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We wish to object to application S62A/2025/0133 for Cotham School to erect high-level CCTV cameras at Stoke Lodge Playing fields. The main grounds for our objection are:

There is no statutory requirement for the School to install CCTV cameras and there is no de facto need for any CCTV supervision of pupils if supervising staff are present, as they will be when the School is using the field.

Nothing has changed in the locality or in local crime rates, - which are comparatively low - that might require CCTV surveillance of the field when it is not in use by the School.

The combined effect of fencing and the proposed CCTV surveillance would violate an important community space by turning it into something resembling open-air prisons and military exclusion zones. The visual and social effect would be utterly out-of-keeping with the character of the area and in conflict with both national and local planning policies on protecting amenity.

The effect would include unacceptable damage to residential privacy, as is amply shown in worried objections made by residents who live on the perimeter of the site.

We consider the School's proposal to be plainly unwarranted and contrary to the public interest.

Yours faithfully,

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