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LINK-ABILITY DOUBLES OFFICE SPACE AT ACKHURST BUSINESS PARK, CHORLEY

Northern Trust Company Ltd is pleased to announce that Link-Ability Charity Ltd has expanded its operations at Ackhurst Business Park in Chorley. The charity has doubled its office space from 1,968 sq ft to 3,936 sq ft, taking over the ground floor of its existing premises to support its growing services and staff base.

Link-Ability first moved to Ackhurst Business Park in 2007. The expansion forms part of the organisation's wider growth strategy, enabling it to better support adults with learning disabilities across Lancashire and Greater Manchester.

Founded in 1989 by a group of parents who were seeking better opportunities for their children as they transitioned into adulthood, Link-Ability has since grown into a registered charity supporting individuals and families from its branches in Chorley, Ormskirk, Preston, and Rochdale. The charity is governed by a Board of Trustees who ensure the people they support remain safe and well cared for at all times.

Jo Adshead, Executive Director of Link-Ability, commented: *"We are delighted to have been fortunate enough to expand the work of the charity in recent years. Expanding our head office space and training facility into the ground floor of our existing office space has been a long-standing ambition which we have now realised. The location at Ackhurst Business Park is perfectly situated at the heart of the community we serve in Chorley. It enables easy motorway access for Link-Ability staff visiting head office. The ground floor, level access is perfect for our beneficiaries who have increased mobility needs. We are super happy to be here and are all enjoying working in our new space."*

Ackhurst Business Park is one of Lancashire's premier business destinations covering over 83,000 sq ft. Catering to wide range of occupier requirements, the Business Park offers modern, high-specification office space in fully landscaped grounds, providing a mix of flexible office suites from 250 sq ft and larger self-contained

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buildings up to 6,020 sq ft. The Business Park is home to 30 different businesses, which in turn support over 700 jobs, making it a significant contributor to the local economy.

Nick Hemmings, Regional Property Manager at Northern Trust, added: *"We are pleased to have supported Link-Ability in their continued growth. They are a long-standing occupier at Ackhurst Business Park, and it's fantastic to see them expand their operations here. Their work within the community is truly commendable, and we're proud to be able to provide the quality, accessible space they need to deliver their services."*

Ackhurst Business Park is strategically located approximately one mile from Chorley town centre, close to the M61 motorway, and within easy reach of Chorley and Euxton train stations. On-site benefits include ample parking, overnight and weekend security, and proximity to local amenities including Tesco and the Fieldfare Pub.

For further information about Ackhurst Business Park, please visit www.ackhurstbusinesspark.co.uk or contact the North West team on 01257 238666 or via email at northwest@northerntrust.co.uk to arrange a viewing.

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Notes to Editors:

Link-Ability Ltd is a registered charity supporting adults with learning disabilities through personalised services that promote independence, wellbeing and community inclusion. More information can be found at www.linkability.org.uk.

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Northern Trust is a family-owned private company, established in 1962, with a successful track record in property investment, development and strategic land promotion.

The existing property portfolio extends to 9 million sq ft of industrial, trade counter and office parks, together with more than 4,500 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 over 500,000 sq ft has been added to the portfolio within the last 2 years. The portfolio is actively managed by Northern Trust's Regional Teams with offices in the North West, North East, Yorkshire, Midlands and Scotland.

New and existing customers looking for industrial and office accommodation can search the NTProperties.co.uk website.

In addition, the development team has project managed the construction of circa 4 million sq ft of commercial space in 50 locations with over 600,000 sq ft currently on site or in the development pipeline.

The strategic land team at **Northern Trust** has secured planning for circa 4,500 new homes over the last 2 years and has current projects covering more than 60 sites with potential to bring forward more than 10,000 new homes. The company works closely with landowners, developers, local authorities and local communities to deliver development across the UK. Please see [NTLand.co.uk](https://www.ntland.co.uk) website for further details.

Northern Trust has substantial funds available for new investment, development, and strategic land acquisitions throughout the UK. For more information please visit the website at www.northerntrust.co.uk