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Muse selected for Rotherham Forge Island regeneration

National mixed-use development and urban regeneration specialist, Muse Developments, has been selected by Rotherham Borough Council as its preferred development for the Forge Island regeneration programme.

The successful proposal includes a cinema, food and drink outlets, a hotel, with the new leisure facilities set within an attractive public space and a pedestrian bridge connecting to the rest of the town centre.

Rotherham Borough Council's cabinet member for jobs and the local economy, Cllr Denise Lelliott, said: "We are extremely pleased with the outcome of the developer selection process and the very high quality proposals we received which reflect the confidence investors have in the future direction and potential of Forge Island to become a quality development which will achieve lasting benefits for the local community."

The first phase of work will include the main Island and part of the riverside precinct, incorporating the central hub hosting the cinema, hotel and restaurants, with an expected start date of October 2019 and a view to being completed within two years.

Dan Needham, development director at Muse Developments, said: "We're delighted to be given the opportunity to work with Rotherham Council on the first phase of their ambitious regeneration of the town centre."

"This is an exciting proposal for the regeneration of Forge Island, as we look to work collaboratively to create a vibrant new leisure quarter for Rotherham town centre, with a cinema, restaurants, hotel and car parking set in stunning new public areas the community can enjoy.

"The Forge Island programme will also maximise the benefits of the waterside location and extend the town's cultural offer."

Further discussions will now take place with Muse Developments with contracts expected to be signed shortly.

A planning application will also be submitted with a report to be taken to Rotherham Council's Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting later in the year.

Muse Developments will join Rotherham Council at the Rotherham Show at Clifton Park on the weekend of September 8th and 9th - residents and businesses are invited to visit the Transforming Rotherham marquee to view the plans and talk to the developers.