endorse and support the comments made by my fellow ward councillor, John Goulandris (Stoke Bishop is a 2 member ward) and I would like to add some comments of my own.

Stoke Lodge and its surrounding parkland is a very important local heritage asset, much loved and much used by residents not just from Stoke Bishop, but from a wide catchment area. The community has made it very clear to me that it is robustly opposed to this application for EIGHT huge camera masts (plus associated concrete bases and cabling), which would seriously harm the character and setting of this unique location, if approved.

Such a large number of masts/cameras would be intimidating and would seriously compromise the future enjoyment by local residents of this green space.

It is hard to convey in words the unique sylvan tranquillity of this site. The main house is listed with a gazebo and walled garden, there is a children's play park and there are playing fields whose appearance is that of parkland, given the large number of mature trees, some of which have tree preservation orders. Not surprisingly there is considerable wildlife visiting the site - foxes, squirrels, badgers and much bird life including bats. 8 tall CCTV poles with concrete bases, multiple cameras, extensive cabling etc would be highly intrusive and would destroy the tranquillity of Stoke Lodge.

The previous application for one pole/ camera was refused by Bristol City Council in 2020 - application 20/01826/F. I urge you to refuse the current application, as nothing material has changed. If anything, the new application would cause much more serious harm to residential and visual amenity by its sheer scale - eight masts not one.

As with the refused application 20/01826/F, so too this application does not provide visuals to show the impact of how the proposed 8 masts would project above sensitive areas of Stoke Lodge (including the listed walled garden) nor how the proposed 8 structures would impact on the ornamental silhouette and roofscape of the historic house from within the parkland or the visual impact of the structures on the historic parkland as a non designated heritage asset.

My colleague, Cllr John Goulandris, has commented on the 4 public rights of way approved by the Council in 2024. The applicant does not appear to have given due consideration to these.

The local community (and I) robustly refute the alleged 'safeguarding need' for so many cameras. Stoke Lodge is in a quiet, residential area with a low crime rate. There are already cameras on the sports pavilion and associated buildings, which cover the area regularly used for sports activities. In any event, there is now a fence. Also, and this isn't made clear by the applicant, Cotham School is actually located approximately 3 miles from Stoke Lodge. Students are transported to Stoke Lodge by coach under close teacher supervision. As soon as the sports lesson has ended, teachers take the students back by

coach to the school. There are no safeguarding issues, which are so compelling as to justify the proposed harm to the amenity of this heritage asset.

To conclude, the proposals would cause serious harm to residential amenity, to visual amenity, to an important local heritage asset, to wildlife, to bird life and to the mature trees. Please refuse this application.

Yours faithfully,  
Henry

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