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Subject: Proposed Erection of 8 CCTV cameras on Stoke Lodge Playing Fields by Cotham School

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

I am writing once again to state my objection to the proposed erection of 8 CCTV cameras on Stoke Lodge playing fields.
I do not wish to make an oral submission.

I live in [REDACTED] very close to Stoke Lodge playing fields which I have used regularly for recreation over many years. It saddens me to think that this beautiful open space will be despoiled by the erection of, in my opinion, totally unnecessary CCTV cameras.

It seemed to me that during 2024 when Cotham school was using the playing field, it wasn't used that often, certainly not every day and yet we, the locals were locked out. The gates were unlocked during school holidays to allow local access which seems only sensible, otherwise for 3 months of the year when the school is on holiday the playing fields would be completely unused with the local community locked out, which seems so unfair. Stoke Lodge was left to the council by the last owners of the house and land for the use and enjoyment of the local community. Cotham School is not local, its pupils are not local. How has it come to this?

The playing field at Stoke Lodge was not used by Cotham School in 2025. Instead, I believe the school bussed their pupils elsewhere to share facilities. Presumably this worked reasonably well, so why do Cotham School need Stoke Lodge?
How is it that one institution with no connection to BS9 is allowed to deprive a whole community of the use of a facility which they have been enjoying for so many years?

Cost and Maintenance.

I have no idea how much it will cost to erect these cameras but a significant amount I'm sure. I cannot believe that Cotham School are both able and willing to spend money from the school budget on the erection of these cameras. Surely the money could be much better spent on the pupils in other ways, educational visits? trips abroad ? Improving facilities within the school? Extra teachers?

Will Cotham School be responsible for the ongoing maintenance of the cameras? What will happen if in a few years' time Cotham School decide they no longer wish to use the playing fields at Stoke Lodge? Who then will assume responsibility for these cameras if they are erected.?

I hope that Cotham School and the local community can reach a fair and sensible compromise on the use of this beautiful place and preserve it for future generations.

Thankyou, Helen Boyd.
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