

Consultee Comments for Planning Application

25/14649/PINS

Application Summary

Application Number: 25/14649/PINS

Address: Stoke Lodge Sports Ground Shirehampton Road Sea Mills Bristol BS9 2BH

Proposal: Application for Planning permission for Works to install 8no. CCTV poles and cameras.

Case Officer: [REDACTED]

Consultee Details

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On Behalf Of: Arboricultural Team

Comments

This arboricultural comment should be taken to supersede the previous comment, which was written prior to viewing the updated arboricultural report from Bosky trees, dated 21st November.

The application is to install some CCTV posts and cable runs in a green space which has many valuable trees on it, many of them protected by Tree Preservation Orders (Four TPOs in total, numbered 1192, 1236, 451 and 1457). We have an updated arboricultural report from Bosky Trees dated 21st November 2025. Unfortunately the Tree Constraints Plan, Tree Protection Plan and other elements of the arboricultural report are not adequate and the application cannot be supported on several grounds.

1. The tree constraints plan does not show the Root Protection Areas (RPAs) of the significant groups of trees around the green space, even though some of the proposed poles are close to them. This is particularly important for G7, but potentially G5 too.
2. It seems that the poles are to be mounted on concrete bases, but the exact size and locations of these bases is not clear on the plans we have, even where the base is right next to T43, a protected oak. We need to have more detailed plans where bases are close to trees, alongside carefully plotted RPAs of all trees including groups.
- 3 The Tree Protection Plan (TPP) does not include ground protection for T11 and T13, but it seems likely there will be vehicle movements close to these trees. The TPP should ensure that no vehicle movements can happen within unprotected RPAs.
4. No attempt has been made to predict future tree growth and place poles in order to minimise the need to prune the protected trees in the future.
5. The poles should have been placed to minimise work to protected trees at time of installation, preferably avoiding the need for work altogether. The work proposed to protected oak T43 in particular is more than we would expect to see for such minor development.

Both the Bristol Tree Forum comment and the Bosky arboricultural report suggest that a separate application must be made to work on protected trees. In general it is preferable to include all works to crowns and roots in this main application, rather than applying for tree works separately. Tree works approved in this application would need no further permission. However, for that to be viable we must have very accurate descriptions of the work to be done, including any construction in RPAs, and it must be clear that the minimum possible pruning is to be carried out. At present we do not have the required information.

Some new tree planting has been proposed, which is always welcome. We would need to see further details of the planting before approving it, but this should be proposed after consultation with BCC as landowner and BCC parks tree officers. The trees on this site are managed by the landlord, BCC, and are expected to be in keeping with the heritage landscape.

Considering all of the above, I must object to the proposals at present, on the grounds of insufficient information and harm and risk to the valuable trees on site.

If the proposal is approved, please include conditions to enforce an improved Tree Protection Plan, to enforce an Arboricultural Method Statement if base construction is to happen within RPAs, and to detail the new tree planting.