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STOKE LODGE PLAYING FIELDS

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I am writing to state my objections to the erection of the 8 CCTV cameras, I do not wish to make an oral submission.

I believe the cameras are not necessary from a child safeguarding point of view.

Both OFSTED and the Dept. of Education have stated that there is no requirement for detached playing fields to be fenced let alone monitored by CCTV.

Why does Cotham School feel that their teenage pupils need to be monitored whilst using the playing field when they are already being monitored by teachers and other responsible adults?

BS9 has one of the lowest crime rates in Bristol and there have been no recorded incidents of assaults or attacks on any members of the public who have been using these playing fields for generations, including many, many teenagers and children enjoying the use of a beautiful open space, sometimes with the supervision of adults and often, joyously, without!

The cameras, in my opinion, are totally intrusive visually. They are completely out of keeping with such a beautiful natural green open space, as is the fence of course. The extent and positioning of them is wholly disproportionate. They will be a complete intrusion on the privacy of locals who are using the Permitted Rights of Way or enjoying a walk through the grounds of the Arboretum. Ordinary citizens surely do not have to be monitored as they go about their legal daily business. For residents whose houses back onto the playing fields there is the huge issue of Privacy. It seems that the cameras will be able to look into their homes and gardens. Who will be monitoring these cameras? Will the staff at Cotham School be monitoring the comings and goings of local residents in their own homes?

I am concerned about the impact the erection of the cameras will have on trees and wild life. The digging of trenches necessary in order to erect these poles will cut through tree roots, damaging the trees and weakening them, potentially making them susceptible to

disease and wind throw. Badger setts and homes of foxes and all manner of smaller animals could be lost or destroyed.

At a time when the importance of open spaces for mental and physical wellbeing is universally acknowledged surely, we need more, not less. The loss of SL to the local community as a space for recreation is immense. We will now have only Canford Park, perfect but not large. We have the larger nearby open spaces of Blaise or Kings Weston however not everyone is able to access these and for many their use also involves the use of a car, more road traffic, more pollution.

I really hope that the objections of local residents will be carefully considered and that a sound, sensible compromise between us and Cotham school can be reached.

Thankyou, Helen Boyd.