



## Lode Heath School

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ASSOCIATE HEADTEACHER:  
MS LSUDDON

7 March 2019

Dear Parent

### Proposal for a New Lode Heath Community Leisure Facility

We wish to remind you that the deadline for responses to the letter sent out on 25 February concerning the proposal for a new Community Leisure Facility is Monday 11 March 2019. We would ask that as many of you as possible please complete the proforma which was attached to the original letter and return this to school by the morning of 12 March either email to [office@lodeheath.org.uk](mailto:office@lodeheath.org.uk) or by your child handing it in at Reception.

The original letter together with the proforma is attached for ease of reference.

We thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Yours faithfully

Ms L Suddon  
Associate Headteacher  
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25 February 2019

Dear Parent,

## Proposal for a New Lode Heath Community Leisure Facility

I would like to draw your attention to an exciting potential development opportunity for the school.

We would like to dispose of a parcel of land at Rowood Drive, which forms a part of the Lode Heath School estate. This land has not been used by the school for many years due to its remoteness from the school and the safety related issues travelling to and from the location.

The school already has both sufficient and suitably high standard outdoor facilities at its main campus, including an all weather pitch that is accessible to the community and sports groups.

The Rowood Drive site has recognised potential as a suitable housing site and could be potentially sold for this purpose. Our proposal is to use the income from that disposal to significantly enhance the range of sports facilities available at the school, reinforcing its existing role as a hub for community sports facilities and providing greater opportunities for both curricular and extra-curricular activities. The proposal includes the building of a brand new Gymnasium for both school and community use.

In the first instance, this initiative relies on getting planning policy support. The Council is currently undertaking a consultation exercise on its Draft Local Plan which provides an opportunity to promote this opportunity. We very much need your support to help us do this. **Some further information on our proposal is attached, along with a proforma which we very much hope you will complete and return to us as directed on the form.**

We are holding a community consultation evening in the Large Hall at Lode Heath on Monday 4th March 6-8pm. You are very welcome to attend this event where you will have the opportunity of discussing our proposal in more depth or raising any concerns or issues you may have.

Thank you in anticipation of your support for this proposal.

Yours sincerely

Martin Murphy,  
Chief Executive of Arden Multi Academy Trust

Ms L Suddon  
Associate Headteacher  
Lode Heath School



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**LODE HEATH SCHOOL – LAND AT ROWOOD DRIVE, SOLIHULL**

The site is shown in the Consultation Document as an Amber Site. The site was formerly used as a playing field but has been dis-used for many years. It is not allocated for housing but the Council accepts it is well-suited for this purpose. Comments are invited on its potential for housing and the scope to mitigate the loss of a former playing field.

**For further information, please follow the link to the Draft Local Plan:**

<http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Portals/0/Planning/LPR/Draft-Local-Plan-Supplementary-Consultation-Amber-Sites.pdf>

1. Do you agree that Rowood Drive is a suitable site for housing development and should be allocated for this purpose in the draft plan?

Comments.....

2. Do you agree that the site should be sold for housing to enable the proceeds of sale to be used to improve existing sports facilities at the main school site?

Comments.....

3. Do you agree with the scope of improvements that the School is proposing to its sports facilities ? (See accompanying letter and handout).

Comments.....

4. Please add any further comments you wish about the Solihull Draft Local Plan:

<http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Portals/0/Planning/LPR/Draft-Local-Plan-Supplementary-Consultation-Document.pdf>

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**PLEASE RETURN BY HAND TO RECEPTION OR BY EMAIL TO [office@lodeheath.org.uk](mailto:office@lodeheath.org.uk)**

**BY 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**