

Planning Statement for the Proposed Hardstanding at Endon Cricket Club

Endon Cricket Club has a club house, cricket pitch and practice nets, it is also used for junior football matches by Endon Football Club (Lads and Dads League)

There are currently five teams playing out of the club. Last season the two elder teams moved up to eleven aside therefore a larger pitch was required.

Also, this enabled the under twelves (9 aside) to have their pitch marked inside the larger pitch, therefore fully utilising the playing field to its full potential, and allowing at least three teams to play from the venue.

This created an issue as parents and visitor use to park along the hedge line behind the goal. (as per Revised Site Plan Sport) Due to the pitch being made bigger there was no room to do this as there was no run off for the players. It was then proposed to park vehicles on the spare ground to the right hand of the entrance, but this ground is unsuitable, and vehicles got stuck in the winter months. This then encouraged parents to park on the lane, which was not supported by the Club.

It was decided to raise funds by the Club to provide a hardstanding for players parents and visitors.

Due to one team only being able to use the playing field at any one time it was proposed to create around 30 parking spaces, therefore the proposed hardstanding was calculated to by circa 15m x 55m. (as per Revised Proposed Hardstanding Drawing) This would then support eleven v eleven football matches – parents, visitors and match officials. Without the need for parking outside of the venue. This would secure that juniors could play until they were under 16's.

The Club has approached Staffordshire FA for a grant, which is has been granted pending Planning Permission.

Please see supporting statement from the Club Chairman below.

If the junior football teams are continue playing at the ground we urgently need some safe car parking for parents and officials.

- *The previous parking we used across the road at the Western Power site is now no longer available to us as this site has now been further developed.*
- *This means the main parking is now on the main road which is narrow, on a sharp bend and therefore dangerous to the children, parents, officials, etc*
- *There are houses opposite who have complained to us regarding the use of the road for parking as this also makes it dangerous for them to use and their children, etc*
- *We do have some very limited parking on the football field but, as the majority of football matches are played in the autumn/winter time, this quickly becomes wet and unsuitable for parking. After the last games we played several cars had to be towed off the field rendering the land now unsuitable for future parking*
- *This facility is the only one in the whole of Endon to play football an it is very much a community hub for the sport*
- *If we were unable to get funding for the required parking we would have to consider reducing the number of junior football teams playing at the club as the only other option available to us.*
- *We would also have to consider only having football teams at the club with fewer junior players (younger age groups) to limit the numbers attending the ground on match days.*