

MORE CHARACTER PROPERTIES FOR SALE AT LIMES PARK

When the plans for Limes Park were first revealed, buyers were quick out of the blocks to snap up the character properties at Gainsborough House – the first of eight imposing Edwardian buildings to be converted by local developer Thomas Homes. For anyone who missed out, there's another chance to buy a house or apartment in a near-identical building – but you'll have to act fast if you want to stake your claim on a home in this highly individual development.

Gainsborough House is at one end of a crescent of distinctive red-brick buildings. Directly opposite, at the other end of the crescent, sits Edison House – a mirror image of Gainsborough with exactly the same choice of properties ranging from 1-bedroom apartments to 4-bedroom houses, all with allocated parking.

The homes at Edison House have just been released for sale off plan. The advantage of buying a property in this building is that you don't have to rely on an artist's impression to show you how it will look when the conversion is completed. Simply take a stroll along the crescent to Gainsborough House and see for yourself how the Edwardian grandeur of these buildings is being restored.

You can even get a feel for how your house or apartment could look inside by visiting the show home. When you look around, ask the sales representative to run through all the eco-features Thomas Homes are building into the converted properties at Limes Park. These are great for keeping your fuel bills low – and for ticking all the boxes in a Home Information Pack when the time comes to sell.

If you've not heard about Limes Park, it's on the site of the former Park Prewett Hospital – the first of 96 former NHS hospital sites to be sold to developers by English Partnerships. The new development is at the heart of a conservation area on the north-west fringes of Basingstoke, ideally situated for easy access to the M3 and A339.

Eight former hospital buildings are being converted by Thomas Homes into 81 houses and apartments, arranged in a south-facing crescent. In addition, 58 new properties will form two symmetrical crescents running parallel to the original red-brick buildings.

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Construction work on Edison House is due to be completed in Summer 2008. Prices start at just £155,000 for a 1-bedroom apartment. And, if you're looking for a larger place, you can buy a 4-bedroom townhouse for under £290,000. Judging by the speed at which Thomas Homes found buyers for the properties in Gainsborough House, it's likely that all 15 of Edison's character homes will be sold this side of Christmas.

More details on Edison House and other Thomas Homes properties at Limes Park are available at **www.thomashomes.co.uk/limespark.html**

You can also visit the on-site sales centre – it's open 7 days a week from 10am – 5pm and the contact number is **0845 60 LIMES** or **0845 60 54637**.