

Objection to CCTV planning application: Stoke Lodge (S62A/2025/0133)

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Section 62A Applications Non Major

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

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Notwithstanding the errors and misinformation in the application, I am writing to object strongly to the proposal for CCTV cameras on the Stoke Lodge playing fields for the following reasons:

The level of intrusion to the community and neighbours from the cameras is considerable wherever they would be placed. This should not be permitted especially given the level of technology and software available would permit very close zoom-ins and would be an invasion of privacy however unintended

The addition of CCTV cameras is unnecessary and disproportionate to the level of crime in the area – which is extremely low despite the attempt by the applicant to paint a different picture

The applicant has already demonstrated it is not a fit and proper organisation to be responsible for surveillance cameras as it previously installed covert cameras without any basis or permission

The applicant has demonstrated no willingness to engage with the local community therefore any issues with these cameras are likely to be ignored and unresolved as there is no mechanism for neighbours and the community to check the footage being recorded

The reason given for the cameras is to ensure safeguarding of children when playing. However, as the children will be supervised at all times, the need for cameras is unnecessary

Additionally, the application notes (item 5.4) that the cameras are needed to monitor each child 100% of the time. This is not a safeguarding requirement for schools and given that the footage will be recorded (ie not monitored in real-time), it will not achieve this aim in any event (and one would hope that should be the responsibility of the teachers/supervisors)

Surveillance of members of the community should not be permitted on rights of way on the land. No allowance has been made in the application

The development requires concrete footings and cable runs to be installed which could impact trees including those with TPOs

It should be noted that Stoke Lodge playing fields have previously been used for many years by members of the public as a recreation area eg frisbees or football games. The local school, Stoke Bishop is just down the road and our children were frequent users of the grounds for games. As a result of the fence and CCTV, it is highly likely the overall usage of the fields for children has REDUCED which is surely not the objective of a government and council looking to improve the health of the population.

For these reasons, the application to install CCTV cameras should be rejected.

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