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Subject: Planning Objection – Application S62A/2025/0133

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Site: Stoke Lodge Playing Fields, Bristol BS9 2BH

Objector: Local resident

We are writing to object to planning application S62A/2025/0133, which seeks permission for the installation of tall security cameras at Stoke Lodge Playing Fields.

1. Unacceptable Impact on Residential Privacy

One of the proposed cameras (Camera No 6) is to be positioned close to the rear boundary of our property which backs on to Stoke Lodge Playing Fields. Due to its elevated height and angle it has the potential to overlook both my garden and the interior of the rear of my home resulting in an unacceptable and intrusive loss of privacy. We understand that the cameras the Applicant intends to install would be powerful enough to look through the windows in the back of my property and that they will also have infrared capability to enable the cameras to see into my property at night. Since the recent felling of two large trees on the boundary of Stoke Lodge there is now very limited vegetation to otherwise provide a natural screen from any cameras.

Whilst we note that the Applicant is intending to use privacy screening on the cameras to mitigate against impacts on the privacy of homes near the cameras, we do not have faith that this will fully address our concerns, particularly given the Applicant's previous illegal use of covert surveillance cameras on site. We also understand that the grant of planning permission cannot be made conditional on the use of privacy screening so there is no assurance that this will ever be installed or, if installed, maintained.

The potential ability for anyone monitoring the system on behalf of the Applicant to view or record private domestic activity in our property is wholly inappropriate and disproportionate.

2. Privacy Concerns for All Users of the Site

Stoke Lodge Playing Fields is used by us and other local residents for recreation, walking and relaxation. The introduction of multiple high-mounted cameras creates an environment of intimidating surveillance that is excessive, oppressive and in our view unnecessary. The proposal risks deterring legitimate public use of this valuable green space.

3. Harmful Visual Impact on a Sensitive Heritage Space

As previously stated, Camera No 6 is to be located near the rear boundary of our property. The current view from our garden is of various trees and beyond the fence the beautiful parkland rising gently. If the application is successful this view would be obstructed by a large camera pole in the centre of our view.

Stoke Lodge is a highly valued area of heritage parkland within the city. The proposed cameras, in addition to the already visually intrusive perimeter fencing, would introduce further industrial and utilitarian structures that are incompatible with the character of the historic Stoke Lodge and its surrounding parkland.

For the reasons set out above we respectfully request that planning permission be refused.