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## TWO MORE RETAILERS SNAP UP UNITS AT ONYX LEAVING JUST ONE

Renowned children's charity Barnardos and Marina Fish & Chips are the latest outlets to open on the Onyx Retail Park, the successful shopping and eating destination in South Yorkshire built on the former Manvers colliery site at Wath-Upon-Deane, mid-way between Barnsley and Rotherham.

Barnardos, the UK's largest children's charity, and chippie Marina join an impressive selection of different businesses that have set up shop on the site encompassing fast food chains, restaurants, beauty therapy, retail shopping and motoring.

The addition of a fish and chip shop means that Onyx Retail Park now caters for almost every food taste with a plethora of delectable dishes being offered by Marina, Emalina's, Thai Garden Cafè, Caffè Latte, Yo Yo Noodle, Domino's Pizza and Subway.

Leading convenience retail chain SPAR, an award-winning Greggs the Baker, Motor World - the UK's largest independent car parts and car accessories retailer - and pampering provider Beauty at Heart salon complete the current line-up on Onyx Retail Park, leaving just one remaining unit of 1,000sqft on the site for letting.

Part of the site's success is attributed by Onward Holdings, owner of the Onyx Retail Park, to the high level of passing traffic comprising an impressive 18,000 vehicles per day. Around 150 new jobs have already been created on site, which is located close to a popular RSPB Nature Reserve.

Barnardos, which will be selling a wide range of stock including clothes, bric-a-brac, books, DVDs and CDs to support the work the charity does with vulnerable children, is delighted to open its doors in such a vibrant area.

Shop manageress Louisa Stones, said: "I love being here, there's a great community spirit. It's a good location with plenty of footfall from passing traffic, particularly at lunchtimes because of the great choice of food. We're also getting some great quality donations, though we're still on the lookout for more volunteers to help run the shop."

Meanwhile Marina is adding to the great food choice for visitors by offering a delicious range of traditional fish and chips, kebabs, sausages and pies both eat in – there is seating for 16 covers – and takeaway. Its owner, Mario Eleftheriades, said: "Onyx is an exciting new location for my third shop. It's very busy with lots of things going on around the park."

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

Site promoter, Andrew Miller, said: "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 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.

Site promoter is Andrew Miller from Andrew Miller, Chartered Surveyors of Sheffield. **END** 

## 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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