

Wolsey Park

Development update

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Welcome to the latest development update for Wolsey Park. We use this newsletter to provide updates and information on progress across the development, next steps and what to expect.

About Wolsey Park

Located on the western fringe of the market town of Rayleigh, Wolsey Park is an exciting new community of traditional style 2–5-bedroom houses.

Phase 2 is the second phase of three Countryside phases and the 4th over the wider development. It comprises 76 new homes and associated open space.

All homes on Phase 2 are fitted with PV panels and benefit from an electric charging point as standard.

Children's Play Area

The children's play area is currently undergoing remedial works following the 2025 February half term. Works are nearly complete, and subsequent updates will be provided as to when the play area should re-open.

New Landscape Corridor

The landscape corridor to the eastern boundary of the wider development is anticipated to be completed throughout 2025. Once this is completed it will provide a new social space for the community of Wolsey Park, a second children's play area, a young space for teenagers, kickabout area and a community orchard.

There will also be a new allotment in this area. Works to form the access and the allotment car parking have recently been completed as the first stages of creating this new community space.

Phase 2



Construction Progress

Works are progressing well on site with our second phase with the northern and central part of the phase now complete.

Construction works are continuing as we progress down the spine road to the south of the site. It is anticipated that this phase will be complete during Spring 2025.

Road Sweeping

Countryside's site team are continuing to ensure that the spine road is kept clean from mud and dirt caused by construction vehicles with road sweeping happening weekly.

Contractor Parking

We understand that contractor parking has been a concern for residents in the past. Countryside's site team have been actively implementing a fining system for our sub-contractor parking if found to be parked on the spine road or residential road.

Timeline

- The first occupations on Countryside's second phase took place in October 2023 and will continue up until Spring 2025.
- The Show homes and marketing suite for Phase 2 remains at the north of Wolsey Park Road.
- In phase 2 there is a mixture of adopted and private roads. The roads to be adopted by Essex Highways will be adopted following completion of the phase.

Public Open Space

The Public Open Space, located to the western boundary of phase two, will be provided in line with construction progress on-site. We will be installing footpath connection links from the open space to the development which will provide residents with ease of access to the wider community. Works to prepare the land ahead of it being landscaped have commenced. We will be able to provide further updates on anticipated completion dates in future correspondence.

X30 Bus Service

Since October 2023, the X30, operated by First Bus has been running a service through Wolsey Park.

As a new occupier you are entitled to two free one-year travel passes to Rayleigh Rail Station per household. You can apply for these passes within 12 months of moving into your home.

There are copies of the leaflet used to access your free travel located in the Sales and Marketing suite. You can also download the First Bus app for real time bus travel and service updates.

Services

Electricity and Gas: British Gas

Water: Phase 1: Essex and Suffolk Water

Phase 2: Independent Water Networks Limited

Local authority: Rochford District Council

Managing Agent

- The Land Trust took on the maintenance of Wolsey Park in April 2023. They are currently responsible for the northern end of the estate which includes the verges, swales and play areas as well as the meadow areas to the West.
- All remaining areas of open space on Phase 1 were handed over to the Land Trust on the 1st June 2024.
- The Land Trust's landscape contractor at Wolsey Park is Plant Style Limited. They are responsible for routine maintenance such as grass cutting, hedge trimming, weeding, litter picking, emptying of litter and dog waste.
- The first areas of landscaping installed on Phase 2 are currently being maintained by Countryside's landscape contractor, MBM, who will maintain these areas prior to handover to the Land Trust.



The contact details for the Land Trust are as follows:
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Phase 3 and the wider development



Phase 3

Countryside have been granted planning permission for Phase 3 of development at Wolsey Park. Phase 3 will comprise 189 new homes and will span two parcels either side of Wolsey Park Road, shown in yellow on the adjacent plan.

Works are expected to start in Spring 2025, with sales officially launching in approximately Summer 2025.

Education Site

You will have received an update regarding the proposals for the education site at Wolsey Park. Alongside Countryside's financial contributions to education, part of the site has also been reserved for an education facility should Essex County Council require it.

Essex County Council are progressing with a new SEND School which will be provided alongside a new early year's facility. If there are any specific matters you would like them to consider, we would recommend writing to Essex County Council.

Please note the close board fencing surrounding the site has been removed for security reasons, to provide passive surveillance and deter antisocial behaviour.

Please be aware that the dates and information provided are correct at time of print and are dependent on a number of factors, including weather, so are subject to change.

Thank you for your patience while the construction work is taking place. We try to keep disruption to a minimum but appreciate it can be noisy and dirty at times so do contact us if you have any questions, or if you'd like to provide any feedback, by emailing:
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