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Colchester, Tollgate, Stane Retail Park

Local press on 9 January 2020 after the S73 Applications were withdrawn and a new planning application made on 31 December 2019 for the larger M&S Food Hall.

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● **Bosses hope work on Stane Park will start later this year** ● **M&S, Aldi and B&Q lined up for the Stanway development**

Firms including M&S, Aldi and B&Q are due to move into multi-million pound retail park



■ Design - multi-million pound retail park could create 400 jobs



■ Design - how Stane Park could look once complete



■ Aerial - the Stane Park site from above

Stane Park bosses hope to start work this year

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CONSTRUCTION work on a new multi-million pound retail park, which is set to create around 400 jobs, is on course to begin this year.

Churchmanor Estates has submitted a fresh planning application to Colchester Council for its development at Stane Park, opposite Tollgate Sainsbury's in Stanway.

Original proposals for the retail park, which will feature big names like B&Q, Aldi and Marks and Spencer, were approved in August 2018.

An amendment to the application was submitted last summer when M&S decided it wanted to increase the size of its food-store at the site.

Changes to national planning laws mean Churchmanor was forced to submit a fresh application to secure approval for the latest designs.

Subject to the progress of the latest application, the firm expects ground to be broken on site before the end of the year.

A planning report states: "The proposal will provide enhanced consumer choice and competition across several retail sectors serving to strengthen Colchester's retail offer and provide facilities for a rapidly expanding growth area."

The development will secure the relocation of both B&Q and Aldi shops in Colchester, from Hythe and Lexden respectively.

The DIY superstore's relocation is expected to free up its existing Lightship Way premises for the creation of a new Sainsbury's supermarket. Once complete, the retail park is expected to create roughly 400 new jobs.

The report continues: "The development has and will secure quality, established employers. These will ensure guaranteed jobs upon the granting of planning permission."

It adds: "The proposed development signals investment in the town's retail structure and facilities and promotes further sustainable development contributing to the subregional status of Colchester as a shopping destination and enabling it to better compete with Chelmsford and Ipswich."

Colchester Council will have the final say on the planning application in the coming months.