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Subject: Planning Application: S62A/2025/0133 Stoke Lodge Playing Fields West Dene BS9 2BH

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the above planning application. Here are my representations for the Planning Inspectorate:

- I live locally to this site having moved here 5 years ago during lock-down for my well-being;
- It is a calm, quiet, friendly neighbourhood with a low crime-rate;
- My garden backs onto Ebenezer Lane at the NW tip of the field.
- From the rear 1st floor windows I have direct line of sight to 50% of the total field area, across to Stoke Lodge particularly during winter months when leaf coverage is at its minimum;
- From Stoke Lodge's NW field Oak Tree I have clear sight to my house from ground level;
- I use the site on a daily basis for access to local amenities, exercise and socialising - it facilitates interactions with others and reduces isolation;
- The recent occupation by more than 100 van dwellers at nearby Durdham Downs has increased the value of Stoke Lodge's benefits and the requirement for safe open spaces without intimidation or fear.

The planning application by Cotham School is to erect:

- 8 x CCTV poles (24 cameras in total) of 6 metre height,
- each poles has 3 x High Resolution and Infra Red cameras,
- each camera has 5 times zoom and 360 view capability

My objections are:

- **gross invasion of personal privacy;**
 - within the field and within my dwelling;
 - the ability to look straight into my rear garden, house windows on all floor levels, night and day from heights of 6m - nowhere will be private;
- **impact** to the environment both visually and aesthetically. At least 4 of the proposed pole sites will be directly visible from the rear of my house;
- **Ecosystems/trees (TPOs)/wildlife** would be affected by the concrete works at the base of each pole
- **Public Rights Of Ways;**The placement of poles will interfere with the agreed routes;
- Is out of keeping with the friendly surrounding area designated as "**An Important Open Space**" (Policy BCS9 and DM27).
- **Excessive requirement** and out of place for its planned sporting activities;

- How will Cotham School **guarantee and enforce** each camera is focussed on the fence and field area only and not invading all local private residences?
- This **increases the divide** between the local community and Cotham School.
- This is a **contradiction to promoting healthy and safe communities** and doesn't conserve or enhance the historic environment;

For the above reasons, I strongly object to this planning application and thank you for taking the time to read this.

Best wishes

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