



Luton Rugby Club

Proposed Relocation

Sundon Road, Lower Sundon



Background

Luton Rugby Football Club wishes to relocate for a number of reasons.

Here's a quick summary:

- The existing facilities at Newlands Road needs significant improvement
- The club is unable to afford the works needed at their existing grounds
- New, energy efficient premises will reduce ongoing maintenance costs
- New and improved facilities will attract new players

The existing grounds in Newlands Road, Luton will be sold for housing development to help meet Luton's housing needs.

The sale will fund the club's relocation and leave money to ensure that the building and pitches can be maintained in the future. It will provide a significant investment in the club and secure it's continued future.



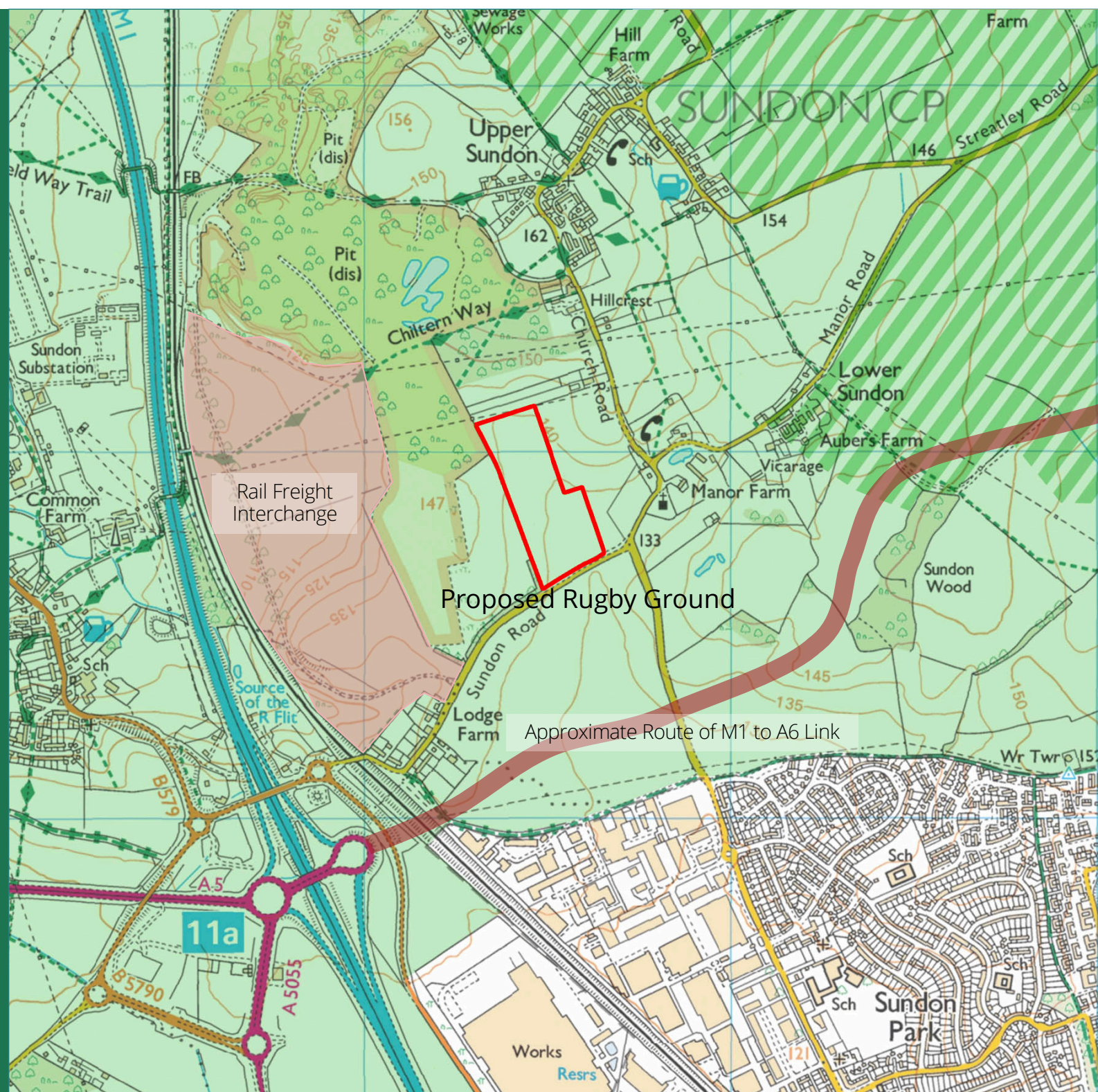
Where

The club has been searching for a new site for many years, but there are very few sites large enough to meet their needs.

The land at Sundon Road, Lower Sundon has been identified and works well for the club.

In particular, the site is:

- Accessible for its club members
- Close to existing supporters in Luton
- Close to the M1 and A6 roads
- Well screened and not too exposed





What

- A new club house
- 3 full-sized pitches (two 3G artificial)
- 4 junior pitches
- Access off Sundon Road to the south
- 162 car parking spaces overflow
- Parking for up to 3 coaches
- Planting and landscaping around the site
- Cycle parking

As well as meeting the needs of Luton Rugby Club, the all-weather pitches may be open more widely to other sports, such as 5-a-side football. The club's bar and function room might also be used by the local community.





Club House

The proposal incorporates a new club house.

Here's some of the key features:

- A new two-storey club house
- Designed to fit into the landscape
- Changing rooms, toilets and drying areas
- Fitness suite
- Function room, kitchen and bar
- Laundry, storage etc
- Club offices, shop
- Groundman's accommodation





The building has been designed to reflect the site's location. Its size has been kept to a minimum, and it uses a curved roof to soften its appearance.

The use of different materials, including a green roof and timber cladding ensures that its visual impact will be minimised.





Key Points

- Development will ensure the club's survival
- No alternative sites are available in Luton
- A recognised need for artificial pitches
- Expansion of youth and female teams
- Wider benefits to the community
- Ability to accommodate other sports
- Facilities available for the community
- A sensitive design to reflect its location
- Well connected to the road network

