

NOTICE TO CROYDON COUNCIL OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A ZOO LICENCE (NEW ZOOS AND EXISTING ZOOS SUBJECT TO A DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 6(1)(b) OF THE ACT)

ZOO LICENSING ACT 1981 – SECTION 2

1. Statement

We, The Animal Rangers Community Centre CIC (Trading as The ARC Centre), located at The ARC Centre, Greenvale Primary School, Sandpiper Road, Selsdon, Surrey, CR2 8PR hereby give notice that in not less than 2 months after publication in one local and one national newspaper of a notice of intention to make an application for a licence to operate a proposed zoo at The ARC Centre, Greenvale Primary School, Sandpiper Road, Selsdon, Surrey, CR2 8PR. We intend to make an application for such a licence to Croydon Council.

2. Applicant details

Name of the applicant :	The Animal Rangers Community Centre CIC (Trading as The ARC Centre)
Address of the applicant:	The ARC Centre, Greenvale Primary School, Sandpiper Road, Selsdon, Surrey, CR2 8PR
Date of application:	3rd April 2026

3. Location of the Zoo

- **Site Address:** The ARC Centre, Greenvale Primary School, Sandpiper Road, Selsdon, Surrey, CR2 8PR

- **Boundaries:** Please see the provided documents for Site Layout and ARC Boundary. The ARC site is also enclosed in the Greenvale Primary School boundary too.

4. Notice (Section 2 (1) - notice)

The ARC Centre has published notice of our intention to apply for a zoo licence with the national paper “London Gazette” on 2nd April 2026, and local paper “Croydon Advertiser” on 3rd April 2026. We have exhibited a copy of the notice of intention at the proposed zoo premises. Please see provided documents of the publications and evidence of exhibit.

5. Types of Animals (Section 2 (2) (a) - animals)

- **Species/Groups:** Please see the provided documents “Animal Inventory Report” for further details.
- **Enclosure Details:** Please see the provided documents “Enclosure 2025” for further details.
- **Category 1 in Appendix 12 of SSSMZP:** We do not intend to house any animals listed as Category 1.

6. Arrangements for Animal Welfare (Section 2(2)(a) - animals)

The ARC Centre will ensure high standards of animal maintenance and welfare through appropriate daily husbandry, including regular feeding, cleaning, and monitoring of all animals.

Species-specific diets will be provided, with food sourced from reputable suppliers and prepared hygienically. Food will be stored in secure, pest-proof conditions, including refrigerated storage where required, and prepared in our designated food preparation area to prevent contamination.

All animals will be housed in enclosures suitable for their species, providing adequate space, shelter, environmental enrichment, and opportunities for natural behaviours.

Veterinary care will be provided by a suitably qualified veterinary surgeon, with arrangements in place for both routine and emergency

treatment. Our nominated Veterinary Surgeon is Ark Vets, Ewell, KT19 0DB. Preventive healthcare measures will include quarantine procedures for new or ill animals, vaccination programmes where appropriate, parasite control, and regular health checks with accurate record keeping.

7. Staff numbers and categories (Section 2(2)(b)- staff)

Currently employed at The ARC is the following:

Total Number of Staff	15
Directors	2
Administrative Staff	1
Educational Ranger (Full Time)	7
Educational Ranger (Part Time)	5

8. Visitors (Section 2(2)(c) – visitors and motor vehicles)

(i) Approximate number of visitors who are to be accommodated per day

As we are on the site of a primary school, we shall continue to operate as bookable by appointment only during term time, Monday- Friday. As such, our approximate average number of visitors per day are 80 (including school trips). During the holidays, we expect our approximate average number of visitors per day to be 150.

(ii) Type and size of car-parking facilities (if any)

We share facilities with the primary school, which has a flat, single floor car park which can hold 40 cars (including 2 disabled bays).

9. Access (Section 2(2)(d) – access)

The ARC Centre is located with the grounds of Greenvale Primary School on Sandpiper Road. For security and safeguarding of children, the site has one access point on Sandpiper Road, controlled during term time by Greenvale Primary School. All deliveries, visitors and staff must come in through this access

point. Please see the provided documents for Site Layout and ARC Boundary.

10. Conservation (Section 1A- conservation)

The ARC Centre currently contributes to conservation with:

1A (a) (ii) training in relevant conservation skills;

- Staff have opportunities to attend relevant conservation CPD with other collections and organisations
- Staff have CPD opportunities to research and develop conservation skills

1A (a) (i) research from which conservation benefits accrue to species of wild animals;

- We have recently sent samples of a deceased corsac fox for further testing as part of a veterinary research project
- Our records and data on ZIMS are accessed as part of a wider external research project.

1A (a) (iii) the exchange of information relating to the conservation of species of wild animals;

- We offer an extra curricular conservation class for our students to complete conservation projects and skill development with the next generation.

1A (b) promoting public education and awareness in relation to the conservation of biodiversity;

- We display details of all our animals next to their enclosures in both written word, images and communication boards for accessibility of our SEND visitors.

1A (c) accommodating their animals under conditions which aim to satisfy the biological and conservation requirements of the species to which they belong;

- We ensure to follow guidelines published by BIAZA and EAZA to meet the needs and conservation requirements of our animals.
- We have a developed programme of preventative and curative veterinary care and nutrition.

1 A (d) preventing the escape of animals and putting in place measures to be taken in the event of any escape or unauthorised release of animals;

- Since opening in 2017, we have not had any notifiable escapes of our animals. We regularly practice escape drills and ensure preventative measures are identified and implemented.

1 A (e) preventing the intrusion of pests and vermin into the zoo premises;

- We have pest policies in place and actively prevent the intrusion of pests and vermin.

1 A (f) keeping up to date records of the zoo's collection

- We utilise ZIMS for all of our record keeping.

If the licence application is successful, The ARC Centre will aim to continue to contribute to conservation with the above, plus:

1A (a) (i) research from which conservation benefits accrue to species of wild animals;

- We have already reached out to local groups to create a collaborative conservation project.
- Contributing to projects such as Nature's SAFE.

1A (a) (iii) the exchange of information relating to the conservation of species of wild animals;

- Adding a dedicated conservation section to our website, and increasing our social media posts focussed on conservation.

We trust that this notice is sufficient and meets the requirements indicated, but please do not hesitate to contact us for any additional information.

Declaration:

I hereby give notice of my intention to apply for a zoo licence in accordance with the Zoo Licensing Act 1981.

Date: 03/06/26