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Wivenhoe Gardens

The development

Wivenhoe, Essex



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A place you'll be proud to call home

At Wivenhoe Gardens, you'll find a range of beautifully designed homes, with interiors full of light and space. Each home boasts stylish fittings and quality specifications, all crafted with a focus on sustainability. The elegant exteriors are thoughtfully enhanced with nature-friendly features, offering a seamless blend of aesthetic appeal and environmental consciousness.

Detailing open-plan, flexible living spaces, these homes are designed to effortlessly adapt to your evolving needs.



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Computer Generated Image – A typical street scene at Wivenhoe Gardens



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Enjoy the best of all worlds

Wivenhoe Gardens is a collection of 2 bedroom bungalows, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom houses and a 2 bedroom coach house located in Wivenhoe, a riverside town nestled on the edge of historic Colchester, in the heart of Essex.

With a population of fewer than 8,000 people, close-knit Wivenhoe feels more like a village than a town. Of course, if you want the vibrancy of somewhere larger, Colchester is less than a 15 minute drive away.



Computer Generated Image – The Dandelion at Wivenhoe Gardens



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Country and coast await

Wivenhoe Gardens is a desirable location, ensuring that both countryside and coast are always within easy reach. With rolling fields stretching as far as the eye can see, you'll have endless opportunities for scenic country walks around the development.

Craving the refreshing sea breeze? The beautiful beaches of Brightlingsea, Walton-on-the-Naze and Frinton-on-Sea are less than a 30-minute drive away.


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Have everything on your doorstep

You'll find there's plenty on offer in Wivenhoe. With its convenience stores, post office and characterful pubs, you will quickly feel at home. Alternatively, if you want to experience more, you can easily reach Colchester's diverse shopping scene and nightlife.

Want a little tranquillity? Venture into the open countryside for walks or even picnics. There's also the gentle River Colne nearby if you want to enjoy a riverside stroll.

When it comes to getting around, you have seamless transport links close by. The A12 and A120 are within easy reach for Colchester, Witham and Braintree, while train journeys to London are simple thanks to direct services from Wivenhoe station to London Liverpool Street in just over an hour.



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Enjoy Essex at your leisure

From the flowing waters of the River Colne to the wildlife of Wivenhoe Woods, you'll have the wonders of nature at your fingertips.

And that's before you've considered the many picturesque open green spaces which can be found further afield in this beautiful county.


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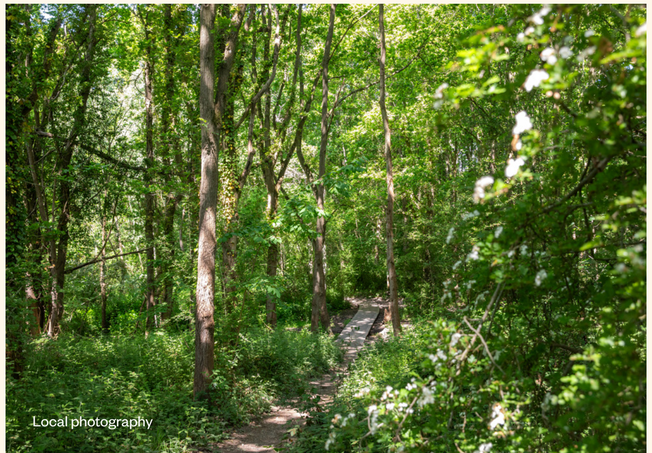
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Top of the class for education

You'll be in just the right place for schools catering for youngsters of all ages. Broomgrove Infant School is a well-regarded local school for children aged 4-7. Located under a mile from home, it offers a nurturing start to education and feeds directly into Broomgrove Junior School (ages 7-11), supporting a smooth transition through the early years. Also nearby is Millfields Primary School, a popular choice for families, providing education for children aged 4-11 within easy walking distance.

For older students, University of Essex, Colchester Academy, Market Field School and The Thomas Lord Audley School are all based within five miles of the development.



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Fun for all the family

With so much to do locally, there will always be something new on offer, whatever the weather.

Colchester Zoo attracts visitors from far and wide, with 60 acres of parkland and with a large number of animals to see. Wyvernwood, an award-winning nature park with a magical kingdom, is also well worth a visit.

And when the weather just isn't playing ball, indoor trampolining centre Airhop Colchester is the perfect place for little ones to burn off some energy.


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Places to go

Eating out – Choose from a wide selection of pubs and restaurants located around Wivenhoe. The Flag Inn, Black Buoy, Rose and Crown and Greyhound all come highly recommended and are under 5 minutes' drive away.

Arts & culture – Wander the landscapes that inspired some of our greatest painters, like Constable and Gainsborough. View great works of art twice a year along The Wivenhoe Art Trail, where artists open their studios to the public. Or discover art by local and international artists at Colchester's Firstsite gallery. In the mood for live music or comedy? Head to the vibrant Colchester Arts Centre.

Sports & leisure – The Quay offers a vibrant scene with the Wivenhoe Sailing Club at its heart. The club provides opportunities for sailing, rowing and social events, making it a hub of community activity. For fun, activity and fitness, Leisure World in Colchester will have the whole family covered. Water cannons, flumes and slides make swimming extra fun, while the climbing wall, sports park and wide variety of courts and pitches mean there will be something for everyone here.

History & heritage – With historic Colchester dating back to the Iron Age, there is a lot of heritage to discover and enjoy. Colchester Castle, which was completed in 1100, is the perfect place to start, with its interactive exhibits and landscaped gardens.



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Things to do

Parks, coast and nature – Wivenhoe is a haven for nature lovers, offering an abundance of parks and green spaces. Explore the tranquil Wivenhoe Woods, the scenic riverside paths along the River Colne and the diverse habitats at Lower Lodge Farm Colne Nature Reserve. Henrietta Close Park and Broadfields Nature Reserve provide charming spots for relaxation and wildlife spotting. Embrace the natural beauty of Wivenhoe and enjoy its serene environment.

Entertainment – Movie fans can catch all the latest blockbusters at the Odeon in Colchester, while the Curzon screens more arthouse films. For performing arts, the Mercury Theatre runs a varied programme of drama, comedy, dance and music.

Shopping – Wivenhoe is well stocked with good amenities, including convenience shops, a Co-op, pharmacy, fishmonger's, bakery and a deli. For you, it means having your daily essentials all in one place.

Family days out – There are plenty of places to go for fun days out nearby including Jungle Adventure soft play in Colchester, Jimmy's Farm & Wildlife Park in Ipswich, and even Ninja Warrior UK in Chelmsford. Beth Chatto's Plants & Gardens, a scenic collection of themed gardens with woodland and water areas, is also well worth a visit.

See a detailed view of the area and get directions



Getting around

By foot: The OneStop convenience store, Post Office, Boots Chemist and The Flag Inn are all within walking distance of the development.

By car: Wivenhoe Gardens is just moments from the A120 trunk road, offering convenient access to Chelmsford via the A12 (42 minutes), Stansted Airport (54 minutes) and connections to the M11 motorway for journeys into Central London in a little under two hours.

By rail: Wivenhoe station, just 1.1 miles away and offers regular trains to London Liverpool Street in approximately 1 hour and 8 minutes, and services to Colchester (9 minutes) and Ipswich (42 minutes).

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Journey times are approximate. Train journey times are accurate as of May 2025 and are sourced from thetrainline.com

Superbly connected

On foot

- Local convenience store – 0.3 miles
- Broomgrove Junior school – 0.4 miles
- Millfields Primary school – 0.9 miles
- Lower Lodge Farm and Colne Nature – 0.9 miles
- Wivenhoe Nature Park – 1 mile
- University of Essex – 1.1 miles
- Wivenhoe, Rowhedge and Fingringhoe Ferry – 1.1 miles
- Wivenhoe Train station – 1.1 miles

By car

- Wivenhoe Museum – 1.2 miles
- Market Field school – 2.4 miles
- Beth Chatto's Garden and plants – 3.1 miles
- Waitrose & Partners – 3.0 miles
- Wyvernwood – 3.3 miles
- Colchester town centre – 5.1 miles
- A12 – 5.5 miles
- Brightlingsea Lido – 7.1 miles
- Colchester Zoo – 7.1 miles

By rail from Wivenhoe train station

- Colchester – 9 mins
- Frinton on Sea – 22 mins
- Walton on the Naze – 27 mins
- Chelmsford – 31 mins
- London Liverpool Street – 1hr 8 mins

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Desirable in every detail

The finishing touches, unexpected flourishes and innovative features. Designer kitchens with desirable technology built-in, for showing off your culinary flair. Sleek family bathrooms and en suites with quality specification sanitaryware, for indulging in some well-deserved pampering.

With every home comfort considered for energy-efficient and low maintenance living, each aspect of your family home is beautifully designed and built to an exacting standard; because when you look for quality, it's the little things that make all the difference.

If you need adaptations to make your home more accessible (for example a fire alarm for the deaf or hard of hearing), we can install these for you subject to build stage. There is no installation fee, just a charge (at cost) for the product.

Click here to find out more about our Accessibility Features

Click here to view the full specification



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External photography of a street scene at Ufford Chase



Happy buyers at Ufford Chase



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What our customers say

“Our new Larfield home is everything we could ever dream of. It provides the space and layout our previous property lacked.
Plus, Great Bentley really has the best of both worlds. There’s a lovely village atmosphere, but also fantastic transport links and amenities.
It felt right from the very first visit.

Our experience with the Cala team has been equally as good. Jaye and Heather from sales were on hand to support us every step of the way, and Cala’s recommended mortgage experts and solicitors made the entire buying process even smoother.

On top of that, the aftercare has been brilliant. Every little thing has been sorted quickly and without fuss. Cala really are in a different league compared to other developers.”

Lisa and Dave
Purchasers at Ufford Chase, Colchester

See more customer stories, reviews and ratings



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Why buy new

There's nothing quite like moving into a brand-new home. From newly-installed kitchens and bathrooms to the peace of mind of knowing that your property is safe, energy efficient and low maintenance.

What's more, you're buying a complete blank canvas on which to stamp your own individual style. Your new home is covered by an NHBC or similar industry-regulated insurance scheme covering the structural integrity of your new home from years three to 10. The first two years of the warranty is provided by us.

This means we take responsibility for fixing any quality issues during this period after you move in. We also provide you a 24-hour response service for emergency calls. We take personal pride in our customer service.

- Modern fixtures, fittings & technology
- Hyper fast fibre optic broadband
- Less maintenance
- Energy efficient
- A chain free move
- A blank canvas

Click here to find out more about the top reasons to buy new

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Cala Homes' primary goals are to deliver design excellence in everything we do and ensure a first class customer experience for everyone who buys one of our homes.

To achieve this, we focus on investing in our most important asset – our people – and running an effective and sustainable business that makes a positive contribution in the areas where we operate.

Cala is built on the foundation values of passion, quality, delivery and respect. Click on the arrows below to find out more about Cala Homes.

- Our values
- Aspirational homes
- First class customer service
- Quality design and build
- Investment in our people



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Sustainability the Cala way

Cala has a rich heritage originally dating back to 1875. We started building homes in the 1970s and, for over 50 years, have been creating high quality, sustainable new homes and communities. However it is not just what we do, but the way we do it that matters to Cala.

Thinking sustainably is at the heart of everything we do; from identifying the right sites, through creating a safe, healthy and fulfilling working environment, to taking a sensitive approach to development and delivering communities that meet local requirements.

As part of our sustainability journey we are aiming to reduce our paper usage by 90% across the company, including the customer journey, which is why we are aiming for online only brochures at our developments.

Click on the arrows below to find out more about our sustainability journey:

- Environment
- Customers
- Design
- People
- Land
- Community consultation

Home is more than a house

Our Community Pledges bring together a host of commitments to each community we build in. Our Pledge goes above and beyond our planning obligations, in fact it's an evolution of work we've been doing for many years, ensuring that we support local areas and people who live there.

From tree planting, to supporting local businesses in our showhomes, schools programmes and local charity donations. It's our Pledge to you, our local communities, and we can't wait to see the difference it will make.

Click here to find out more


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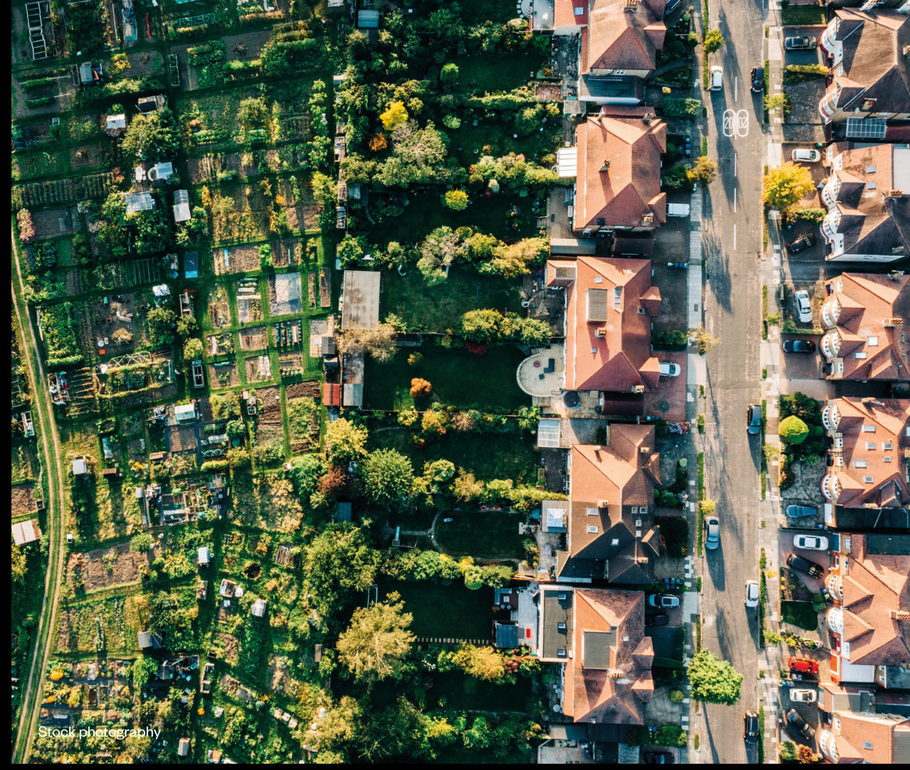
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CALA Community Pledge



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Welcome to your new home

Wivenhoe Gardens
Watsham Place (off Colchester Road),
Wivenhoe, Essex, CO7 9WP

Click here to arrange your viewing

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