

The man living in the last house standing

What happened next!



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A. Read the newspaper article below to find out what is happening to the land where Charlie lives.

A man living in the last house standing on a demolished Birkenhead estate is finally getting new neighbours - with a whole new housing estate set to be built around the home he refused to leave.

A developer has revealed plans for 178 new homes on derelict land near Birkenhead North station that was once part of the River Streets estate.

The only property remaining on Ilchester Road belongs to Charlie Wright, who was born and raised in the four-bedroom house as one of ten children. His neighbours all agreed to be relocated in 2001 because of regeneration plans for the area, but Mr Wright, 68, vowed never to leave. He told the ECHO he was delighted with the plans but sad about the felling of trees that have sprung up on the wasteland opposite his home.

The River Streets houses on the site were built in the 1930s but planning documents said they were cleared "some 15 years ago due to social problems".

Mr Wright, who has a lodger, said he once went to view a house in Bidston as a favour to a friend. But he remains adamant he will never leave Ilchester Road, despite missing the close-knit community it once was. He added: "It's going to be good to see it happening. My mates say 'You're going to be living on a building site for the next three years', but I don't mind.

"I can't wait for them to start."

B. Vocabulary – find words or phrases in the text to match the definitions below.

Word/phrase	Definition
	Destroyed, knocked down.
	Empty/unused
	promised
	Cutting down
	Grown wild/without being planted
	A person who lives in your house with you and pays you some rent
	Convinced/certain
	Everyone in an area knows and cares for each other

C. Underline all the passive verb forms in the article above.