

**[PROGRAMME NAME]**



## **Non-charitable Deed of Dedication**

[Landowners name] (1)

and

National Playing Fields Association (2)

[name of park or green space]

**THIS DEED OF DEDICATION** is made on the                      day of                      20

**BETWEEN**

- (1) **[LANDOWNER'S NAME]** of [LANDOWNER'S REGISTERED ADDRESS] and its successors in title (**the Landowner**); and
- (2) **NATIONAL PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION**, operating as Fields in Trust, of Unit 2D Woodstock Studios, 36 Woodstock Grove, London W12 8LE, a Royal Charter Organisation established for charitable purposes (registered charity number 306070) and its successors in title (**FIT**)

(The Landowner and FIT being together called the **Parties**)

**WHEREAS:**

1. The property more particularly specified in the Schedule (the **Property**) [forms part of the property of the Landowner] **OR** [is held by the Landowner in trust for [name of the charity]].
2. The Parties hereby agree that the Property will be dedicated in perpetuity in the manner and for the purposes set out below (but without any intention to create any charitable trust), and in accordance with the mutual undertakings given by the Parties.

*Clause 2 establishes the contract.*

3. The Landowner gives the following undertakings:
  - 3.1 Not to use the Property or permit the Property to be used for any purpose other than as [a public playing field and recreation ground];
  - 3.2 Not to grant, allow, suffer or permit the Property to be used for any purpose outside clause 3.1 including for any occasional or specific period of time without the consent of FIT;

*Clause 3.1 is the user clause and refers to the property being for "a public playing field and recreation ground". Depending on the property's current or future use, the user clause can be amended by mutual agreement. For example it could also reference buildings or facilities if the use is ancillary to the outdoor space.*

- 3.3 Subject to clause 4 or clause 5, not (in so far as it has the power to do so) to dispose of the Property without the consent of FIT;

*This clause establishes additional protection through Fields in Trust by requiring Fields in Trust's prior consent to any proposed disposal.*

- 3.4 Not to erect, allow, permit or suffer any buildings, structures or alterations on the Property, the use of which is outside the permitted uses as stated in Clause 3.1 without the consent of FIT;
- 3.5 Not to grant, allow, suffer or permit the erection of any buildings, structures or alterations on the Property that would result in the total structural and building footprint of such buildings or structures to exceed twenty per cent of the total square footage of the Property;

*Decisions relating to new buildings and structures, or alterations of the same, which fall within the agreed use in the user clause 3.1 are solely in the control of the landowner or its tenant(s).*

- 3.6 To inform FIT without delay of any proposals, intentions or decisions to grant, allow, suffer or permit:
  - 3.6.1 Disposals of the whole or part of the Property;
  - 3.6.2 The erection of any buildings, structures or alterations on the whole or part of the Property whether inside or outside the user clause at clause 3.1;
  - 3.6.3 The temporary closures or uses of the whole or part of the Property;
- 3.7 To provide FIT with information in response to any reasonable request by FIT relating to the use at clause 3.1.

*Clauses 3.6 and 3.7 support the objective of protecting the recreational use of the green space. Please refer to Fields in Trust's Field Change Request Guidance which is published on our website <http://www.fieldsintrust.org/field-change-request>*

- 3.8 To maintain the Property and so far as is consistent with its duties as [a local authority **OR** trustee of the Property] to have regard to any advice given from time to time by FIT on the management and running of the Property;

*This clause establishes an advisory role for Fields in Trust without interfering with the management rights and responsibilities of the landowner.*

- 3.9 To erect notices on the Property in the form of signage provided by FIT relating to the background of FIT and its protection of the property, giving recognition of financial support where required;
- 3.10 To apply within three months of the date of this Deed on form RX1 annexed hereto for the registration in the proprietorship register of the registered title of the Property at the Land Registry of a restriction to the following effect:

"No disposition of the registered estate by the proprietor of the registered estate is to be registered without a certificate signed by National Playing Fields Association of Unit 2D, Woodstock Studios, 36 Woodstock Grove, London, W12 8LE or by its conveyancer that the provisions of clause 4 of The Deed of Dedication dated [            ]

between [landowners name] (1) and National Playing Fields Association (2) have been complied with”

*Clause 3.10 is an essential part of the land registration and protection process.*

3.11 To apply within three months of the date of this Deed on form AN1 annexed hereto for the registration in the charges register of the registered title of the Property at the Land Registry of a notice to the following effect:

“By a Deed of Dedication dated [ ] between [landowners name] (1) and National Playing Fields Association (2) the land in this title identified on the plan outlined in red annexed to a Deed of Dedication dated [ ] was dedicated for use as [agreed use from clause 3.1 e.g. a public playing field and recreation ground].”

*Clause 3.11 is an essential part of the land registration and protection process.*

3.12 To supply FIT with evidence that the registrations referred to in clauses 3.10 and 3.11 have been completed within a reasonable period of time after completion.

4. Pursuant to clause 3.3, FIT shall not unreasonably withhold consent to any disposal of the Property provided that the Landowner at the request of FIT:

4.1 Replaces or agrees to replace the Property with a piece of freehold land approved by FIT which is of equivalent or better quality than the Property, with equivalent or better facilities than the Property, of the same or greater dimensions than the Property, in the same catchment area as the Property, and as accessible to the public as the Property (the **Replacement Site**) and applies such of the proceeds of any sale of the Property as are necessary to do so; and

4.2 Enters into another deed of dedication on the same terms as this Deed in respect of the Replacement Site.

*Clauses 4.1 and 4.2 take account of potential future changes and guarantee flexibility in terms of specific location of a replacement site provided the specified criteria are met.*

5. FIT undertakes that it will not unreasonably withhold consent to any disposal of the Property at nil cost to any local authority or non-profit making organisation which will hold the Property and ensure that its use is compatible with clause 3.1, provided that the new landowner enters into another Deed of Dedication with FIT on the same terms as this Deed in respect of the Property.

*Clause 5 allows for asset transfer.*

6. FIT undertakes that it will:

6.1 Not unreasonably withhold consent to disposal of the Property or the erection of any structures upon it, subject to its duty to perform its charitable objects and provided that the provisions of clause 4 or clause 5 of this Deed have been complied with;

- 6.2 Respond without unreasonable delay to any notifications of intended disposal or erection of structures, or to any requests for advice; and
- 6.3 Notify the Landowner without unreasonable delay of any concerns or matters of advice to which it requires the Landowner to have regard.
7. The Landowner DEDICATES the Property as [a public playing field and recreation ground] for the benefit of the inhabitants of [ ] and thereabouts and the site will be titled [name of the protection programme e.g. Green Space for Good, Centenary Fields etc], [name of park or green space].

*Clause 7 is the essential clause referring to the dedication of the site. The defined use is taken from clause 3.1 (the example given here is 'playing field and recreation ground').*

**IN WITNESS** whereof this Deed of Dedication is executed the day and year first before written.

#### **SCHEDULE**

[All of **OR** Part of] that freehold property known as land at [ ] which is identified on the plan outlined in red and annexed to this Deed being [all **OR** part] of HM Land Registry Title Number [ ].

**EXECUTED** as a **DEED** by affixing

The **COMMON SEAL** of [**LANDOWNER'S NAME**]

in the presence of:

**[AUTHORISED SIGNATORY]**

Name:

Signature:

**EXECUTED** as a **DEED** by affixing

The **COMMON SEAL** of **NATIONAL PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION**

under an authority conferred by s.260(2) Charities Act 2011 in the presence of:

Trustee:

Trustee: