# DISPOSAL OF LAND FORMING PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

# LAND AT SUTTON LAWNS, LAWN AVENUE, SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE / Lammas Leisure Centre Land Swap

**Ruth Dennis, Executive Director for Governance at Ashfield District Council said:** *“We are proposing the transfer of part of the land owned by the Council at Sutton Lawn Recreation Ground to the Sutton in Ashfield Recreation Grounds 2006 Charity. The Council is the sole Trustee of the 2006 Charity. This is the first step in the land swap process which will see this area of land swapped in return for land off Lammas Lane which is currently owned by the Charity.*

*This would mean that once the land swap process is complete, the Council would permanently acquire the land off Lammas Lane where the Lammas Leisure Centre is sited.*

*Subject to consultations and approvals, there would be no change to the use or management of either area of land from a public point of view.*

## Frequently asked questions:

### What land is being disposed of?

* ‘Disposal’ is a legal term and means the selling, transferring or giving away of something. In this case, it is the transfer of part of the land at Sutton Lawn Recreation Ground owned by Ashfield District Council.

### Who will the land at Sutton Lawn Recreation Ground go to?

* The proposed land swap will mean that the ownership of that area of land will be transferred from Ashfield District Council to the Sutton-in-Ashfield Recreation Grounds 2006 Charity as the first step in the land swap process.

### Who currently owns the land off Lammas Lane?

* The Sutton in Ashfield Recreation Grounds 2006 Charity currently own the land off Lammas Lane where the Lammas Leisure Centre is sited.

### What is the Sutton in Ashfield Recreation Grounds 2006 Charity?

* The Sutton in Ashfield Recreation Grounds 2006 Charity was created because certain land in Sutton in Ashfield (including the land off Lammas Lane) was gifted to the Council in 1914 and was required to be kept as open space and “used for recreation and pleasure ground” purposes – this created a “charitable trust” and accordingly the Council were required to create a charity of which the Council is the sole trustee.

### What would Sutton in Ashfield Recreation Grounds 2006 Charity do with the land at Sutton Lawn Recreation Ground?

* In accordance with its charitable purposes, the Charity is required to keep and maintain the land as recreation grounds, to be used for the benefit of the residents of the District.

### Following the potential land swap, who will own the land off Lammas Lane?

* This land, which has been used by the Council to deliver the Lammas Leisure Centre, will be permanently acquired by Ashfield District Council from the Charity subject to the land swap.

### How much will the land swap cost?

* As this will be a direct land swap, neither the Council nor the Charity will be making any payment for the land they acquire.

### What would the land swap mean for the land at Sutton Lawn Recreation Ground?

* Ashfield District Council currently maintains the land at Sutton Lawn Recreation Ground as open space, which is accessible to the public. The only anticipated practical change resulting from the transfer of part of the Land to the Charity, would be the legal ownership of that part of the Land.

### Who will ensure that the Charity will maintain the land at Sutton Lawn Recreation Ground as recreation land?

* As a registered charity, the Charity will continue to be regulated by the Charity Commission who together with the Council as sole trustee will be responsible for ensuring that the Charity complies with its legal responsibilities.