

Objection - Section 62A Planning Application: S62A/2025/0133 Stoke Lodge Playing Fields, West Dene, Shirehampton, Bristol BS9 2BH

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I wish to object to this proposal for 8 CCTV 6 m poles each with 3 cameras on this site.

The site is a historic parkland associated with a listed building which has been leased to Cotham School by Bristol City Council subject to existing community use. Recently 4 PROW over this land have been approved by the council and are waiting for consideration by the Planning Inspectorate ROW / 336393

These PROW are not shown on the application and the application cannot therefore be adequately assessed and should be rejected unless this highly relevant information is included.

If these PROW's are approved by the planning inspector the position or need for these CCTV poles would be changed so this application is not relevant until the PROW decision has been decided.

Historically this land is associated with the listed building of Stoke Lodge as parkland and it has been used by the community for more than 100 years. Appropriate consideration should be given to the impact of these high and intrusive poles to this historic setting.

The marking of the position of these poles on the application is not consistent and would need further clarification if this application is to be adequately considered.

As 4 x PROW cross this land the impact of the CCTV cameras and surveillance of the public legitimately walking on these routes would be inappropriate. Also the impact on privacy for the adjoining properties is significant when there is little need for cctv coverage to this extent. The area has a very low crime level particularly on the field itself - the crime figures provided by the applicant cover an area far in excess of the field covering local shopping areas where I surmise most of these crimes occur.

I have used this parkland over a 60 year period and even though I now live away from the area I regularly visit and use this space. I feel my sense of wellbeing and calm in this open space would be eroded by the surveillance from these tall unnecessary

structures. Green open space like this should be shared and offer the local community and the school a feeling of being outside in nature rather than in a prison yard!

Should this application be granted I ask that there is a restriction placed on the applicant to not be able to use these poles for additional lighting which would harm the wildlife and be overtly intrusive to the local area.

For the reasons I have outlined above – the impact on the historic building and parkland, the impact and surveillance of the public and the community using the four PROW's crossing this site and the inaccurate information included in these forms I ask that you refuse this application

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