

**Issued on behalf of Onward Holdings Ltd****Date: July 2014****Ref: PR37a Last Unit****ONYX RETAIL PARK CALLING LAST UNIT**

The runaway success of a retail park based on the former Manvers Colliery at Wath-Upon-Deane, mid-way between Barnsley and Rotherham, has taken even its owners by surprise.

Last month the leading convenience retail chain SPAR and coffee provider Caffè Latte became the latest retailers to open outlets at the Onyx Retail Park, leaving just one remaining unit on the site for letting.

On-going demand for retail units on the South Yorkshire resulted last year in the Onyx Retail Park moving forward to complete Phase Two construction, many months ahead of the original timetable. Part of the success of the site is attributed by Onward Holdings, owner of the Park, to the high level of passing traffic comprising an impressive 18,000 vehicles per day.

With just one remaining retail outlet to let, the search is now on to find the last business to fully fill the site. The existing retail outlets are let to a cross-section of different businesses encompassing fast food outlets, restaurants, beauty therapy, retail shopping and motoring.

Around 150 new jobs have already been created at the Onyx Retail Park, which is located close to a popular RSPB Nature Reserve. Site promoter, Andrew Miller from Andrew Miller, Chartered Surveyors of Sheffield is now keen to find the last tenant, which will hopefully lead to even more jobs.

Suitable for a cross-section of businesses, the Onyx Retail Park comprises 17,500sqft of retail space and holds planning consent for A1 (retail), A2 (financial) and A3 (food). The whole site is also very secure with CCTV monitoring for security purposes.

Adjacent to 1,100 homes the Onyx Retail Park is also surrounded by industrial development which has resulted in the site providing many of the services needed by householders and firms surrounding the site without the need often for even a car journey.

Another big attraction to businesses located on the Onyx Retail Park' is the 90,000 visitors per year to the 250 acres Old Moor RSPB Nature Reserve and Wetlands and the Manvers Lake.

The adjacent park and lake together with the award-winning Waterfront Golf Course and not forgetting the popular Trans Pennine trail, makes Onyx an ideal place to shop and eat.

One of the latest firms to join the Onyx Park is Caffè Latte, whose manager, Brett Harrison, believes the Onyx Retail Park is the ideal location. He said: “We are thrilled to be in such an amazing site and expect to do good business in both covers and takeaway orders. There is a real buzz about the place with people flocking on to the site from work and homes to shop and eat.

Summarising, Andrew Miller comments: “Unlike many new opportunities that come onto the market, there is little doubt that the high volume of passing trade and the subsequent footfall created makes the Onyx Retail Park the ideal location for a wide range of prospective retail focussed businesses.”

Businesses already located at the Onyx Retail Park include SPAR, Yo Yo Noodle, Caffè Latte, Greggs the Baker, Domino’s Pizza and Subway, as well as Motor World, the UK’s largest independent car parts and car accessories retailer. In addition two restaurants, Thai Garden Café and Bistro 63, enhance the culinary range on offer to visitors. Completing the line-up is pampering provider Beauty at Heart salon.

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Background

Onward Holdings has been involved in warehousing and industrial estates owned and run by the company since 1930. Today, this family-run business is primarily involved in development and construction, including the provision of multi-sized warehouse facilities in the M62/M1/A1 corridor of West Yorkshire, and residential and mixed-use developments.

In addition to ONYX the business has an exciting development at Green Lane Industrial Estate at Featherstone and a large industrial estate in Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire. The Scunthorpe estate is currently being developed and offers commercial and industrial land and buildings suitable for a variety of users on either a freehold or leasehold basis.

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