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### **Viewing platforms and new car park to open at Gedling Country Park**

Lincoln Cathedral, St Mary Magdalene Church in Newark, Gunthorpe Lock, and Belvoir Castle are just some of the sights visitors will be able to see from two new viewing platforms to open at Gedling Country Park on Friday.

The two platforms will be officially opened by the Mayor of Gedling on Friday July 10 and will offer visitors views as far as Lincolnshire and Leicestershire. The platforms will also feature interpretation panels displaying information about some of the sights.

The platforms, facing to the North and South of the park, both feature wheelchair and pushchair accessible ramps to ensure that they are as accessible to as many visitors as possible.

The Gedling Country Park Viewpoints project is funded through the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development who provide grants specifically for projects which help promote growth, jobs and tourism in rural areas.

A new 100 space car park has also been completed next to the existing car park at the Spring Lane entrance. The extra spaces will double the current number of spaces and allow more visitors at peak times and reduce parking on nearby lanes and roads.

Since opening in 2015, the park has become increasingly popular and has around 100,000 visitors each year, with that number expected to increase as the park

continues to evolve and additional facilities, such as the view platforms, are opened.

Leader of Gedling Borough Council, Councillor John Clarke said;

“These new visitor attractions are a welcome addition to the already fantastic, Gedling Country Park. The park is very popular and we have tried to find the balance between making sure we have enough car parking spaces for visitors while at the same time keeping as much of the park as possible a home for nature. I would like to thank the Rural Payments Agency for fully funding this project, it’s something we wouldn’t have been able to do without their support.

I’m sure the new viewing platforms will be popular with visitors, it’s incredible what you can actually see when you get there. It’s one of the highest points in Nottinghamshire and the views really are something special. I’m really looking forward to seeing visitors, photographers and school groups enjoying the views and learning about the area.”

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**NOTE TO EDITORS**

**PHOTO OPPORTUNITY**

Photographers and reporters are invited to the opening of the viewing platforms and new car park on Friday 10 July at 10am at Gedling Country Park. The meeting point will be at the Spring Lane entrance of the park at Café 1899. The Mayor of Gedling Borough Council, Councillor Sandra Barnes will be attending the opening alongside the Leader of Gedling Borough Council, Councillor John Clarke.

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