

**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

We are delighted to be delivering this £52m design and build project for Countryside and the Department for Education. One of our largest construction projects in recent years, the Ark Soane project will see the construction 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 Ark Soane mixed-use project will see the construction of; part 3, part 6, part 7, part 8, part 11 and part 13 level buildings reaching 70m tall, including a basement level. Ground, first and second floors will accommodate phase 2 of Ark Soane Academy, a new 1200 place secondary School, with 113 residential properties constructed on the upper levels, in addition to three separate town houses 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 constructed, these 92 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, 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.

Enabling works commenced on site in February 2021, and we will be on site for a period of 105 weeks, with the new Ark Soane Academy due to open by September 2022.