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Muse hands over 120,000 sq ft Blackpool store to Sainsbury's

Muse Developments has handed over a 120,000 sq ft store in Blackpool to Sainsbury's.

The retail giant assumed responsibility for the site on 21 April and Barr Construction is underway with the 12-week fit out.

It is situated within Muse Developments' 25-acre Talbot Gateway Central Business District (CBD) in the centre of the seaside town.

Due to open on 23 July 2014, the store will improve the shopping choice in the area. The plans include: a wide range of products, homeware and Sainsbury's award winning Tu clothing range, customer café, dentist and Timpson's store, providing up to 270 jobs for people within a five mile radius of the store.

The store fit out follows shortly behind the completion of the adjacent Number 1 Bickerstaffe Square, a five-storey, 126,000 sq ft energy-efficient building which will be occupied in the main by Blackpool Council.

Mike Horner, regional director at Muse Developments, said: "We're pleased to have reached such a pivotal stage in the development of this scheme and having such a landmark retailer within Talbot Gateway is an appealing draw for others looking to establish or expand their offering in Blackpool."

Store manager Ian Collins commented: "The opening of this landmark foodstore is not only a fantastic achievement for Blackpool but a brilliant opportunity for Sainsbury's. To open a store of this scale in the heart of Blackpool, in an area which is undergoing rapid regeneration, is a real coup and will create a store Sainsbury's and the local community can be proud of."

Jim Harkness, project manager at Barr Construction, added: "We are really looking forward to playing such a pivotal role in bringing new life to the Talbot Road area."

"Barr Construction has a significant track record of working with Sainsbury's to deliver fantastic new retail facilities and bring real benefits to the local communities we operate within."

When complete, Talbot Gateway will provide new retail, commercial and community space for Blackpool, in addition to town centre parking and transport. Retail units are currently being marketed by Duxbury's Commercial, DTZ and Montagu Evans and available between 1,991 sq ft and 2,691 sq ft.