



TJ Morris Distribution Centre - Liverpool

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Client

TJ Morris Plc

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Contractor

Bowmer & Kirkland

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Steelwork Design

Caunton Engineering

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Architect

Alan Johnson Architects

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Engineer

WA Fairhurst & Partners

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Steel Tonnage

1,520 tonnes

Caunton supplied the steelwork for an extension to TJ Morris's distribution centre on a design and build basis. This facility operates from their head office in Liverpool. TJ Morris, known better to the public as Home Bargains, was recognised as a fast growing and successful retailer, operating on high volume turn over selling branded goods at low prices. At the time, the company had over 170 stores in the North and Midlands and had plans to grow to approximately 500 stores within the next eight years.

This enlarged distribution centre was clearly the first step. Canton supplied over 1,500 tonnes of steelwork for a 250,000sq.ft extension. The main body of the building consisted of a central high bay warehouse with four 28.5 metre spans, 116 metres long and a soaring 32 metres eaves height. There was one, 12 metres high by 27 metres long single span portal leading off on one side and one 12 metres high by 22 metres twin span portal leading off on the other side. The depot itself was rounded off with an integral 20 metres span by 80 metres long loading canopy. Operations was topped off with the construction of a new Training Centre, a Vehicle Maintenance Unit, a Transport Office and a Gatehouse.

The main contractor for this prime development was major, national contractor Bowmer & Kirkland. Caunton was pleased to be of service to both Bowmer & Kirkland and to this ambitious retailer in its expansion plans.

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