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GMI to work on £10m leisure site

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GMI Group is to create a £10m hospitality development on the site of a former chemical works in West Yorkshire.

The firm plans to build a 62-bed Travelodge with a shop below and a drive-through Costa Coffee outlet with 28 car parking spaces on the Spindlegate site in Huddersfield.

It is the third drive-through Costa to be built in Britain.

GMI Property Company will work with related firm GMI Construction Group on the scheme, which is due to be completed in October.

Work is due to begin on April 11 and it will cost in the region of £10m.

The group said planning permission had been given for the hotel and the coffee shop.

James Poskitt, managing director of GMI Property Company, said: "It is now exciting to be heading to the delivery phase of this project, regenerating the townscape in this part of Kirklees will provide much-needed employment and facilities to improve the attractiveness of Kirklees as a location."

The four-story Travelodge hotel will have floor space of around 2,200 square metres with 62 car parking spaces, mainly at the back of the building. The 200 sq m ground floor shop will have 10 spaces.

Last year GMI built The Yorkshire Rose for nationwide pub group and brewer Marstons on the same site.

GMI Construction, which marks its 25th anniversary this year, has public and private sector clients throughout Britain.

It is also working on the £3m headquarters for manufacturer Sellers Engineers in Huddersfield. GMI Property is a commercial property development company.

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