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Oak Holdings' 'Yes' leisure scheme wins approval

Oak Holdings has obtained local authority support for its £300m 'Yes' leisure scheme in Rotherham, South Yorkshire

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Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council's planning board has resolved to support the planning application, subject to a legal agreement and referral to the government office.

The scheme will develop 320 acres (130 ha) of former coalfield land next to Rother Country Valley Park into a leisure and entertainment destination, which will include an Olympic-standard canoe slalom, as well as a live music venue and extreme sports.

Steve Lewis, chief executive of Oak Holdings, said: 'We are in a number of advanced discussions for large operators to showcase their technology, including a "Universal Studios"-style attraction. Furthermore, Venture Extreme UK will produce an Olympic-standard canoe slalom, and the Baydrive Group will open one of their innovative golf driving centres.'

The scheme, which is expected to be the largest leisure and sports complex in Europe, will create 2,700 jobs for the area.

CZWG Holder Mathias is the architect for the scheme.

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