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Lights, camera, action - Work begins on Rotherham's Forge Island

Work has begun on Rotherham's Forge Island development – soon to be home of a state-of-the-art cinema, 69 room hotel, and five restaurants providing food from around the world.

Residents passing Forge Island will be able to see diggers and heavy plant vehicles on site as they prepare to lay foundations for the £47m development, being delivered by nationwide urban developer, Muse, in partnership with Rotherham Council.

Once complete, the new destination will provide something for residents and families to enjoy right in the heart of Rotherham town centre, which will include a variety of cool features include the boutique cinema from The Arc, where they will be able to enjoy the latest blockbusters in VIP surroundings.

Travelodge will also be offering visitors a range of a hotel rooms at a price to suit every budget, and five brands have already signed leases to offer food and drink from across the globe.

Rotherham Council's Leader, Cllr Chris Read, said: "Forge Island is the flagship development in our Town Centre masterplan, so it fantastic to see work happening on site. Over the next few months, residents will be able to watch as the site begins to take shape.

"It is exciting to think that Forge Island will offer the first cinema in Rotherham in 30 years, and about the opportunities for residents to enjoy a range of exotic food and drink. The hotel will provide visitors a base camp so they can explore everything Rotherham has to offer, from historical sites like Clifton Park Museum and Wentworth Woodhouse to family entertainment venues such as Gulliver's Valley and Magna."

Raife Gale, senior development manager at Muse, said: "Since we were appointed as the council's partner for Forge Island in 2018, we've worked tirelessly together to reach this point where we're on site and we can't wait to deliver this exciting destination for the community.

"Demand to come to Forge Island has been incredible and we've assembled a real feast of fantastic operators and amenities to join us in our mission to create an attractive leisure destination with a social purpose that becomes at catalyst for further investment and regeneration in the town."

Further information about Forge Island is available at www.newforgeisland.co.uk.