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## WHITTLE JONES NORTH WEST RECORD HIGHEST NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES.

Whittle Jones; managing agents acting on behalf of Northern Trust are pleased to confirm that in May they recorded the highest level of enquiries within the last 2 years.

Despite a fall in enquiries during the months of March and April due to the coronavirus lockdown measures; the number of people looking for business space increased in May to its highest level in 2 years and June has been a record breaking month as well.

John Marrow, Regional Property Manager at Whittle Jones North West, commented "Since the relaxation of some of the lock-down measures we have seen a marked increase in the demand from people looking for industrial, workshop and trade counter units to let. During this uncertain time, it is pleasing to see that the market is still strong and not just for start-up companies but for our existing occupiers looking for expansion space as well."

Northern Trust's North West portfolio covers over 2.5m sq ft in more than 1,100 individual units / office suites. The 72 assets are located throughout Merseyside, Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Lancashire and Cumbria.

For more information please visit the Whittle Jones website at <a href="https://www.whittlejones.com">www.whittlejones.com</a> or contact us on 01257 238666 for current availability.

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**Northern Trust** is a privately owned company, established in 1962, with a successful track record in property investment, development, land management and regeneration.

The existing property portfolio extends to almost 8 million sq ft of industrial, trade counter and office parks, together with more than 5,000 acres of land throughout the UK, with circa 1,500 acres currently being promoted through the planning process for mixed use development.

**Northern Trust** works closely with house builders, local authorities and special purchasers in bringing forward regeneration opportunities; and has already secured planning for circa 4,500 homes. Our current projects covering more than 30 sites incorporate a mixture of uses including the potential of bringing forward a further 5,000 new homes.

In addition, **Northern Trust** has developed over 3 million sq ft of commercial space in over 50 locations with a further 0.5 million sq ft currently under construction or with planning being prepared for commencement on site within the next year. The company also benefits from a supplementary land bank for the longer term.

The Commercial and Industrial portfolio contains circa 4,000 individual units with unit sizes ranging from as little as 285 sq ft up to c 50,000 sq ft and office suites from as little as 1 person upwards. Premises are situated in over 200 separate locations and the portfolio extends from the South Midlands to the central belt of Scotland. Through recent acquisitions and development almost 1 million sq ft has been added to the portfolio. The portfolio is actively managed by Northern Trust's in-house surveying practice **Whittle Jones.** Whittle Jones have regional offices in the North West, North East, Yorkshire, Midlands and Scotland.

New and existing customers looking for industrial and office accommodation can search the **Whittle Jones website**.

Northern Trust has substantial funds available for new investment, development, and regeneration initiatives throughout the UK. For further information on Northern Trust please visit our website at <a href="https://www.northerntrust.co.uk">www.northerntrust.co.uk</a>