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Subject: S62A/2025/0133 - Stoke Lodge

Dear Sir or Madame

Stoke Lodge Playing Fields, West Dene, Bristol, BS9 2BH

Reference number: S62A/2025/0133

I am a member of staff at Cotham School and I support Cotham School's application for CCTV at its playing field at Stoke Lodge for the following reasons:

Safeguarding duties:

- The school has a legal duty of care to protect students and staff.
- CCTV provides accountability when staff supervise students off-site.
- Helps prevent bullying, fights, or inappropriate behavior during school use.
- Protects against allegations involving students or staff.

Out-of-hours security:

- School facilities are frequent targets for vandalism, graffiti, and break-ins.
- Equipment (goalposts, storage sheds) can be stolen or damaged.
- Prevents unauthorized access by young people after hours (drinking, drug use, etc.).
- Reduces repair costs and disruption to PE lessons.

Public use conflicts:

- If the field is used outside school hours, CCTV helps manage disputes.
- Documents damage so the school can identify who's responsible.
- Deters anti-social behaviour that could make the site unsafe for students or staff.

Risk management:

- If the field is remote from the main school site, staff can't provide direct oversight.
- Allows checking conditions before transporting students there.
- Evidence for injury claims or accidents during school activities.
- Retention and access policies.

Schools must risk-assess all sites students use. For a school specifically, CCTV at an off-site field is often considered best practice rather than just optional, given the heightened safeguarding responsibilities.

All the best,



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