

**Issued on behalf of Onward Holdings Ltd****Date: November 5 2015****Ref: PR50a Franchise****ONYX RETAIL PARK IS PERFECT SETTING FOR FRANCHISES TO FLOURISH**

Franchise owners looking to expand or set up food outlets or other retail businesses know that the difference between selecting the wrong location and the right one could be the difference between failure and success.

Onward Holdings Ltd is urging franchisors looking for additional premises, or newcomers considering opening their own franchise, to look no further than South Yorkshire and the runaway success of a retail park based on the former Manvers Colliery at Wath-Upon-Deane, mid-way between Barnsley and Rotherham.

Coffee provider Caffè Latte, Domino's Pizza and Subway, the world's largest sandwich franchise, have all successfully set up shop on the Onyx Retail Park. The Park has now just one large unit left to let of 2,000sqft, the former Motor World shop after the car parts and accessories business went into administration, which could be divided into two 1,000sqft units if required.

The Park's owners, Onward Holdings, is offering favourable terms for a franchise in this thriving location thanks to the mixture of existing retail outlets – encompassing fast food, restaurants, beauty therapy and retail shopping – attracting significant footfall and potential passing road traffic comprising an impressive 18,000 vehicles per day.

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, says anyone looking for new premises should get in touch quickly if they want to share in the Park's outstanding success.

He commented: "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 place for those wishing to open a franchised business."

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), A3 (food). The whole site is also very secure with CCTV monitoring for security purposes.

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Adjacent to 1,100 homes the Onyx Retail Park is 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.

Businesses already located at the Onyx Retail Park include SPAR, Yo Yo Noodle, Caffè Latte, Greggs the Baker, Domino's Pizza, Marina Fish & Chips and Subway. In addition two restaurants, Thai Garden Café and Emilina's, enhance the culinary range on offer to visitors. Completing the line-up is pampering provider Beauty at Heart salon, renowned children's charity Barnardo's and nationwide Vape retailer VapeHQ.

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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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