

PRESS RELEASE

Killeavy Castle Gatelodge
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The owner of Killeavy Castle Estate, Jaramas Investments NI Ltd, announces today that it has commenced construction of a 45 room, 4 star, boutique hotel, spa and wellness centre on the historic estate that sits majestically on the slopes of Slieve Gullion. The hotel will be built on the site of what once were the Killeavy Castle coach house, mill and farm buildings, and will sympathetically incorporate many of their historic features. While the hotel is being built, Killeavy Castle, an A Grade listed building, will be fully restored. It will include a basement bar and a 3 bedroom suite on the first floor. The ground floor will connect with a marquee at the rear of the castle and provide space for functions capable of accommodating up to 240 people. The recently completed gatelodge will provide a further 3 rooms accommodation.

The hotel construction contract has been awarded to Abergeldie Complex Infrastructure Limited and the project commenced in early July 2017, after receiving the formal notice to proceed from Invest NI on 29 June 2017. The hotel is still expected to be open to the public in late 2018.



Mick Boyle of Jaramas Investments NI said “The Killeavy Castle building has deteriorated significantly over the last 4 years. Much of the structural timber within the building has rotted away. It would not have been much longer before it started to collapse. With the contract awarded and the notice to proceed now issued it is both exciting and a relief to finally be getting this project underway. Our first priority has been to make Killeavy Castle, as well as the adjoining old coach house, mill and farm buildings, structurally sound. Once that is done we will work toward turning what was fast becoming a collection of ruins on the slopes of Slieve Gullion into one of Ireland’s must-see destinations. The setting of Killeavy Castle within the Ring of Gullion is breathtaking. We are certain Killeavy Castle, Hotel and Wellness Centre will become the jewel of South Armagh and be a special destination for people from all over the world.”



A website killeavycastle.com has been established and it will provide progress updates on the project.

Now that construction has commenced, Jaramas Investments NI Ltd reinforces its previous request for the public to respect the “keep out” signs and fences installed at the site. “The safety of the public and our workers is our number one priority so until construction is complete we need everyone to comply with the site signage” said Mick Boyle.

For further information on this press release please contact Mark Donohoe at the Killeavy Castle, Hotel and Wellness Centre project office on 028 3084 9076.