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Please refuse this application for the following reasons.

The Planning Inspectorate can pass or reject this application. What you or apparently no one else can do, is ensure that all the promises made within this application are complied with e.g. privacy settings, camera specification etc. We are being asked to trust Cotham School to comply with CCTV legislation. Trust has to be earned by actions. Cotham have installed covert CCTV cameras in the past with no permission, so have not earned that trust.

The proposed cameras (high resolution with remote focus and zoom function, Avigilon data sheet 2023) will have a major impact on the privacy of:-

1. Local residents by being able to see and record children, grandchildren and adults in their bedrooms and gardens.
2. Anyone using the public rights of way over the field.
3. Anyone using the public children's play park.

Who will check any software privacy settings? Also what can be set in software can, of course, be unset. Who will check recordings are deleted? Who will check when a camera fails that it is not been upgraded to the latest super high definition version?

In their application some of the circles of vision have been misrepresented. For example, those pertaining to camera no 5 have been altered so the circles appear not to impinge on the gardens and bedrooms of Stoke Lodge Cottages, 24 and 26 West Dene. These properties are actually situated on the field side of Ebenezer Lane. 26 West Dene is not shown on drawing Ref No. 202307 V 1.7 but is between 24 West Dene and Stoke Lodge Cottages.

We reluctantly accept the use of CCTV in public places which are controlled by law enforcement authorities but we should not have to trust a school to protect our privacy in our own homes and gardens.

The school claim they need CCTV for the safeguarding of their pupils. There is no requirement to install CCTV for this purpose. They claim that it will not be monitored 24/7 so will only be reviewed after an event. Surely a better solution would be to have adequate adult supervision on site.

Rapleys planning statement includes a quote from Cotham School's CCTV policy.
Section 4.10 quote para 3.1.

"Cameras will be sited so they only capture images relevant to the purposes for which they are installed and care will be taken to ensure that reasonable privacy expectations are not violated"

It's obvious that these cameras are not sited in such a manor and would have the capability to capture more than the relevant images for the purpose for which they are installed. Thus reasonable privacy expectations will be violated.

I believe a "reasonable expectation" would be to NOT have a CCTV system capable of watching and recording one's every action whilst in one's own house and garden.

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