

# Stocking Farm

  
NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter has been prepared by Leicester City Council to update local residents and stakeholders with the latest information about our Stocking Farm neighbourhood centre proposals.

## Public Engagement phase 1 - Thank you!

We wrote to you in January because we wanted to hear your views about the Stocking Farm neighbourhood centre. We would like to thank you for the excellent response we received. A total of 238 people and families took the time to tell us what you value most, and also what changes you would like to see. These helpful comments will now be used to inform future masterplan options which we will share with you in a second phase of public engagement. Please look out for letters landing on your doorstep in Summer 2021 detailing how and when you can get involved.

## Coming soon! Community Shop

We previously shared with you that Community Shop would like to open in the council's Youth Centre building, which has been underused for some time. They have now submitted a planning application. You can view and make comment on their application at: [planning.leicester.gov.uk/](https://planning.leicester.gov.uk/) and searching reference number 20210864. Community Shop is an award-winning social enterprise that supports individuals, families and communities. All of their Community Shops are built around three connected community spaces – a store, hub and kitchen. A separate community space will be available to all members of the local community to hire.

- In their **Community Stores** they sell surplus food and household products at discounted prices. These products, which are all in date and are perfectly good to use, are donated by retail and manufacturing partners. Whilst making savings, members also help to make sure that perfectly good products do not go to waste.
- Their **Community Hub** provides life-changing training and personal development and over 5,300 people have accessed their Success Plan, helping them increase their confidence, build on strengths and overcome barriers in their lives, including anything from health and wellbeing, to money matters, and community leadership training.
- The **Community Kitchen** is a welcoming space for everyone living in Stocking Farm where you can enjoy good quality cooked meals at low-cost prices, with kids eating free! But it is much more than that. Through a range of events and family activities, including cookery clubs, they bring communities together and 95% of their members say they are eating more healthily since joining.

Subject to planning permission they hope to open late Summer 2021. Membership is open to eligible members of the local community and it is free to join. For more information on Community Shop and membership please visit: [companyshopgroup.co.uk/](https://companyshopgroup.co.uk/) **community-shop-our-social-enterprise**



## New council housing in Stocking Farm



The council aims to deliver 1,500 new council, social and extra care/supported living homes within the four years up to March 2023. Over a third of these new homes have already been delivered and we're delighted that the last of six sites in Phase 1 of our programme is completing in April 2021 and will add to this number, delivering 12 new two-bedroom homes on Felstead Road and Elliott Road. These new homes, which include solar panels, also contribute to the council's commitments to reduce carbon emissions and reduce fuel poverty.



**Visiting these new homes Councillor Elly Cutkelvin (Assistant City Mayor - Education and Housing) said;**

"There is a huge demand for affordable housing in the city, so it is fantastic to see this first phase of building completed and these much-needed homes being occupied. This house-building project has given us the chance to take a lead role in creating family homes that meet the city's housing needs, as well as investing in neighbourhoods across the city".

## Involving young people 'House of the Future' competition

As part of our engagement with the local community we are very keen to hear the voices of younger residents who are the future generations of Stocking Farm. We are teaming up with Woodstock Primary Academy and Babington Academy and are hosting our very own 'House of the Future' competition. The competition is designed for young people from 5 to 16 years old to start thinking creatively about what they would like to see in their local area. We're looking to hold our competition during the Summer (Whitsun) half term in May. Pupils will receive entry details through their school.

### BREAKING NEWS

Architect and TV personality George Clarke has agreed to be one of our judges for the competition!



## History of Stocking Farm - Share your memories

As well as hearing your thoughts about the future of Stocking Farm, some of the recent consultation responses mentioned you have strong memories of how Stocking Farm used to be. We would love to hear your memories.

**Did you know** that St. Luke's Church was built over several years by members of the local community? Started in April 1961, the building was opened in April 1966. A couple of survey respondents told us that they were involved in the building, whilst another told us of happy memories of her wedding ceremony in the Church Hall in 1960 before the church was built.

If you have any old photos or memories that you would like to share, that we could perhaps use in an exhibition for the public that we're planning in the Community Shop, please email them to us at: [development-team@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:development-team@leicester.gov.uk) or call 0116 454 2902.



Stocking Farm Youth Centre in 1969 (proposed as a new Community Shop).



St. Luke's Church c.1966



Aerial image of Stocking Farm