

Embsay with Eastby Parish Council : Response to application: 2020/21348/FUL
change of use and construction of additional football pitch etc

Embsay with Eastby Parish Council has **no objection to the change of use** from agricultural land to a playing field within this application for the location of the proposed football pitches.

However, the Parish Council **objects** to the provision of the proposed pitches within the application for the following reasons:

- The Parish Council agrees with the applicant's planning statement, alongside the information provided on the parking facilities (and times when these will be required) that there will, inevitably, be an expected increase in vehicles, particularly on Shires Lane.
- As the number of proposed parking spaces is less than the forecasted number required it is inevitable that parking will overflow onto Shires Lane itself.
- This is compounded by the facts that all changing and toilet provision will be dependent upon the goodwill of the Cricket Club and that no provision has been made for any "onsite" facilities.
- The current level of parking on Shires Lane is already problematic without any additional increase.
- Parish Council representatives met, some time ago, with Rural Solutions, Mr Wooler and the architect regarding the impact of the increasing volume of vehicular traffic from both the new housing development and the pitch usage.

It was agreed at that meeting that a solution would be put forward for the East Lane and Shires Lane junction – for submission to (and approval by) North Yorkshire County Council Highways. NYCC Highways were themselves aware of the issues through the late Mr Ken Martin, the former North Yorkshire County Councillor Shelagh Marshall, and Parish Councillor Shuttleworth.

The Road Safety Audit Report, commissioned by the developer, made mention of the need for a crossing to the Post Office and the need for a reconfiguration of the junction to slow traffic was also acknowledged. However, no details were ever provided. The potential solution of a mini roundabout was recognised by all parties but as yet no design has been forthcoming. The Parish Council requests that an acceptable design is put forward and that the Contractor agrees to meet the cost or provides S106 monies for the work – as a condition should this application be approved.

- The Parish Council would then be a position to reconsider its current objection.