

Tesco to build new distribution centre in Livingston

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Santon Group Developments Limited and Tesco Stores Limited in a joint venture with Rosemount Developments will today apply to West Lothian Council for planning permission to construct a new distribution centre to serve all Tesco stores in Scotland from Livingston.

Subject to planning consent, the new distribution centre will be located on the site of the former NEC factory, which closed in 2002 and has recently been demolished. This development represents an investment of £75 million in West Lothian and will employ 1,400 people including 200 new jobs. Tesco estimate that by locating in Livingston its lorries will travel 77,000 fewer miles each week or 4 million fewer miles each year. Scottish suppliers will benefit too from being able to connect to the Tesco distribution network within Scotland. The new distribution centre will extend to 85,000 square metres and house a separate recycling unit on the 51.5 hectare site. The building will handle a wide range of Tesco food products including chilled, frozen and dry groceries. New bus stops will be provided on both sides of the A89 together with a new footway/cycleway along the front of the site. There will also be a footway/cycleway linking the south side A89 bus stop with the staff entrance.