

## **Carillion enlisted for 60-acre Durham scheme**

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Carillion Developments has joined with Hartlepool-based property investor Arlington to develop 60 acres of industrial land and buildings at Spennymoor, County Durham.

The Green Lane site, where Arlington is developing a further 12.5 acres, was bought from power tool manufacturer Black & Decker for an undisclosed seven-figure sum.

Black & Decker has leased back its 350,000 sq ft facility for a six-year term.

The joint venture hopes to submit a masterplan for an employment-led light industrial and office complex in the second quarter of 2008.

Neil McMillan, development director of Carillion Developments, said the company viewed the North East as a "significant area for growth and regeneration".

He said: "Carillion has been looking at development opportunities in the North East for some time. When we were introduced to Arlington and looked at Spennymoor, we quickly realised that the site had huge potential. It's a great location close to Durham City with excellent transport links and ideal for business."

Arlington had recently announced that plant machine manufacturer Berco (UK) will move its operations from Middlesbrough in the Spring to become anchor tenant at a 150,000 sq ft facility at Green Lane.

Arlington and Carillion were advised by King Sturge and Harvey Burns. Black & Decker was advised by DTZ.