

Over one hundred new hotel rooms on schedule for summer opening

THE major new hotel being built next door to Harrogate International Centre is on schedule for a summer opening, say building bosses.

The 107-bedroom Premier Inn being built next door to HIC will have direct access to the International Centre and will feature a restaurant, bar and car park.

Andrew Russell, director of the hotel's builders, Russells Construction, said the project is progressing as planned and was "on schedule for completion next summer".

He said: "It's great to see the steel frame in place and for the stonework installation to begin, it gives people a real sense of how the building is going to look in a few months' time. "However, there's still a lot of work to be done once the external shell is completed, from the mechanical and electrical fit out, right down to the carpets and wall decoration, before it opens in the summer."

HIC venue service manager, Robert Penfold said the six-storey hotel would give a lot more flexibility to event planners coming to Harrogate.

"It's bringing more bedrooms to Harrogate and means we now have two hotels physically linked to HIC," he said. "Most venues only have one.

"One of our goals is to be able to offer event organisers a seamless service between us and our integrated hotels – the new Premier Inn means we are well on the way to achieving that."