

**Address**

Mill Hill Road
Acton London W3 8JH

Client

LocatED/Countryside
Properties PLC

Architect

Pollard Thomas Edwards

Form of Contract

JCT 2016 Design & Build with
amendments

BIM

Level 3 (fully compliant)

Contract Value

£52m

Ark Soane, Acton

Mixed use development, education and residential scheme

Construction works are currently underway at Ark Soane, a £52m design and build scheme for Countryside and the Department for Education. One of our largest construction projects in recent years, the scheme will see the creation of a combined education and residential development in Acton.

LocatED Property Ltd, an arms-length body to the Department for Education, acted for the landowner (the Secretary of State for Education), as part of their role to secure sites and buildings for new schools in order to deliver much needed school places.

The mixed-use project will see the construction of two x 7 storey tower blocks and one x 12 storey tower block, reaching 70m tall, including a basement level. The ground, first and second floors will accommodate phase 2 of Ark Soane Academy, a new 1,200 place secondary school. 113 residential properties will be constructed on the upper levels, in addition to three separate town houses that will be built on the site.

A large proportion of the new homes are being constructed for the Greater London joint venture between Sigma Capital Group plc, the build-to-rent specialist, and its partner, EQT Exeter, part of global investment firm, EQT, and will be for the private rental market.

Once built, these 92 private rental apartments will be let and managed by Sigma Capital Group plc, under the 'Simple Life London' rental brand. Of the remaining homes in the new development, 21 will be affordable dwellings, managed by Network Homes, and three will be for open market sale by Countryside.

The new homes will be located close to The Woodlands Park as well as Acton High Street and will enjoy excellent transport links. A sustainable energy centre utilising a Ground Source Heat Pump is also being delivered as part of the development.

Practical completion of Ark Soane Academy for the Department of Education/LocatED is expected to be achieved by October 2022. The residential dwellings for Countryside are due to reach completion by March 2023.