

101) Clarification was sought with regard to the planning policies regarding public open space / play facilities in new developments. Of particular concern was the potential for 500-700 new houses in the Aylestone area and the fact that there was currently very little in the way of play facilities in the area. It was felt that the proposed amount of play / open space in the proposed Bloor's development of Aylestone Road was far too small.

**Response by Officers:**

There are policies (GE13 and GE12) in the City of Leicester Local Plan requiring the provision of youth and adult outdoor playing space and children's play areas in association with new residential development. Aylestone also has access to the open space within the Riverside Park.

The planning approval (20030992) for the application submitted by Bloor Homes is for 56 houses and 136 apartments. There is a small open space with play facilities within the site area of the Bloor's approval, and a planning agreement requiring a contribution of £150,900 to the upgrading of recreation facilities within Aylestone Hall Gardens when the consent is implemented. There is also a requirement for a contribution of £50,000 in respect of riverside improvement works.

As and when further applications for residential development are submitted in the area, the need for further playing space and play areas within the proposed development or elsewhere in the area will be considered.

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