

Retail distributor launches northern base at Premier Park

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A RETAIL distribution company which supplies more than 700 Spar shops across the UK is to open a northern depot in Yorkshire.

AF Blakemore & Son is to take a 17-year lease at Unit 3 at Premier Park, which is located just off junction 30 of the M62 between Leeds and Normanton in West Yorkshire.

The deal was brokered by Leeds-based industrial property specialists [Gent Visick](#).

AF Blakemore & Son, which was established in Wolverhampton, has distribution facilities across the UK and employs more than 5,500 people.

The company has annual turnover of more than £700m per year.

The 80,074 sq ft warehouse at Premier Park will act as a base from which the company can deliver to stores across the region.

Mark Titley, estates manager for AF Blakemore, said: "The acquisition of a northern depot for Blakemore Food Service has been on our agenda for some time and we were looking at a number of options when [Gent Visick](#) introduced this opportunity to us.

"The new depot will help us to better serve our existing customers and expand our business."

Andrew Gent, of [Gent Visick](#), said: "The letting of this unit to AF Blakemore underlines the strength of the M62 corridor market and is another example of the reduction in stock which is currently taking place across this sector."

Joint agents on the letting was the Leeds office of [King Sturge](#), which also manages the property on behalf of USS Pension Fund.