

Re: Stoke Lodge Playing Fields, West Dene, Shirehampton, Bristol BS9 2BH

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I'm writing because I'm honestly shocked that this application has even been submitted. Stoke Lodge is a public green space with footpaths, play areas, and places where people sit under the trees and relax. Installing eight huge poles with 24 surveillance cameras - all run by a school that has quite prepared to install and monitor illegal hidden cameras in 2021 - feels completely unacceptable.

These cameras look in every direction. They cover the play park, the arboretum, the Lodge garden, and the public paths. People who walk here, meet friends here, or bring their kids here should not have their every move monitored by a school. There has been no public consultation, no acknowledgement of the public rights of way, and no explanation of why such extreme measures are needed.

This place is loved by the community. Adding industrial surveillance towers to it would destroy the atmosphere and make people feel uncomfortable and watched. And once it's in, we all know the school will control it - not the council, not an independent body, and not the people who actually use the space.

This application is insensitive, unnecessary, and completely out of line with how the community uses Stoke Lodge. It should be rejected.