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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **1<sup>st</sup> ENABLE EXPANDS OPERATIONS BY TAKING SPACE AT THE GATEWAY, WAKEFIELD**

Whittle Jones, agents acting on behalf of Northern Trust Company Ltd, are pleased to announce that 1<sup>st</sup> Enable Ltd have moved into Suite 3A at The Gateway office development in Wakefield.

1<sup>st</sup> Enable who have been working in the supported living sector since 2012, have taken the 4 person office suite to facilitate their expansion into the Yorkshire and North East regions.

Jeff Dawson, Director at 1<sup>st</sup> Enable commented “Our move to the Gateway is to provide a registered office for our regulator (CQC) as we are seeking to register our North Eastern supported living services for adults with learning disabilities as a location.

We currently support over 250 people with learning disabilities in their own homes and communities, and employ around 450 staff from North Wales, North West across to Wakefield and as far north as Teeside.

The opening of the premises at The Gateway anchors our presence and demonstrates our commitment to supporting people with learning disabilities in Yorkshire and Teeside.”

For more details on 1<sup>st</sup> Enable please visit their website at [www.1stenable.co.uk](http://www.1stenable.co.uk)

The Gateway office park is split into four offices housed within two semi-detached blocks is ideally located adjacent to Junction 40 of the M1 motorway.

David Lee, Regional Property Director for Whittle Jones added “We are pleased to welcome Jeff and his team at 1<sup>st</sup> Enable to The Gateway, and look forward to working with them on any future occupational requirements.

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The Gateway offers a range of modern flexible office suites from just 2 persons, in an easily accessible location. We have recently seen an increase in enquiries for the available offices as people are looking to get back into a professional working environment. The site is now home to 19 different businesses, supporting circa 130 jobs.”

For more details about The Gateway please visit the dedicated website at [www.thegateway-wakefield.co.uk](http://www.thegateway-wakefield.co.uk) or Whittle Jones Yorkshire on 01924 282 020.

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The existing property portfolio extends to over 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.

The Industrial and Office portfolio contains more than 4,000 individual units with industrial 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 new development almost 1 million sq ft has been added to the portfolio within the last 2 years. The portfolio is actively managed by Northern Trust's in-house surveying practice **Whittle Jones**, which has 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](#).

In addition, **Northern Trust** has developed over 3 million sq ft of commercial space in over 50 locations with over 625,000 sq ft currently under construction or in the development pipeline.

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