



ST. MARY'S



Autumn 2018

St Mary's was an area of former allotments surrounded by Saffron Lane, railway line, Aylestone Road and Saffron Brook. It has remained largely undisturbed since the allotment holders left in the 1980's for the building of the Evesham Road-Saffron Lane Link Road. In 1993, the road was abandoned by Leicestershire County Council who was then responsible for building new roads in the City because of fierce local opposition and increasing costs.

Westleigh-Housing Development

Westleigh have started building 113 houses and 12 apartments from autumn 2017. There will be 87 dwellings split between affordable housing and shared ownership. Priority will be given to people on the City Council's Housing Waiting List. The remaining 38 will be available to buy and will be facing the proposed green space.

The Show Room has been opened since May 2018 and some residents have already moved in. Most of the noisy work should be completed by the end of September 2018 and the development is due to be finished by July 2019. All the buildings are timber framed which apparently lasts as long as a brick one!

A Planning Application has been made by Leicester City Council to create a new Public Open Space on the remaining part of St. Mary's for the local Community

The Aylestone Road side would be kept naturalised due to the sensitive ecology of the site. There has been a reduction in the number of paths to protect the area. There would still be a new path connecting Aylestone Road to Saffron Lane.

Towards Saffron Lane, the site would be more open with new areas of grasslands along with some mature trees. A new play area would be created close to the new housing. A grass kick-about area has been removed from the original plans which would have been close to the Saffron Brook.

Plans are available on:-

<http://rcweb.leicester.gov.uk/planning/onlinequery/mainsearch.aspx> using the plan no.20182179 or

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BO5XigvQ-KVlx99dcQZidNpxL9tjlsF6?usp=sharing>