

New Baddow

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From the mid-1970's until the late 1990's there was rather little new housing development in Great Baddow. There were some small developments off Vicarage Lane and Craiston Way, and the old prefabs in Maltings Road were replaced by flats. There were also some welcome old people's properties. But in the last few years there has been a massive increase in the pace of development, and this looks set to continue or even accelerate. Currently more than 300 homes are under construction, and nearly 200 more have received at least outline planning permission. And developers are now paying £1.8 million per acre for new sites.

Here is a summary of what has been built and what is being proposed – not including developments of 1-2 houses. These are numbered as on the map.

Developments completed since about 2000:

1. Apple Way, off Beehive Lane: 16 houses on former Hampton House grounds.
2. Bawden Way, off Waterson Vale: 29 homes on former Isolation Hospital site.
3. Bramley Place, off Dorset Avenue: 9 houses on former Beehive Lane gardens.
4. Goodwin Close, off Waterson Vale: 56 homes on former Isolation Hospital site.
5. Hanlee Brook, off Pertwee Drive: 8 houses on former Vicarage Lane gardens.
6. Isaac Square, off Newport Close: 46 houses on former Sandon School playing field.
7. St. Mary's Close: 5 luxury houses replacing one house between Galleywood Road and St. Mary's Close.
8. Vicarage Mews, off The Spires, Vicarage Lane: 5 houses on former vicarage garden.
9. Woodstock Place, off Craiston Way: 3 houses on former Galleywood Road gardens.

Developments in progress

10. Beehive Lane: 4 homes behind 1-13 Beehive Lane.
11. Beehive Lane: 6 flats at 103-105 Beehive Lane.
12. Church Street: 4 houses at 18 Church Street.
13. Craiston Way: 5 houses on former Galleywood Road gardens.
14. Harberd Tye, off Beehive Lane: 135 homes on Eastern Electricity site.
15. West Hanningfield Road: 78 houses and flats on former Marconi/BAE Systems car park.
16. Cundell's Field, off Maldon Road: 86 houses and flats on former playing field and waste tip.

Approved developments

17. Harberd Tye, off Beehive Lane: 24 flats on Essex County Council Highways Depot site.
18. Baddow Road: 3 homes on site of 180 Baddow Road.

Developments with outline approval

19. ESTRIC field, off Galleywood Road: 113 homes, including 90 for old people, on former playing field.
20. Beehive Lane: residential development on Essex Trading Standards site.
21. Willowmead Centre, Molrams Lane: residential redevelopment.

Proposed developments

22. Baddow Road: 11 homes on site of 180 Baddow Road.
23. Chelwater, Baddow Road: about 30 homes on Chelmsford Borough Council depot and former Meadgate Avenue garage site.

24. Longmead Avenue: 9 houses on former Roman Catholic church site, and a medical centre already under construction.
25. Marrable House, near the Vineyards: office block to be replaced by housing.
26. MASC field, off Beehive Lane: large housing development on current playing field.
27. New Road: development of former Jackson's nursery.
28. The Causeway: high density housing on edge of Vineyards car parks.

Threatened developments

29. Chelmerton Avenue: homes on Chelmerton Avenue gardens.
30. Manor Farm, off Maldon Road: gravel extraction may be followed by housing development.

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