

# SECTION 77, SCHOOL STANDARDS AND FRAMEWORK ACT 1998

## DISPOSAL AND CHANGE OF USE OF PLAYING FIELD LAND AT ARK SWIFT PRIMARY ACADEMY, AUSTRALIA ROAD, WHITE CITY ESTATE, LONDON W12 7PT

Notice is hereby given that the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham (LBHF) and Ark Schools intends to make an Application under Section 77 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (SSFA) to the Secretary of State for Education, for the disposal and change of use of land classified as playing field land at Ark Swift Primary Academy, Australia Road, White City Estate, London W12 7PT.

### Context

EdCity is a proposed new education and social hub in White City. The project proposes to redevelop the Ark Swift Primary Academy site to create a new school building, new Harmony Neighbourhood Nursery and new Adult Community Education Centre, along with new youth facilities, homes, offices and a ground floor restaurant/café. It is a non-profit project being brought forward by the charity Ark and LBHF.

As part of the plans, Ark Swift's current sports and play facilities, which are no longer fit for purpose, will be significantly improved. The plans include:

- The creation of a new outdoor, landscaped open playspace, featuring a running track and a high quality surface and multi-use play areas.
- Removal of the unusable grass area within the existing playspace.
- Adjacent youth facilities that are being built as part of the EdCity project and will provide new, upgraded facilities for Ark Swift's students. They will have use of a rooftop Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) during the school day and for after-school clubs and activities. They will also have scheduled daytime access to the four-court indoor sports hall.

### The Section 77 application and consultation

As the project involves changing land classified as playing field land, as defined in the SSFA, LBHF and Ark

Schools is required to obtain consent from the Department of Education (DfE). This is separate to the planning application approval.

Ark Schools and LBHF are required to consult with the local community and other interested parties in advance of submitting an application to the DfE.

**This formal phase of consultation will take place between 4 March 2019 and 15 April 2019.**

This consultation relates solely to the land classified under the SSFA as playing field land that is associated with the school and will be redeveloped as part of this project. This amounts to 7,124m<sup>2</sup> of existing area of external space, which includes the existing Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). The proposed school will offer space totalling 4,711m<sup>2</sup> (including the new playground, external teaching terrace as contained within the lease from the council, and the roof level MUGA on the adjacent youth facility which offers 1180m<sup>2</sup> via shared facility agreements). The total loss of school playing field land for the exclusive use of the school is 2,413m<sup>2</sup>.

This affected area is shown on technical plans available on the project website, [www.edcity.org.uk](http://www.edcity.org.uk). LBHF and Ark Schools will be holding a joint public drop-in session on 5 March 2019 (between 4.30pm and 6.30pm) at Ark Swift Primary Academy, Australia Road, London, W12 7PT. Members of the project team will attend to provide further information and

answer any questions. Consultation materials will then be on display at Ark Swift Primary Academy until the end of the consultation on 15 April.

For further information please contact the project team using the details found below. Any person wishing to give their comments on the proposed disposal or change of use of the land should email: [edcity@camargue.uk](mailto:edcity@camargue.uk) or write to: EdCity, c/o 7 Bayley Street, London WC1B 3HB. **All feedback must be received in writing no later than 11.59pm on 15 April 2019.**

All comments received before the closing date will be considered and reported to the Secretary of State who will decide whether or not to grant permission for the disposal of the land and its change of use. Please note that comments may be made public and personal details of respondents may be made available to the Secretary of State for Education and other third parties for the purposes of this application and consultation.

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