

## **Onward Holdings Ltd**

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### **ONWARD HOLDINGS SITE FAST TRACKS GOODS FOR ASPRAY24**

Leading 3PL specialist Aspray24, which makes around 15,000 consignment deliveries a day for clients, has agreed a three-year extension on the lease for its 30,000sqft warehouse on the Green Lane Industrial Estate.

Plenty of parking space at the Onward Holdings owned site in Featherstone, West Yorkshire, was an appealing feature for Aspray24, to help manage the dramatic increase in haulage traffic due to booming demand for the business's services.

As the name suggests, Aspray24 offers round-the-clock delivery services for a wide range of industrial goods, engineering components and everything in between. It has gone from strength to strength since moving to Onward Business Park in 2012, benefitting from the site's excellent distribution connections, located just a stone's throw from the M62, M1 and A1 motorways.

As well as enabling fast turnaround of goods, site security also played a part in Aspray24's decision to extend its lease. The development has securely fenced, gated and floodlit parking and yard, remotely monitored security cameras and interlinked security/alarm systems.

Chairman Patrick Laight said that being so close to the main motorway network was "vital strategically" for Aspray24 when they were considering their options, but even if they had decided to relocate it would have been to another Onward Holdings site.

He added: "Onward Holdings is a very good landlord, they understand our business and we have a great relationship with them. We make thousands of deliveries a day both locally and nationwide so being close to the motorway network is a major advantage. The site is very secure and yard space is a rarity so we're delighted with the availability of parking."

In addition to Aspray24, the Green Lane Industrial Estate boasts other successful businesses benefiting from its prime location close to large population areas in the Yorkshire region and the railway freight network at Wakefield Europort.

The estate is perfectly placed to help businesses distribute goods with maximum efficiency. Given the current shortage of suitable industrial space in the north, this ultimately made the decision to stay put easier for Aspray24.

Onward Holdings believes that it can play an important role in supporting companies' logistics needs by offering flexible and well-located premises. Director, Neil Storey, said: "We are thrilled that Aspray24 have extended their lease at our Featherstone site. It's an ideal place to maximise supply chain efficiency in a sought-after area with outstanding road, rail and air connections."

Family-run business Onward Holdings specialises in operating highly competitively priced industrial warehousing and retail parks in the North of England. Its other warehousing sites include nearby Castleford, Doncaster, Normanton and Scunthorpe as well as the very busy Onyx Retail Park at Wath upon Dearne. Promotion of the Featherstone site is being undertaken by Andrew Miller Chartered Surveyors of Sheffield.

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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 and managed 3PL warehousing 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-Dearne and is located at the former Manvers main colliery, an area of major regeneration.

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