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Subject: S62A/2025/0133 Stoke Lodge Playing Fields, West Dene, Shirehampton, Bristol BS9 2BH

-Re Planning application:

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I wish to register my strong objections to the planning application for 8 CCTV poles in Stoke Lodge Playing Field in Bristol. It is proposed that these are poles with 3 cameras at the top of each and therefore comprises 24 cameras each having 360 degree view and also possibly infra-red facility for night vision.

This is surely unlawful surveillance/development, and is ridiculously unnecessary. The houses in South Dene will all have a camera just the other side of their garden wall/fence which is an unacceptable situation as it would be surveying gardens and at the height proposed would look straight into bedroom windows. The prospect of this happening is horrendous.

There is no justification for the erection of more CCTV than is already on the field, on the pavilion and the storage hut. In addition no crime has been reported there either during the day or at night.

Previous applications for CCTV poles have been refused because of the impact on a heritage landscape, and on the monitoring of people walking in the field. The field is subject by its lease from Bristol City Council to be in conjunction with existing use by the community. This has already been violated by the erection of a high fence which is often illegally locking out use by local people. The field is designated Important Open Space and gradually Cotham School is trying by degrees to massively reduce its use. This development should not be permitted.

The cabling for these poles will have to interfere with and go right through the root zone of many trees. These will not be protected. Also at least 2 poles will interfere with the Rights of Way approved by the Council and which are ON the field not alongside it. 'Safeguarding' issues are just not something which holds any meaning here. In other places in Bristol sports lessons are successfully and safely carried out without any draconian monitoring or surveillance. No crimes or 'incidences' have been reported on the field either. It is a very safe area. So the proposal for these huge CCTV systems is not only obtrusive in a very unpleasant way but are also unnecessary. Many schools have used this field in the past without any problem.

The school in fact rarely used the site for physical education as it is quite a long way from the main school. Especially in wet weather the pupils were not brought there for lessons. When the weather was fine they only used the top end of the field nearest to Parrys Lane anyway.

There is absolutely no need for ugly CCTV poles with cameras especially as there are already cameras on the pavilion and the storage hut. Pupils are always supervised. Ofsted clearly state that CCTV is unnecessary on off-site areas (and so also is the fence that has been erected despite this ruling).

The field is a beautiful space which has been enjoyed for many generations and which has already been violated by the erection of a high fence, locked gates and so-called 'security staff' who have been abusive to people merely walking on the field as is their right. It has on unpredictable occasions been obstructively locked against the local community (contrary to its lease).

Erection of new poles and the associated digging for cabling is unacceptable, not only because it is a heritage site that has been tampered with in this way. Especially, as I have stated above, it is absolutely unacceptable that any CCTV should be installed that will violate the privacy of the houses that the cameras will be able monitor not only in my particular street.

The applicants stating 'necessity' is totally spurious.

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I do not wish to make an oral submission.