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"A new £65 million retail park is opening in Colchester

There's lots of top names associated with the project

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How the shops could look (Image: The Churchmanor Estates Company)

Shopaholics will be delighted to hear that a new retail park is coming to Essex. Work is due to start on Stane Retail Park, in Stanway, Colchester, in May this year. The complex will potentially house a mixture of homeware and furniture stores, as well as a supermarket and foodhall.

Stane Retail Park, a 15-acre development opposite Sainsbury's in Stanway, will cost an estimated £65 million to build.



B&Q would be one of the stores going to Stane Park (Image: The Churchmanor Estates Company)

Huge names are already associated with the project, including B&Q, Aldi and M&S Foodhall. There will also be six smaller units in a terrace on one side of the site. The developers, Churchmanor Estates, have revealed they are in conversation with retailers about most of the smaller units. However, no names can be revealed at this stage.

Both B&Q and Aldi are moving from their current sites at The Hythe and Lexden respectively to become part of Stane Park. The units already allocated are huge - B&Q will be 80,000 sq ft, Aldi will be 18,500 sq ft and the M&S Foodhall will be 11,800 sq ft.



This is where Stane Retail Park will be located (Image: Stane Retail Park)

B&Q and Aldi combined will take up 60 percent of the entire retail park. The remaining six units will be sized as follows; one at 15,000 sq ft, three at 10,000 sq ft, one at 7,500 sq ft and one at 5,000 sq ft. Stane Retail Park is part of a bigger project to develop this area of Stanway.

There is already a 25,000 sq ft leisure park at the site which opened in late 2018. So far there's a KFC, a Starbucks, the McMullen's Princess Charlotte pub, in addition to the Nando's which opened at the complex in November last year. There is also outdoor seating, a children's play area and landscaped areas.



(Image: The Churchmanor Estates Company)

Colchester Borough Council's planning department granted planning permission for the retail park side of the project in August 2018. As part of the overall scheme, there will also be £2.6m spent on highways improvements and public transport links, including along the Eight Ash Green A12 junction and the Western Bypass.

"As we enter 2019 we are excited that we are able to make good progress towards a start on site at Stane Retail Park," said Emma Proctor King, a of Churchmanor Estates.

"The 15-acre second phase of the scheme will join the existing leisure park. The retail park will provide an exciting line of up of high-quality retail to add to the existing retail offer in Stanway."

The arrival of the retail park is expected to create around 400 jobs for the area.

B&Q and Aldi will be bringing their existing staff with them and there will not be any job losses as a result of the move. The new stores will be looking to recruit from the local area, before they look elsewhere, it has been confirmed.

Stane Retail Park, in London Road, is expected to open in the summer of 2020."