

**Issued on behalf of Onward Holdings Ltd****Date: February 28th 2017****Ref: PR62a Normanton Refurbishment****ONWARD HOLDINGS SUPPLIES SOLUTIONS FOR ‘SHORTAGE OF SPACE’ AGE**

Onward Holdings Ltd is doing its bit to alleviate the shortage of warehouse capacity, which could hamper the Government’s vision of a Northern Powerhouse, by offering for lease a refurbished dedicated unit in the heart of Yorkshire.

Fuelled by the booming e-commerce sector, on-line retailers are snapping up available warehouse and industrial units, far outstripping demand for store-based fulfilment, at a pace that currently cannot be met due to a bottleneck in land development, so any increase in available space for a new logistics hub is to be welcomed and is sure to attract a flood of enquiries.

Following a significant upgrade by owners Onward Holdings Normanton 108, promoted by Ian McPhail of Knight Frank of Leeds (0113 297 1843 or 0113 288 5264 and Andrew Miller of Andrew Miller Chartered Surveyors of Sheffield (0114 236 2340), provides over 108,000sqft of available warehouse space within one of the UK’s most sought after distribution and manufacturing locations.

Ideally located adjacent to junction 31 of the M62 Motorway, the new unit at the Normanton Industrial Estate has undergone complete refurbishment, including re-roofing of the facility as well as full re-cladding of the exterior, new exterior windows, doors and entrance canopy to the offices. Of which 2,500 sqft is Grade A presented.

It has three portal bays with offices to the rear as well as extensive car parking and yard areas. There is a large grassed area to the front that could be used for additional expansion, subject to planning permissions.

Normanton has a front-loading area with 12 covered dock loading bays and a fully enclosed loading/dispatch area with drive-through surface doors to each side. Offices and staff facilities (up to 10,000sqft) are housed within an attached two-story building to the rear of the warehouse. The site also has the potential to be split into two separate units.

It is feared that record high levels of occupier take-up, coupled with a shortfall in supply levels of suitable logistics and industrial space in Yorkshire, could put the brake on economic development in one of the UK’s most important regions.

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The availability of over 100,000sqft might seem a drop in the ocean compared to the millions of sq ft required annually to meet current demand in the UK, but Onward Holdings' success in supplying high quality warehousing for a variety of sectors, such as e-commerce, food, high end goods and packaging, makes it one of the leading industrial space providers in the region.

Joint letting agent, Andrew Miller, said: "Onward Holdings has made a significant investment in refurbishing the Normanton facility to make it even more attractive to businesses seeking a distribution/storage hub in such a key location. Take up of industrial space in the UK at the moment is at a premium so interested parties need to move fast to book a viewing."

Family-run business Onward Holdings specialises in operating highly-competitively priced industrial warehousing in the North of England. In addition to Normanton it has sites in Castleford, Doncaster, Scunthorpe. It also has two plots of land available for design and build opportunities at Onward Park in Featherstone, which is within touching distance of the M62.

Onward Holdings offers a range of logistics options to suit most budgets, together with additional value-added warehouse services. The different facilities that Onward Holdings offers can help companies gain a vital foothold in the northern supply chain.

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Background

Onward Holdings is a fourth generation family-run business founded in 1930 which is renowned for developing and operating warehousing and industrial units. This includes the provision of bespoke or shared multi-sized warehouse facilities in the M62/M1/A1 corridor of West Yorkshire.

In addition to offering warehousing and fulfilment services at its sites, the business has developed a former coal mine near Barnsley into a gleaming new retail park. ONYX Retail Park, comprising 17,500 square feet of retail space, is based in Wath-Upon-Deerne and is located at the former Manvers main colliery, an area of major regeneration.

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