

## **RUDDING PARK SUBMITS PLANNING APPLICATION FOR VISIONARY £10 MILLION SPA & GUEST WING**



*Embargoed until 19 September 2007 -*  
Ridding Park has submitted a planning application to Harrogate Borough Council for a major enhancement project comprising a 14 treatment room spa and 34-room guest wing.

With an estimated cost of £10 million, the proposed project is the inspiration of Simon Mackaness, Owner of Ridding Park, in collaboration with architect Duncan Mackenzie of Mackenzie Wheeler and landscape designer Peter Styles of Lingard Styles.

The proposed development will form an extension to the West of the existing 50-room hotel providing an additional 34 rooms and a contemporary, full-service spa featuring:

- 14 treatment rooms including two couples' suites
- 20m<sup>2</sup> indoor infinity edge pool
- Internal and external hydrotherapy pools
- Rasul, sauna and steam rooms
- Relaxation areas
- Hair and beauty salon
- Studio and gym

Complementing the traditional Regency style of Ridding House, the hotel and its listed buildings, the plans juxtapose contemporary spa design with the classical architecture of the guest wing. The proposed landscaping 'invites the outdoors in' building upon the woodland garden character of the site and the historical remnants of James Russell's 1950s garden design, whilst creating a series of new and vibrant spaces.

The proposed scheme has evolved from the need for Ridding Park to adapt to an increasingly discerning marketplace in order to perpetuate its ethos for excellence and to continue to care for the heritage asset that is Ridding House and its parkland setting.

The planning submission follows six months of consultation with Harrogate's planners, local residents and businesses, the local parish council, English Heritage, The Georgian Group and The Garden History Society.

**Notes to Editors:**

*Rudding Park is independently owned by Simon Mackaness and his family. Over the last 30 years they have carried out a comprehensive programme of improvement and redevelopment, which includes the opening of Rudding Holiday Park in 1978, the renovation of Rudding Park House in 1987 and the subsequent opening of the 50-room hotel in 1997.*

*The estate also comprises an 18 hole, par 72 golf course set in mature Parkland, complemented by an 18 bay floodlit driving range and Golf Academy. A new development of 18 luxury holiday lodges adjacent to the golf course opened in May 2006 and a six-hole short course will open in April 2008.*

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