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Good morning,

I am writing in relation to a recent application by Cotham school. The reference number is S62A/2025/0133 and site address Stoke Lodge Playing Fields, West Dene, Shirehampton, Bristol BS9 2BH.

I feel the application should not be approved for many reasons including the following:

1. The school has a lease which prohibits new structures.
2. The school makes no mention of the Public Rights of Way which run through the land. These are not adjacent to the land. The impact on these rights of way needs to be considered and referenced accurately in the application, and I feel that by stating that the rights of way are adjacent to the site the school may be attempting to sidestep important considerations of impact on the people using the rights of way.
3. The community have rights to continue to use the beautiful green space (these rights are acknowledged in the lease in the clause confirming that the schools use is 'subject to all existing rights and use of the property including use by the community'. Many people use the space recreationally (for walks, sports, games, picnics and more), and this recreational use experience would be badly affected by having large towers with CCTV recording people. It would be overbearing, intrusive, affect individual privacy, and would overall create an overbearing and hostile environment in which people going for a simple walk feel their every move closely monitored and watched.
4. The site itself is historic, a beautiful open green space and its history joined to the listed building at the site. It would be unsympathetic and out of keeping with the natural green space to have such large cctv towers on this area and be detrimental to the amenity value for the many people of Bristol who use the site recreationally.
5. The local community have used the land recreationally for 70 years peacefully and without the need for cctv.  
Cotham school did apply in April 2020 to have a CCTV tower (application 20/01826/F). That application received overwhelming opposition (243 objections compared to 26 school supporters). Whilst awaiting the results of the application Cotham installed covert cameras which recorded among others children, young people and vulnerable people without their consent. (Two hidden cameras were installed behind specially-drilled holes in a metal junction box. The box is positioned close to the pedestrian gate nearest to Stoke Lodge House and the children's play park). It is not known who viewed these recordings, but as they were undertaken covertly this raises both safeguarding and data protection issues. This history of a lack of transparency (i.e. that the cameras were there, and what happened to and who viewed the recordings) is a concern for users of the green space who going forwards do not want their privacy compromised by either covert cameras, or multiple large towers with cameras.

Thank-you for your consideration

Kind regards

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