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## **Progress of Hampton by Hilton in Stockton-on-Tees as topping out takes place**

The construction of Hampton by Hilton Stockton-on-Tees continues at pace and its progress is there for all to see in a new time-lapse video.

The footage shows the development of the hotel as work got under way in November 2017 to the day of a topping out this week which marked the completion of the building's roof.

Councillor Nigel Cooke, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's cabinet member for regeneration and housing, tightened the last bolt on the hotel's roofing sheets to mark the development milestone.

He said: "I've been thrilled to see just how well the hotel's construction has progressed and it's great to have marked the milestone at the topping out event with our project partners. I know everyone is looking forward to work continuing towards completion in the coming months and the hotel opening its doors in winter 2018/19.

"It's all another positive step in the right direction as we get closer to having an internationally renowned brand of hotel right here in Stockton-on-Tees. It'll be a huge asset for the Borough - boosting the local economy to the tune of £6.7million per year, creating jobs for local people and it'll be welcomed by local businesses with open arms."

The 128-bed hotel is being built by construction contractor, Bowmer & Kirkland, on the former dairy car park site.

The site forms part of the mixed-use Northshore regeneration scheme, incorporating new offices, homes and leisure facilities near Stockton town centre.

The 56-acre, £300million scheme is a partnership between Muse Developments, Homes England and Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.

What do the project partners think about the hotel's progress?

Patrick Fitzgibbon, senior vice president, development, EMEA, Hilton, said: "More than 60 UK towns and cities are now home to one of our hotels. Widely available in the UK, Hampton by Hilton taps into the need for modern hotel accommodation to suit a variety of travel needs. Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's ambition and the award-winning regeneration of the nearby High Street are extremely impressive. With companies including Tata, Axa, United Biscuits, Virgin Media and Fujifilm all located in the vicinity, we expect the new hotel to lead the market when it opens."

Gary Hosie, vice president of property, Interstate Hotels and Resorts, which will manage the hotel, said: "It has been a pleasure providing technical service support to Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's professional team. Interstate Hotels and Resorts are now entering the early stages of the pre-opening phase of the hotel development and are looking forward to another successful opening."

Darren Stoker, area construction manager at Bowmer & Kirkland, said: "We're very proud to be involved in this project in Stockton and it has been really great to see the progress of the hotel's construction marked at the topping out event.

“As the time-lapse video shows, a lot of hard work has been done, sometimes in difficult weather conditions, to get us to the point where we are today. It’s been a pleasure working with a lot of local contractors like Midas and TMG Joinery (UK) Ltd on the project and we’re looking forward to seeing it through to completion.”

Simon Dew, senior development surveyor at Muse Developments, said: “The topping out of the Hampton by Hilton in Stockton marks a key milestone in the delivery of this major investment in the town by the Council.

“The new hotel will attract new business and leisure visitors to Stockton-on-Tees, increase the vibrancy of the town centre and provide a fantastic new facility to complement the restoration of the Globe theatre.”

Marie Kiddell, Homes England’s head of public sector land for the North East, Yorkshire and Humber, said: “It’s great to see the new hotel take shape as part of the continual redevelopment of the Northshore site. Homes England has invested around £20million in improving the site and developing its transport links to Stockton town centre, and a further £3.25m in the new innovation centre which focuses on small businesses in the digital and science sectors.

“Our investment has also helped to create 200 much needed new homes on Northshore. This further development of the hotel will create a landmark building which will connect the Northshore riverside site with Stockton town centre.”

You can view the time-lapse video, here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3B8tvjVqVC0>