We have had an enquiry from "Embrace – Yorkshire & Humber Infant & Children's Transport Service" part of Sheffield NHS Foundation Trust https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/embrace/ based at :-

Unit 7 Capitol Close
Capitol Business Park
Dodworth
Barnsley
South Yorkshire
S75 3UB

I am writing to you in your capacity as Vice-Chairman of Silkstone Parish Council, and Chair of the Silkstone Playing Fields Committee.

Embrace are part of Sheffield Children's Hospital, and we are the NHS provider of neonatal and paediatric ambulance transport for Yorkshire.

We are based down the road in Dodworth, where we have an ambulance station. From this location five ambulances operate around Yorkshire, transferring sick babies and children between hospitals in our specialist vehicles staffed by expert doctors and nurses.

We are proud to be located in this area, and some of our staff live nearby and have links in the community. My colleague Claire is included in this email. She lives in Silkstone and is a user of the playing fields.

Although most of our work is carried out in road ambulances, some journeys are appropriate for helicopter transport. These are often the ones where Yorkshire children need to go for specialist care in other cities, such as London, or when Yorkshire children get injured on holiday and need to return to a hospital closer to home. We are pleased to be partners with The Children's Air Ambulance to facilitate these journeys. We have been flying with them for six years now, and have a solid and valuable relationship.

Barnsley council have been very supportive in these years in allowing the helicopter to land in Penny Pie Park, opposite Horizon Community College. Unfortunately this site will soon be no longer available to us, and we have to find another landing site. We have been looking around the area for some months, searching for somewhere close to our base that would be appropriate for our use, able to be approved by the helicopter operator and supported by the local community. After several dead-ends, colleagues have suggested Silkstone Playing Fields, which is why I am writing to you.

Would you be willing to meet with us to discuss this further? We could come down to Silkstone, or you would be welcome visit us in Dodworth. I appreciate this is an unusual request and don't expect a quick answer, however we would value the opportunity to present our request in person.

Here are some brief points that may answer initial questions...

- **Approximately one or two take offs and landings per week. Comprehensive data available to demonstrate activity.**
- **No sick patients - just picking up and dropping off medical teams and equipment**
- **Daylight only**
- **Avoiding sports matches and practises**
- **Fully insured air operator**
- **Willing to engage with the community**
- **Happy with a short term arrangement to be reviewed after a set period**

For more information about Embrace, please look at www.embrace.sch.nhs.uk
For more information about The Children's Air Ambulance, please look at https://www.childrensairambulance.org.uk/

Thank you for considering our request!