

S62A/2025/0133 Stoke Lodge Playing Fields, West Dene, Shirehampton, Bristol BS9
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Section 62A Applications Non Major

Re: S62A/2025/0133 Stoke Lodge Playing Fields, West Dene, Shirehampton, Bristol BS9
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I have two daughters and would be horrified if Cotham School - or any school - installed cameras to spy on them whilst they were playing sport at Stoke Lodge, or the footage viewed later by anyone - who knows? I know many parents feel the same about a potential invasion of their children's privacy.

Cotham School used to have adults supervising the children when they were on Stoke Lodge, which apparently was no problem then, so to now say the proposed 8 CCTV towers are needed to keep the children safe is nonsense. There hasn't been one incidence of a student being molested or attacked by the public or their dogs so it's purely about control. However my husband and I personally witnessed an incident a couple of years ago when a few Cotham pupils swore and shouted insults at innocent members of the public walking past on another part of the field.

It seems there is now a threat that our beautiful Stoke Lodge could become like the exercise yard of a prison. It obviously can't be right. These 8 CCTV towers with at least 3 cameras in each tower would also be constantly recording the general public outside the fence too which is a grave infringement of our privacy.

Stoke Lodge itself is a Grade 2 listed building and the land that surrounds it is part of the curtilage of the property so surely you can't erect these 8 monstrosities on the land of a listed building?

I trust that the planning inspectorate will refuse this diabolical application.

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