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## WEST COAST ESTATES BEGINS REFURBISHMENT OF SHOP COMPLEX

An established shopping development in Aberdeen is set to get a new lease of life thanks to a North-east of Scotland company.

Property investment and development company, West Coast Estates, has embarked on a £200,000 redevelopment and extension of six retail units on Jesmond Drive, Bridge of Don.

The neighbourhood shopping centre, which is located adjacent to Asda, comprises 7,000 sqft, plus 44 parking spaces, with the proposed addition of an additional 800 sqft retail unit.

Director, Iftikar Mian, says West Coast Estates is committed to making a difference to local communities through refurbishment and the development of neighbourhood shopping.

He said: "One of our objectives as a company is to invest in neighbourhoods and communities, helping local businesses by enhancing and improving the areas.

"The units at Jesmond Drive are typical early 1980s design, and we believe businesses in the scheme will greatly benefit from our refurbishment plans which will include enhancing the exterior appearance in addition to the installation of additional security features and lighting.

"In these difficult times we believe continuing to invest is paramount and we are confident the businesses will see an improved footfall as a result of our plans, which will be of great benefit to the local community.

"Once this project is complete, we will be looking at other neighbourhood opportunities throughout the North and North-east, focusing on refurbishment and extension opportunities, breathing new life into communities."



Domino's Pizza will be one of the first to benefit from the refurbishment, committing to a 20 year lease at the site.

Ian Smith, franchisee of three other Domino's stores in Aberdeen, was delighted to add Jesmond Drive to his growing number of local outlets, earlier this year, bringing the total to four.

He said: "Throughout the growth of Domino's Pizza in Aberdeen, I have sought high-quality community based outlets, which have served us well. The redevelopment of the units will no doubt have a positive effect on the area, and we are confident the site will follow in the footsteps of our other branches.

"The opening of the Jesmond Drive store now means we can deliver to all areas of Aberdeen – providing a city wide service."

Roddy Morrison, associate at Knight Frank said: "The proposed refurbishment of the existing units and extension to form a new retail unit will certainly enhance and compliment the existing development and bring much wanted additional retail facilities to the Bridge of Don area."

Other companies within the Jesmond Drive development include The Ashvale Fish Restaurant, Lo and Co Hairdressers, Blockbuster, a local drycleaning company and Ardene House Veterinary Practice.

West Coast Estates, which was set up by Mr Mian and his brother Ali in 1991, is currently working on a number of projects, including redeveloping and refurbishing commercial premises throughout the city.

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