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OBJECTION TO SECTION 62A PLANNING APPLICATION

Address: Stoke Lodge Playing Fields, West Dene, Shirehampton, Bristol, BS9 2BH

Reference: S62A/2025/0133

Proposal: Installation of 8no. CCTV poles and cameras

To Whom It May Concern,

We write to formally object to the proposed application for the installation of 8no. CCTV poles and cameras validated on the 5th November 2025 (ref. S62A/2025/0133).

THE APPLICATION SITE

The application relates to Cotham School's leased playing fields at Stoke Lodge, located between Sea Mills and Stoke Bishop on the northern edge of Bristol. The land consists of long-established playing fields owned freehold by Bristol City Council and leased for 125 years to Cotham School for sports education and for public use.

The site is immediately bordered by residential properties, with numerous homes backing directly onto the fields. Mature trees, including several protected by Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs), frame the site boundaries and contribute significantly to landscape character.

A public footpath runs along the north-eastern boundary, while Shirehampton Road and Parry's Lane lie to the southwest and southeast respectively. There are four further footpaths across the site. The applicant is appealing their existence but they existed prior to and at the time of the Application so must be considered with regards to planning considerations.

THE PROPOSAL

The application seeks consent for the installation of eight CCTV poles and cameras at multiple points around the playing fields.

Lack of Policy Compliance & Insufficient Justification

The description of the proposed CCTV infrastructure significantly understates the true scale, visual impact, and physical intrusion associated with the works. Each element of the proposal raises serious concerns. The application provides no meaningful evidence that CCTV on eight poles is:

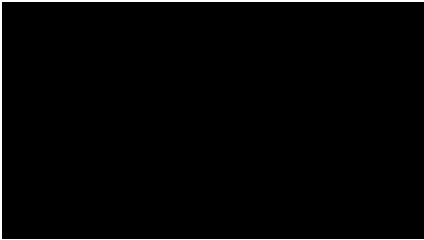
- Necessary;
- Proportionate; or
- The least intrusive option available.

This conflicts with:

- Policies DM1, DM14, DM26, DM27, BCS21; and
- The multiple principles of the Surveillance Camera Code of Practice.

The absence of a clear evidence base should prevent the appointed Planning Inspector from concluding that this is a justified or sustainable intervention.

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