***DISPOSAL OF LAND OFF LAMMAS ROAD, SUTTON IN ASHFIELD***

***BY THE SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD RECREATION GROUNDS 2006 CHARITABLE TRUST***

* ***Lammas Land Swap***

**Ruth Dennis, Executive Director for Governance at Ashfield District Council said:** *“The Sutton-in-Ashfield Recreation Grounds 2006 Charity is proposing the transfer of the land owned by the Charity at Lammas Road (upon which the Lammas Leisure Centre is built) to the Council. The Council is the sole Trustee of the Charity. This is part of the land swap process which will see this area of land swapped in return for land at Sutton Lawns, Lawn Avenue which is currently owned by the Council.*

*This would mean that once the land swap process is complete, the Charity would permanently acquire the land at Sutton Lawns, Lawn Avenue.*

*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.”*

**FAQ’s:**

**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 the land at Lammas Road owned by the Sutton-in-Ashfield Recreation Grounds 2006 Charity.

**Who will the land at Lammas Road go to?**

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

**Who currently owns the land at Sutton Lawns, Lawn Avenue?**

* Ashfield District Council currently own the land at Sutton Lawns, Lawn Avenue.

**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 Road) 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 Ashfield District Council do with the land at Lammas Road?**

* The land at Lammas Road and the Leisure Centre built upon it will continue to be used as a leisure centre which is a top of the range fitness offering, the Council is committed to help people improve their health and wellbeing.

**Following the potential land swap, who will own the land at Sutton Lawns, Lawn Avenue?**

* This land will be permanently acquired by the Sutton-in-Ashfield Recreation Grounds 2006 Charity from the Council 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** **Lammas Road?**

* Ashfield District Council through its Leisure Operating partner, Everyone Active, currently uses the land at Lammas Road as a Leisure Centre. The only anticipated practical change resulting from the transfer of the Land to the Council, would be the legal ownership 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.