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**Subject:** Re: Stoke Lodge Sports Ground, Shirehampton Road, Sea Mills. Ref :S62A/2025/0133  
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Dear Sir / Madam,

As a resident living in the vicinity of Stoke Lodge Sports Ground I recently received a letter informing me that an application(ref:S62A/2025/0133) had been made for Planning Permission to install 8no.CCTV poles and cameras in the field in order, I understand, to protect the security of the site and its users. I am writing to you today to object most strongly to this application for the following reasons:

a) not having had the time to look in detail at the planned positioning of these cameras I can see no appropriate place in which to install them because i) if placed in random positions around the field they risk damaging the roots of many heritage trees, ii)they would interrupt any sport due to be played in that area as well as iii) they would damage the open aspect of the field which is something greatly appreciated by local residents,

As I understand it, the land in question consists of long established playing fields owned freehold by Bristol County Council and leased for 125 years to Cotham School for sports education. I have no objection to this but the site is immediately bordered by residential properties with numerous homes backing directly onto the playing fields. In addition to this several mature trees, including several Protected by Tree Preservation Orders frame the site boundaries and contribute significantly to the landscape character of the field.

There are currently a number of recognised foot paths across the field which are frequently used by local residents. I would, therefore, feel that the proposals under consideration would result in considerable harm to the significance of the heritage asset of this site.

For local residents these playing fields form an important green open space framed by trees with a semi-rural feel which is highly valued locally. The installation of 8 industrial looking poles and cameras would I believe;

- a) introduce harsh vertical structures
- b) break the openness of the landscape
- c) dominate views from surrounding homes and
- d) urbanise a sensitive edge of city site

To sum up the installation of eight large multi sensor surveillance units is in my opinion wholly disproportionate to the character of this site which forms part of the historic grounds of a Grade 11 Listed building and within the context of a special residential area.

With due respect I would ask you to consider carefully the views expressed here by a local resident about these current planning permission requests.

Yours respectfully,

J.R.Parsons