

Onward Holdings Ltd

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ONWARD HOLDINGS SEEKING MORE LAND FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Commercial development land is required by Onward Holdings Ltd as part of its ongoing business plan that could help meet the UK logistics property market needs for new warehouse space in the north of England.

The commercial property specialist is currently looking to purchase available land suitable for development, or existing sites that are in need of redevelopment in West Yorkshire, which could potentially be utilised to build up the stock of warehouse and industrial units that will offer an alternative to locations in middle England.

Obviously, the housing crisis in the UK needs to be addressed and local authorities face tricky decisions over valuable land resources, but they will be missing an economic trick if not proposing to allocate any new sites for primary warehousing and distribution centres, which will bring long-term benefits and thousands of jobs to local areas.

Yorkshire's major motorway network makes it a gateway to UK markets and beyond. Places like Castleford and Featherstone offer easy reach to the northern container ports, Doncaster Airport and the railway freight network via the nearby Wakefield Europort. Around 80% of the UK's population is accessible in four hours, making these locations ideal for bulk distribution items.

Neil Storey, Director of Onward Holdings, said: "We are on the hunt for more commercial sites in West Yorkshire that would benefit from development or redevelopment to accommodate the growing demand for storage, distribution and fulfilment hubs. We have been successful in securing some prime locations in Yorkshire for logistics facilities, but more land near to the motorway junctions needs to be allocated."

The fourth-generation family-run business operates high quality industrial warehousing in the region. Its sites include Castleford, Doncaster, Ackworth, Scunthorpe and Featherstone. Onward Holdings also built Onyx Retail Park, the successful shopping and eating destination on the former Manvers colliery in South Yorkshire.

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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. Sites include Castleford, Normanton, Featherstone and South Kirkby.

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. Other retail sites operated by the business are located in Scunthorpe.

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