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**NORTH WEST PROJECTS MAKE IT A HAT TRICK AT
ACKHURST BUSINESS PARK**

North West Projects Ltd has taken a new 6 year lease at Levens House. At the same time they have renegotiated their existing lease on their Head Quarters, Kensington House, so that their term now runs for 6 years. Along with the 2 year agreement on Balmoral House, North West Projects are the largest occupier on site with 10,890 sq ft of floorspace.

Frank Dalton – NWP Managing Director is enthusiastic about the additional premises “We are an Engineering Design Consultancy and have grown from 20 to over 100 staff in the past 4 years. Ackhurst has provided an excellent platform for this expansion. The estate is very convenient for local amenities and ensures we maintain a highly professional image. Our team are clearly very happy with the location.”

Ackhurst Business Park is one of Lancashire’s premier business locations, covering over 83,000 sq ft and home to 17 businesses employing more than 450 people cumulatively. The estate incorporates a range of modern detached office buildings, available on a suite by suite basis or own front door. These buildings are set in fully maintained landscaped grounds and have been designed to a high specification. The estate benefits from generous parking and on site security. With Classic Lodges move from Levens House to part of the first floor in Conway House there are currently only 3 suites available on the estate.

Richard Wharton of King Sturge, newly appointed joint agents acting on behalf of Northern Trust on the scheme added “Ackhurst Park continues to maintain it’s position as the location of choice in the area for forward thinking companies seeking quality office space with good on site parking & nearby amenities at competitive rentals. Even in the current economic climate we are seeing a good level of interest from occupiers & the fact that we have only three suites available at present speaks for itself.”

Ackhurst Business Park is situated in one of Chorley’s prime development areas, with Tesco superstore nearby and the recent addition of the Fieldfare pub opposite. Located approximately 1 mile from Chorley Town Centre and in the middle of the North West’s

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motorway network, the site offers quick and easy access throughout the region and nationally. Euxton railway station is within ¾ mile of the Business Park.

For further information about Ackhurst Business Park visit the dedicated website www.ackhurstbusinesspark.co.uk or contact one of the joint agents King Sturge (0161 236 8793), Bailey Deakin & Hamiltons (01772 337733) or Whittle Jones (01257 238666).

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Northern Trust's existing property portfolio is in excess of 8 million sq ft of industrial/trade and office parks and has more than 5,000 acres of land under ownership/management throughout the UK. Over 2 million sq ft has now been developed in over 40 locations, and Northern Trust continues to expand through all three areas of its property business.

Northern Trust has extensive experience of working with the public sector, with a large proportion of the portfolio originally acquired from the Regional Development Agencies. In addition, new regeneration/development partnerships have been entered into with various public bodies, to provide regeneration initiatives across the UK and employment premises for both Small and Medium Enterprises and larger occupiers.

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