

**Issued on behalf of Onward Holdings Ltd****Date: March 17 2016****Ref: PR53a Multimodal 2016****ONWARD HOLDINGS WILL BE MAPPING OUT ITS KEY WAREHOUSE SITES AT  
MULTIMODAL****NEC Birmingham, 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016 Stand 1522**

When considering investing in new storage and logistics operations it is essential that the site is right. Onward Holdings will be offering a range of solutions to meet the acute shortage of prime locations for warehousing in the north of England at this year's Multimodal show.

Among the sites family-run Onward Holdings will be showcasing at the NEC are 3PL facilities based in East Leeds, new-build warehouse sites near Wakefield and a soon to be refurbished facility in Normanton, West Yorkshire, all suitable for freight forwarding and distribution.

A scarcity in available warehousing space along the M62 corridor could possibly hinder economic development as firms seek out sites offering quick and easy distribution of their products through motorways, ports and rail freight.

All three sites are close to the motorway networks for fast delivery to all parts of the UK, the railway freight network, Humber ports and regional airports. They are in superb locations and can be utilised for a wide variety of uses, subject to planning permission.

The Willowbridge Lane site in Castleford is an ideal warehouse base for those needing to quickly move and/or store goods in the north of England. It is equipped with a host of facilities making it one of the best locations for those using containers. These include two dock levellers for the loading and unloading of containers and also box vans.

Onward Holdings is expecting strong interest in the design and build opportunities at its site in Featherstone. Unit 4 is a 1.6 acre development of up to 20,000sqft providing a potential logistics operation with scope for a service area for trucks. It has planning permission allowing for construction to commence in a matter of months. Unit 5 is made up of four acres with a footprint for warehousing of up to 70,000sqft – planning permission for this unit should be quickly forthcoming.

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Meanwhile, visitors to Onward Holdings' stand can also learn of the company's plans for the ongoing development of the unit at the Normanton Industrial Estate, which, if required, can be split into two separate warehouses.

Onward Holdings is promoting at Multimodal a combined total of around 150,000 square feet of potential warehousing and storage space in Yorkshire, a region which has seen a huge take up of available space since the economy came out of recession.

A significant knock-on effect of the economic recovery is the scarcity of available warehouse space, due to companies becoming more confident of investing in supply chain facilities and the increasing demand from third party logistics providers and e-retailers seeking additional capacity for their customer fulfilment centres.

Onward Holdings director Neil Storey says: "We are delighted to be returning to Multimodal. The demand for good quality warehousing shows no sign of slowing so it is an excellent platform for the business to promote the range of sites it has available. The most important question when looking for a foothold in the northern supply chain is location, location, location. We believe that the different facilities that Onward Holdings offers can alleviate the lack of prime sites."

If you cannot attend the show but would like more details visit [www.yorkshirewarehousing.com](http://www.yorkshirewarehousing.com) or call on 01977 614007. Site promotions are being handled by Andrew Miller Chartered Surveyors of Sheffield.

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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 Willowbridge Lane and Langthwaite Business Park, 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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