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€40m lift-off!

■ Paul Healy

We may be in the depths of recession...but there are grounds for optimism in Roscommon town and environs with a startling €40m in major develop-

ments now given the go-ahead. Hundreds of construction-related jobs will result from the estimated €40m expenditure – and hundreds more jobs will be based around the three

major projects involved. Meanwhile hard-pressed local businesses will be hoping that significant spin-off benefits come their way arising from this welcome wave of construction activity in the

county town. On Monday last Minister for Housing and Local Services Michael Finneran confirmed that the construction of new civic offices is to go ahead at Church Road, Roscom-

mon (on the site of the town's former fire station). The new office block will be built on a three-acre site and will be the new HQ for Roscommon County Council. The civic offices will be a multi-sto-

rey building and will have a substantial underground car park. About 100 people will be employed in the construction stage. Meanwhile on the Sacred Heart Home (Golf Links) Road work on the

new Property Registration Authority Offices is progressing in a €12m development. About 200 jobs will be involved in this major decentralisation.

Last November the launch took place of the new €8m HSE West Primary Care Centre which will be located at 'Ward's field' in Roscommon. The developer, Rosmed Ltd, led by well-known pharmacist Charlie O'Brien, hopes to complete this impressive project by October 2010. A 'one-stop shop for health services', the Centre has provided significant employment during construction and there are indications from the HSE that up to 130 or more people will be working there when the facility is completed. *See page 19.*



The three development sites in Roscommon town, located within a radius of half a mile of each other. Pictures: Andrew Fox.

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