



STUNNING SCENERY: The beautiful setting of Ralshwaite Hall, near Sanderson on the Yorkshire coast, which has been transformed into a luxury hotel at a cost of £30m.



OVERNIGHT SUCCESS? The new 45-room hotel, which is due to open in October, is said to be the region's biggest hotel opening in recent years.

Boost for region's tourism as luxury hotel nears completion

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CONSTRUCTION work on a £30m development to transform a stately home into a luxury hotel on the Yorkshire coast is nearing completion with the first guests due to be welcomed in the autumn.

Developers from the York-based Skelwith Group have claimed the project at Ralshwaite Hall, near Sanderson, will represent the region's biggest hotel opening in recent years.

Scaffolding is now being

taken down ahead of a planned October launch for the 45-bedroom hotel, which will be set in 80 acres of countryside on the edge of the North York Moors National Park.

It will also feature a state-of-the-art spa and will be a sister hotel to the Skelwith Group's £100m Flaxby Country Club, which is due to be built between York and Harrogate.

Ralshwaite Hall's general manager, Richard Mansell, said: "The opening of this hotel is a major coup for the whole

Yorkshire tourist market and will be a destination we can all be proud of."

The *Yorkshire Post* revealed on Monday that work is due to start this month on the Flaxby development, three years after the proposals were first unveiled.

The Skelwith Group confirmed it is hopeful post-aid talks with highways chiefs about upgrading the road network to cope with the anticipated increase in traffic are due to be soon resolved.

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