

Six high street retail and leisure favourites have been announced as headline tenants for the new £100m Liverpool Shopping Park, which opens this October.

M&S Food Hall, Boots, JD Sports and Outfit will be the first big brand retailers to open their doors at Liverpool Shopping Park, while Hollywood Bowl and a 156-seater Chiquito Restaurant Mexican Bar & Grill join the park's leisure line-up.

The four newly-signed retailers will take space in the Western Quarter - a distinct horseshoe of 17 retail units which makes up the first phase of the scheme and fronts on to Edge Lane. Chiquito will occupy a plot at the entrance to Liverpool Shopping Park, next to the new Frankie & Benny's restaurant which was announced earlier this year. The 24-lane Hollywood Bowl is set to open in Summer 2018.

David Lyons, chief executive of The Derwent Group said: "From the outset we've said that the success of Liverpool Shopping Park is dependent on the strength of the retail and leisure tenant mix and we have been working hard to get the balance right and these deals over the line.

"Liverpool Shopping Park will be one of the UK's biggest shopping schemes once complete and we're thrilled that the first wave of lettings is so strong. With the likes of M&S Food Hall, Boots and Hollywood Bowl, shoppers and leisure customers can now get a real sense of what Liverpool Shopping Park will be all about. We're in final negotiations with a number of other retail and leisure operators and expect to announce additional lettings imminently."

Pete Swallow, regional manager for Merseyside and Cheshire at M&S, said: "Liverpool Shopping Park gives us an opportunity to bring the brand to this part of the city for the first time, while strengthening our presence in Merseyside as a whole. With such a high volume of motorists passing the site every day and the large local catchment area, Liverpool Shopping Park is a prime site and we're delighted to be joining the line-up."

Liverpool Shopping Park will total 727,000 sq ft (including mezzanine floors) of retail space once complete and includes parking for 1500 cars and a significant leisure offer. Expected to create more than 3000 jobs and provide much needed local regeneration, Liverpool Shopping Park is breathing new life into the former Edge Lane Retail Park site and surrounding area.

GET SHOPPING FOR CHARITY

The Derwent Group is part of the Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation, which has committed to give £10 million to charitable causes over the next 12 months. Fifty percent of the Derwent Group's profits will go to charity and 50% will be reinvested back into the business. So, for every £100 our retail and leisure operators pay in rent, £42 of the profit will go directly to good causes. That means that shopping at Liverpool Shopping Park benefits the local community and the causes close to your heart!

















Fancy a £500 quilt free shopping spree courtesy of Liverpool Shopping Park?

Register your details at www.liverpoolshoppingpark.co.uk to be in with a chance of winning £500 free shopping when the first phase opens this October and stay up to date with news and special offers.



Improving Local Roads

As part of the new £100m Liverpool Shopping Park, The Derwent Group is also investing in local roads. The Derwent Group has invested an additional £10m into improving local highways to alleviate congestion on Edge Lane and improve access to the scheme. Work includes lane widening, improvements to Edge Lane junctions with Mill Lane and Rathbone Road and construction of a new access road to the rear of Liverpool Shopping Park.

LSP DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

HOW LONG WILL THE WORK GO ON FOR?

Road improvement works will continue until October 2017 when the first phase of Liverpool Shopping Park will open.

WHY ARE SOME LANES CLOSED WHEN THERE'S NO SIGN OF WORK?

The site needs to be connected to local services such as water, drains and electricity and this involves a lot of work underground. Lanes must be closed as a safety precaution.

MY JOURNEY TIMES TO WORK HAVE INCREASED, WHAT OTHER ROUTES CAN I TAKE?

There are three diversion routes available which can be accessed via our website www.liverpoolshoppingpark.co.uk. Using these will help to alleviate congestion on Edge Lane and will improve local journey times while essential works are carried out.

HOW CAN I APPLY FOR A JOB AT ONE OF LIVERPOOL SHOPPING PARK'S RETAILERS OR LEISURE OPERATORS?

Each of the retailers and leisure operators will look after their own recruitment, however we are hoping to hold a local recruitment fair in a few weeks' time. Please check www.liverpoolshoppingpark.co.uk for more information and register with your local job centre too.

For the latest information on road improvement works and the diversion in places please visit Liverpool City Council's Better Roads portal:

www.liverpool.gov.uk/bellerroads



B&Q Opens Its Doors

Liverpool Shopping Park has welcomed its first retailer, as B&Q Liverpool opened the doors to its new purpose built store.

The new 49,000 sq ft, which is larger than the former store on Edge Lane Retail Park, includes new kitchen and bathroom showrooms as well as paint mixing services and a larger TradePoint centre for commercial customers. Creating more jobs for the local community and new training opportunities for existing staff, the store has already been very well received and attracted excellent footfall over its opening weekend.

Paul Tym, Unit Manager of B&Q Liverpool said: "The new store is bigger, brighter and better than ever, which ties in nicely with the Liverpool Shopping Park ethos. We have a full range of B&Q home improvement products and services from kitchens and bathrooms, to paint and homewares, as well as tools and building materials, and everything needed to create, maintain and enjoy your garden."

David Lyons, chief executive of The Derwent Group, which is delivering the new retail and leisure scheme said: "We are delighted to welcome the new B&Q flagship store to

Say Hello to....

It takes a sizeable team of people to build a shopping park of this scale. Here we introduce you to Peter and Russell, two of the main faces on site at Liverpool Shopping Park.

Peter Sharples - Contract Manager, Caddick Construction

Caddick Construction is the contractor delivering the £100m Liverpool Shopping Park for The Derwent Group and Peter Sharples is the man in charge of delivering the retail and leisure scheme. Busy preparing the site for the opening of phase one in October, Peter is, as you'd expect, a very familiar face on site.

He said: "This is a very large-scale and complex build with a variety of subcontractors working on site at any one time."

"It's my job to not only manage the schedule of work but to ensure we maintain our focus on health and safety and of course, build quality. There's still a lot to do to ensure phase one is complete for an October opening and progress is well on track" Contact Peter at PeterSharples@caddick.co.uk

Russell Hall – General Manager, Liverpool Shopping Park

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The Derwent Group's newest recruit is Russell Hall to the role of general manager. Russell has worked in retail for the last 30 years and joins Liverpool Shopping Park from The Grafton Centre in Cambridge, where he managed the early stages of an £18.5million refurbishment. It is Russell's job to lead the on-site management team, including customer service, cleaning and security staff and to provide tenant liaison once the park is complete.

He said: "Liverpool Shopping Park will be something quite different to the other schemes in the city with its vibrant mix of retailers, aspirational food and beverage brands and leisure operators as well as free parking for 1500 cars and great transport links. It's an ambitious development and we expect it to be the UK's largest shopping park once complete."

Contact Russell at customer_service@liverpoolshoppingpark.co.uk

