

## **Elms Estate Whitefield**

### Location.

Elms is a family estate located just outside of Whitefield Town Centre and within 3 miles of Bury Town Centre. It is excellently placed for travel on the Metro to Manchester city centre. The Whitefield Metro station is actually located on Stanley Road, one of the roads on the estate.

### Transport.

Additional to the Metro, Buses run along Bury New Road, with frequent services to Bury, Whitefield/Prestwich and Manchester.

### Details of Properties.

The estate it-self is made-up of two and three bed family homes; one and two bed flats and one bedroom bungalows. Elms Close is a pleasant cul-de-sac of sheltered one bedroom bungalows for elderly persons. Many of the houses have separate dining and living rooms, however the third "box" bedrooms do tend to be small.

Every property on the estate has its own private garden, however one of the principal features of the estate are the extensive open-plan lawns at the front of the properties. These give a spacious and attractive feel to the built environment.

The estate is exceptionally popular with tenants and applicants. The family houses in particular are in very high demand, and are rarely allocated to any applicant other than in Bands One or Two. Generally, flats are more likely, regularly to become available for allocation. On the estate, a high proportion of residents have exercised their Right-to-Buy.

Recent years have seen the completion of several improvement schemes. Most recently uPVC window frames have been fitted to all properties and new front and rear doors installed. A scheme for up-grading bathrooms and kitchens has just commenced.

## Facilities.

There is a very active Tenants and Residents Association with their own community centre. The centre offers a full range of activities for all age groups.

On the main avenue through the estate, Rufford Drive, there is a Post Office; a newsagents; an off-license and a café.

There is a community health centre/ doctors surgery on the estate and a branch of “Total Fitness”, a commercial fitness club and gym, built on the former Elms Square site.

There are a number of public houses within an easy walking distance.

Also on the estate, a large branch of Morrisons supermarket is currently under construction on the site of the former bus station. Tesco, and Marks and Spencers Foods at Prestwich and Sainsburys at Heaton Park are easily accessible.

## Community Provisions

All Saints C of E. primary school, and St Bernadette’s R.C. primary school are located on the estate and the Phillips Park secondary school is situated quite near-by, adjacent to the Whitefield parish church. There is a synagogue adjacent to the estate on Sunny Bank Road. St Bernadette’s Church and the church of Jesus Christ, Latter day Saints are located between the estate and the main Bury New Road. There is a branch library in Whitefield near the parish church.

There is a large playing field just off Mather Avenue and a smaller playing field along side Tintern Avenue.

The Elm Bank residential elderly persons home is on the estate.

Whitefield Park, for crown green bowling etc. is adjacent to the estate.