

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS

BIG NEWS ON THE FUTURE OF WARREN FARM

We have learned today that there is big news on the future of Warren Farm.

After a battle lasting nearly 8½ years, the end of the struggle is in sight. Queens Park Rangers FC have finally abandoned their plans to redevelop the site as a soccer academy and first team training ground, having apparently decided to purchase the freehold of an as yet undisclosed site.

As a result, we understand that LBE and QPR have decided not to contest the court case regarding the possibility of a judicial review.

The details of the future of Warren Farm have yet to be decided, however our brief discussions with LBE, and various statements on the internet, suggest that LBE plan to return the site to use as a sports venue. It is also understood that QPR will assist LBE in returning Warren Farm to community use.

How this is to happen will become apparent in due course, as will the question of whether any of the existing wildlife habitat will be retained.

Once the community use is established, we will need to negotiate with LBE over how our activities will fit in. Prior to the end of the site's use as a sports centre, we were able to fly until 1pm on Saturdays during the soccer season, and until 1pm on both Saturdays and Sundays during the cricket season. Weekdays were generally free of soccer and cricket, so we were able to fly on most days.

We would clearly aim to return to this pattern of use for flying.

One potential benefit if the site is recommissioned as a sports field would be a larger take-off and landing area, enabling us to avoid the cross-wind landings which are all too common with the present runway layout.

Would another possible option be “Mixed Use”, with part of the area reserved for wildlife and a smaller sports area? We can only wait and see.