

**Issued on behalf of Onward Holdings Ltd****Date: May 3 2012****Ref: PR7a Domino's****ONYX RETAIL PARK CREATES 30 NEW JOBS WITH DOMINO'S FRANCHISE**

Domino's Pizza which operates more than 9,350 stores in 70 different countries has chosen the Onyx Retail Park for one of its latest franchises, resulting in the creation of a further 30 new jobs.

The former colliery site located in Wath-Upon-Dearne, almost mid-way between Barnsley and Rotherham attracted the enterprising Pizza chain thanks to its prime location near to a major housing development and proximity to other food retailers who are also located onsite.

Domino's which prides itself on providing high quality freshly prepared hot food using only the best fresh ingredients, operates a pizza collection and delivery service from Onyx to the local area. Its Area Manager Jay Ravel who is responsible for five Domino establishments in South Yorkshire explains: "Head office is continually looking for high impact places and picked Onyx because of its prime location to existing and planned new housing. The site ticked all the boxes and I am pleased to advise that following the completion of the construction phase our business is now fully operational. Initially we hired 15 people but with the uptake in sales we are now recruiting a further 15 staff members."

Onyx, which has attracted a steady stream of well-known food names including Greggs the Bakers and Subway, has developed a food niche thanks to sensible lease rates and its proximity to a large number of consumers. The full site comprises 17,500 square feet of retail space, and is located above the former Manvers main colliery, an area of major development following the recent decision to construct an additional 1,100 adjacent homes.

The Onyx Retail Park site which holds A1 (retail), A2 (financial), A3 (food) and A5 (hot food take away) planning consents has attracted a cross-section of businesses which in addition to the food blue chip names also includes a Thai Garden Café and motor parts retailer.

Developed by Onward Holdings, part of the site's appeal is its proximity to leisure facilities including the Manvers Lake and parkland, Waterfront golf course, the Old Moor RSPB Reserve and the historical Trans Pennine trail. Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council also advises that the adjacent A633 has 18,000 vehicle movements a day which when coupled with additional homes nearby, makes it ideal for out of town retailing.

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Onward Holdings director Neil Storey adds; "Obviously we are very pleased that Domino's have decided to move onto the Onyx Retail Park and created a further 30 new jobs. The site appeals to a cross-section of businesses and thanks to the confidence demonstrated by a number of well-known firms it has now developed a big enough nucleus to meet the needs of the growing local population."

Due to the impressive take-up of units, Onward Holdings has speeded up the release of phase two, comprising a further 10,000 square feet of space which is split between two units. Onward Holdings has also sought planning permission to allow the units if necessary to be divided into much smaller shells to accommodate quick service food stores or restaurants.

Promotion of the Onyx site is handled by Andrew Miller Chartered Surveyors of Sheffield, who is offering the remaining units at lease terms from five years upwards based on a realistic rate of £15 per square foot depending on the configuration.

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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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