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Harrier Park set for take-off as partners celebrate development milestone

A major industrial development which could create up to 2,000 new jobs and bring a new generation of businesses to Hucknall has marked a milestone in the development process.

Harrier Park, which will be accessed through a new entrance off Hucknall by-pass, will open up 67 acres of industrial space.

Up to 900 new homes will also be developed on the site, which covers 150 acres in total, providing a significant boost for the local economy through new jobs and new residents likely to support local services.

A new primary school, care home, green space and other community facilities also form part of the development.

Harrier Park is a partnership between site owner Rolls-Royce, Nottinghamshire County Council, Ashfield District Council, and Muse Developments, which has a track record of delivering high-profile large-scale commercial and residential schemes across the UK.

The partners in the project have now marked the commencement of the next phase of road infrastructure on the site, which is expected to accelerate its development and kick-start interest from potential occupiers.

Councillor Alan Rhodes, the Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council, said: "There has never been a more important time to invest in the future of the economy and, as a council, we are committed helping support new opportunities for our communities – demonstrated by our funding for the new Harrier Park link road.

"Harrier Park is a site that has an illustrious history and it remains a key part of the global activities of Rolls-Royce. By helping to open up the site for development, we now hope to see more businesses coming to Hucknall to help grow the county economy and provide jobs for local people into the future."

Councillor Cheryl Butler, the Leader of Ashfield District Council, welcomed the commitment to the new access road. She commented: "It's vital that we find ways of not just growing the Ashfield economy, but of supporting the businesses that are already here.

"The Harrier Park development will play an important role in that by attracting not only new businesses, but by providing new homes for new residents – people who are likely to spend locally and help sustain shops and facilities in towns like Hucknall."

Residential development is already underway, but the completion of the new access road is expected to pave the way for discussions with businesses who may want to move into the site.

Dan Needham, Development Director of Muse Developments, says the presence of Rolls-Royce on the site and its proximity to the M1 motorway mean Harrier Park will be an attractive location for businesses.

He said: “We’re proud to be working alongside Rolls-Royce, Nottinghamshire County Council and Ashfield District Council to help deliver what we believe is a significant opportunity to grow and enhance the Nottinghamshire economy.

“This marks a new era for a site that has a great industrial history and remains to this day an important location for world-leading engineering. There is a shortage of well-connected business parks where there is room to grow, and we know from early conversations that a number of companies are interested in moving to Hucknall.”