



Nationwide Building Society

(Incorporated in England under the Building Societies Act 1986, as amended)

U.S.\$25,000,000,000 European Note Programme

On 17 April 1991 Nationwide Building Society entered into a U.S.\$750,000,000 Note Programme (as subsequently amended, the **Programme**). This Base Prospectus supersedes all previous prospectuses and offering circulars relating to the Programme and supplements thereto. Any Notes issued under the Programme on or after the date hereof are issued subject to the provisions set out herein. This does not affect any Notes issued prior to the date hereof.

Pursuant to the Programme, Nationwide Building Society (the **Issuer** or the **Society**) may from time to time issue one or more Tranches (as defined herein) of Notes (the **Notes**, which expression shall include Ordinary Notes, Deposit Notes and Subordinated Notes (each as defined herein)).

The maximum aggregate nominal amount of all Notes from time to time outstanding under the Programme (excluding Deposit Notes) will not exceed U.S.\$25,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described herein and subject to increase as provided herein).

The Notes may be issued from time to time to one or more of the Dealers (each person so specified on page 6 being a **Dealer** and together the **Dealers**, which expression shall include any additional Dealer appointed under the Programme from time to time and which appointment may be for the issue of a specific Tranche of Notes or on an ongoing basis).

An investment in Notes issued under the Programme involves certain risks. For a discussion of these risks see "Risk Factors".

Application has been made to the Financial Conduct Authority (the **FCA**) under Part VI of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the **UK Listing Authority**) for Ordinary Notes and Subordinated Notes issued under the Programme during the period of 12 months from the date of this Base Prospectus to be admitted to the official list of the UK Listing Authority (the **Official List**) and to the London Stock Exchange plc (the **London Stock Exchange**) for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Regulated Market. References in this Base Prospectus to Notes being "listed" (and all related references) shall mean that such Notes have been admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Regulated Market and have been admitted to the Official List. The London Stock Exchange's Regulated Market is a regulated market for the purposes of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (Directive 2004/39/EC).

Notice of the aggregate nominal amount of, interest (if any) payable in respect of, the issue price of, the issue date and maturity date of, and certain other information which is applicable to, each Tranche of Notes will be set forth in a final terms document (the **Final Terms**) applicable to such Tranche which, with respect to Notes to be listed on the London Stock Exchange, will be delivered to the UK Listing Authority and the London Stock Exchange prior to the date of issue of such Tranche. Copies of Final Terms in relation to Notes to be listed on the London Stock Exchange will also be published on the website of the London Stock Exchange through a regulatory information service.

The Issuer has a long-term/short-term/subordinated debt rating of A1/P-1/Baa1 by Moody's Investors Service Limited (**Moody's**), A/A-1/BBB by Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services Europe Limited (**S&P**) and A/F1/A- by Fitch Ratings Ltd. (**Fitch**). Moody's, S&P and Fitch are each established in the European Union and registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the **CRA Regulation**). Each of Moody's, S&P and Fitch is included in the list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority (**ESMA**) on its website in accordance with the CRA Regulation. Tranches of Notes issued pursuant to the Programme may be rated or unrated. Where a Tranche of Notes is rated, such rating will be disclosed in the Final Terms and will not necessarily be the same as the ratings assigned to the Programme. A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

Arranger BofA Merrill Lynch Dealers

Barclays
BofA Merrill Lynch
Commerzbank
Daiwa Capital Markets Europe
Goldman Sachs International
J.P. Morgan
Nomura
Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking

UBS Investment Bank

BNP PARIBAS
Citigroup
Credit Suisse
Deutsche Bank
HSBC
Morgan Stanley
RBC Capital Markets
The Royal Bank of Scotland

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This Base Prospectus comprises a base prospectus for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive. When used in this Base Prospectus, **Prospectus Directive** means Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended), and includes any relevant implementing measure in a relevant Member State of the European Economic Area).

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Base Prospectus and the Final Terms for each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this Base Prospectus and the Final Terms is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

This Base Prospectus is to be read in conjunction with any supplements hereto, all documents which are deemed to be incorporated herein by reference (see "*Documents Incorporated by Reference*" on page 35) and any Final Terms. This Base Prospectus shall be read and construed on the basis that such documents are incorporated in and form part of this Base Prospectus.

No representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made by any Dealer or the Trustee, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Dealers and the Trustee disclaim all responsibility or liability which they might otherwise have, as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this Base Prospectus or any other financial statement or any further information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Notes or their distribution. The statements made in this paragraph are made without prejudice to the responsibility of the Issuer under the Programme.

Neither the Dealers nor the Trustee (as defined below) accept any liability whether arising in tort or contract or otherwise in relation to the information contained in this Base Prospectus or any other information provided by the Issuer in connection with the Programme.

No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation not contained herein and any information or representation not contained herein must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, the Dealers or the Trustee.

None of this Base Prospectus, any financial statements and/or any further information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Notes is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation or should be considered as a recommendation or constituting an offer or invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer, any of the Dealers or the Trustee that any recipient of this Base Prospectus or any financial statements or any further information supplied in connection with the Notes should subscribe for or purchase any of the Notes. Each investor contemplating purchasing Notes should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the Issuer.

Neither the delivery of this Base Prospectus nor any subscription, sale or purchase of any Notes shall at any time imply that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer since the date hereof or that the information contained herein concerning the Issuer is correct at any time subsequent to the date hereof or that any other financial statements or any further information supplied in connection with the Notes is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same. The Dealers and the Trustee expressly do not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer and its subsidiaries during the life of the Programme. Investors should review, *inter alia*, the most recently published Annual Report and Accounts of the Issuer when deciding whether or not to purchase any of the Notes.

None of this Base Prospectus, any financial statements and/or any further information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Notes constitutes an offer of, or an invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Dealers or the Trustee to subscribe for or purchase, any of the Notes.

The distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offer, distribution or sale of Notes may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. The Issuer, the Dealers and the Trustee do not represent that this document may be lawfully distributed, or that the Notes may be lawfully offered, in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any such jurisdiction, or pursuant to an exemption available thereunder, or assume any responsibility for facilitating any such distribution or offering. In particular, no action has been taken by the Issuer, the Dealers or the Trustee which is intended to permit a public offering of the Notes outside the European Economic Area or distribution of this document in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, the Notes may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Base Prospectus nor any advertisement or other offering material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations and the Dealers have represented that all offers and sales by them will be made on such terms. Persons into whose possession this Base Prospectus or any Notes come must inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions. In particular, there are restrictions on the distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offer or sale of Notes in the United States, the European Economic Area (including the United Kingdom) and Japan (see "*Subscription and Sale*" on pages 101 – 103).

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the **Securities Act**) and are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, within the United States or to U.S. persons as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act (see "*Subscription and Sale*").

In this Base Prospectus, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, references to the **Act** are to the Building Societies Act 1986, which expression shall include, where applicable, any statutory modification or reenactment thereof or any statutory instrument, order or regulation made thereunder or under any statutory modification or reenactment.

Terms used in this Base Prospectus, shall unless otherwise defined or the context otherwise requires, have the same meanings as are given to them in the Act or, as the case may be, the Rules of the Society (the **Rules**) or the Memorandum of the Society (the **Memorandum**).

In this Base Prospectus, references to **£, pounds** and **Sterling** are to pounds sterling, references to **U.S.\$** and **U.S. Dollars** are to United States dollars, references to **Yen** and **¥** are to Japanese Yen and references to **€** or **euro** are to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended.

The Notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors. Each potential investor in the Notes must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor may wish to consider, either on its own or with the help of its financial and other professional advisers, whether it:

- (i) has sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Notes, the merits and risks of investing in the Notes and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any applicable supplement;
- (ii) has access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Notes and the impact the Notes will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (iii) has sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Notes, including Notes where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;

- (iv) understands thoroughly the terms of the Notes and is familiar with the behaviour of financial markets; and
- (v) is able to evaluate possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments. The investment activities of certain investors are subject to legal investment laws and regulations, or review or regulation by certain authorities. Each potential investor should consult its legal advisers to determine whether and to what extent (i) Notes are legal investments for it, (ii) Notes can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (iii) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Notes. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisors or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Notes under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

In connection with the issue of any Tranche of Notes, one or more relevant Dealers acting as the Stabilisation Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager(s)) may over-allot Notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Notes of the Series (as defined below) of which such Tranche forms part at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilisation Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of a Stabilisation Manager) will undertake stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche of Notes is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of Notes and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche of Notes. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant Stabilisation Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

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OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME

The following overview does not purport to be complete and is taken from, and is qualified in its entirety by, the remainder of this Base Prospectus and, in relation to the terms and conditions of any particular Tranche of Notes, the applicable Final Terms. The Issuer and any relevant Dealer may agree that Notes shall be issued in a form other than that contemplated in the Terms and Conditions, in which event, a new Base Prospectus or a drawdown prospectus will be published.

This Overview constitutes a general description of the Programme for the purposes of Article 22.5(3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 809/2004 implementing the Prospectus Directive.

Words and expressions defined in "Form of the Notes" and "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" shall have the same meanings in this Overview. References in this Base Prospectus to the "Group" are references to Nationwide Building Society and its subsidiaries, all of which are consolidated, unless the context otherwise requires.

Issuer: Nationwide Building Society (the **Issuer**). The Issuer is the largest building society in the United Kingdom, based on total assets of £195 billion as at 4 April 2015.

Risk Factors: Certain factors may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. These are set out under "*Risk Factors*" below and include (i) cyclicalities in the United Kingdom residential housing market, (ii) the competitive nature of the United Kingdom personal financial services markets in which the Society operates, (iii) failure by the Society to control its financial risks may result in the Issuer being unable to manage its business and (iv) risks associated with the United Kingdom personal finance sector may adversely affect the business of the Society. In addition, there are certain factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme. These are set out under "*Risk Factors*" below and include certain risks relating to the structure or particular Series of Notes and certain market risks.

Dealers:

- Barclays Bank PLC
- BNP Paribas
- Citigroup Global Markets Limited
- Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft
- Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited
- Daiwa Capital Markets Europe Limited
- Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch
- Goldman Sachs International
- HSBC Bank plc
- J.P. Morgan Securities plc
- Merrill Lynch International
- Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc
- Nomura International plc
- RBC Europe Limited
- Société Générale
- The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
- UBS Limited

Issuing and Principal Paying Agent:	Citibank, N.A., London Office
Amount:	Up to U.S.\$25,000,000,000 nominal amount outstanding at any time (or its equivalent in other currencies as described herein) excluding Deposit Notes. The Issuer may increase the amount of the Programme in accordance with the terms of the Programme Agreement.
Distribution:	Notes may be distributed by way of private or public placement and in each case on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis.
Currencies:	<p>Sterling, euro, U.S. dollars, Yen or any other currency, subject to compliance with all applicable legal and/or regulatory requirements, as may be agreed from time to time by the Issuer, the relevant Dealer(s), the Agent and the Trustee.</p> <p>Each issue of Notes denominated in a currency in respect of which particular laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements apply will only be issued in circumstances which comply with such laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements from time to time.</p>
Denominations:	The Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer save that the minimum denomination of each Note will be such amount as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency and save that the minimum denomination of each Note will be €100,000 (or, if the Notes are denominated in a currency other than euro, the equivalent amount in such currency).
Maturities:	Notes may have any maturity as indicated in the applicable Final Terms, save that (a) in the case of Subordinated Notes, the minimum maturity will be five years and one day, (b) in the case of Deposit Notes, the maximum maturity will be five years, and (c) notwithstanding (a) and (b) above, in any case such other maturity as may be required from time to time by the relevant monetary authority or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant currency.
Issue Price:	Notes may be issued at par or at a premium or discount to par and will be issued on a fully-paid basis.
Form:	The Notes will be issued in bearer form.
Terms of the Notes:	The terms of the Notes will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. The following types of Note may be issued: (i) Notes which bear interest at a fixed or floating rate; (ii) Notes which bear interest at the initial rate specified in the applicable Final Terms, which may be reset thereafter; and (iii) Notes which do not bear interest.
Interest:	Interest periods, rates of interest and the terms of and/or amounts payable on redemption may differ depending on the Notes being issued and such

terms will be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Redemption:

The Final Terms relating to each Tranche of Notes will indicate either that the Notes cannot be redeemed prior to their stated maturity (other than for taxation reasons or following an Event of Default) or that such Notes will be redeemable at the option of the Issuer and/or the Noteholders upon giving notice to the Noteholders or the Issuer, as the case may be, on a date or dates specified prior to such stated maturity and at a price or prices and on such terms as are indicated in the applicable Final Terms.

Subject to certain exceptions, Subordinated Notes may not be redeemed prior to five years and one day from the issue date thereof.

Denomination of Definitive Notes:

So long as any Notes are represented by a temporary global Note or a permanent global Note and the relevant clearing system(s) so permit, the Notes shall be tradeable only in principal amounts of at least the Specified Denomination (or, if more than one Specified Denomination, the lowest Specified Denomination) provided in the applicable Final Terms and integral multiples of the Calculation Amount specified in the applicable Final Terms in excess thereof.

Taxation:

All payments in respect of the Notes will be made without deduction for or on account of United Kingdom withholding taxes, unless the withholding is required by law. In that event, the Issuer will (subject to certain exceptions as set out in Condition 10) pay such additional amounts as will result in Noteholders receiving such amounts as they would have received in respect of the Notes had no such withholding been required.

Status of the Notes (other than Subordinated Notes):

The Notes (other than Subordinated Notes) will constitute direct, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and will rank (subject to any applicable statutory exceptions and the provisions of Condition 4) equally with all other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, and in priority to investment shares in the Issuer.

Status of the Subordinated Notes:

The Subordinated Notes will constitute direct and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and will rank *pari passu* and without any preference among themselves. The claims in respect of principal, interest and any other amount (including, without limitation, any damages awarded for breach of the Issuer's obligations) in respect of Subordinated Notes and any relative Coupons will, in the event of the winding up or dissolution of the Issuer, be subordinated in the manner provided in the Trust Deed and as specified in Condition 3.

Cross Default:

The Notes (other than Subordinated Notes) will contain a cross default clause in respect of indebtedness for moneys borrowed or raised by the Issuer.

Negative Pledge:

The Notes (other than Subordinated Notes) will contain a negative pledge prohibiting (subject to the exception set out therein) the Issuer or any Subsidiary from creating security to secure any Loan Stock of the Issuer or any Subsidiary.

Rating:

Series of Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated.

Where a Series of Notes is rated, such rating will be disclosed in the applicable Final Terms and will not necessarily be the same as the ratings assigned to the Programme. A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

Events of Default:

The terms of certain of the Notes will contain, amongst others, the following events of default:

- (a) default in payments of any principal or interest due in respect of the Notes, continuing for a specified period of time;
- (b) non-performance or non-observance by the Issuer of any of its other obligations under the Terms and Conditions or the Trust Deed continuing for a specified period of time;
- (c) default by the Issuer or any of its Principal Subsidiaries relating to present or future indebtedness in an amount of £40,000,000 or more;
- (d) any distress, execution or similar legal process of a claim of £20,000,000 or more is levied or enforced or sued out upon or against any part of the property, assets or revenues of the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary and is not discharged or stayed within 30 days of having been so levied, enforced or sued out;
- (e) events relating to the administration, liquidation, insolvency or winding up of the Issuer or any of its Principal Subsidiaries.

Listing:

Application has been made for Ordinary Notes and the Subordinated Notes issued under the Programme to be listed on the London Stock Exchange.

Use of Proceeds:

The net proceeds from each issue of Notes will be applied by the Issuer for the general purposes of the Issuer, including without limitation, making mortgage advances on private residential property located in the United Kingdom and making a profit.

Governing Law:

The Notes and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Notes will be governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law.

Selling Restrictions:

There are selling restrictions in relation to the offering and sale of a particular Tranche of Notes. See "*Subscription and Sale*".

RISK FACTORS

The Issuer believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. Most of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and the Issuer is not in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.

In addition, factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme are also described below.

The Issuer believes that the factors described below represent the principal risks inherent in investing in Notes issued under the Programme, but the inability of the Issuer to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with any Notes may occur for other reasons which may not be considered significant risks by the Issuer based on information currently available to it or which it may not currently be able to anticipate. There is a wide range of factors which individually or together could result in the Issuer becoming unable to make all payments due in respect of the Notes. It is not possible to identify all such factors or to determine which factors are most likely to occur, as the Issuer may not be aware of all relevant factors and certain factors which it currently deems not to be material may become material as a result of the occurrence of events outside the Issuer's control. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Base Prospectus and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.

FACTORS WHICH ARE MATERIAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSING THE MARKET RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH NOTES ISSUED UNDER THE PROGRAMME

The UK Banking Act 2009 confers substantial powers on a number of UK authorities designed to enable them to take a range of actions in relation to UK deposit-taking institutions which are considered to be at risk of failing. The exercise of any of these actions in relation to the Issuer or any Notes could materially adversely affect the value of any Notes and/or the rights of Noteholders

Under the UK Banking Act 2009 as amended (the **Banking Act**), substantial powers are granted to HM Treasury, the Prudential Regulation Authority (the **PRA**), the Financial Conduct Authority (the **FCA**) and the Bank of England (together, the **Authorities**) as part of a special resolution regime (the **SRR**). These powers enable the Authorities to deal with, amongst other entities, a UK bank or building society (each a **relevant entity**) in circumstances in which the Authorities consider that the resolution conditions are satisfied, through a series of stabilisation options.

The stabilisation options which may be commenced by the Authorities are: (i) private sector transfer of all or part of the business of the relevant entity; (ii) transfer of all or part of the business of the relevant entity to a “bridge bank” established by the Bank of England; (iii) transfer to an asset management vehicle; (iv) temporary public ownership (nationalisation) of the relevant entity; and (v) a bail-in tool which permits the Bank of England to (a) cancel, modify or convert the form of a liability owed by a relevant entity or provide that a contract under which, amongst others, a relevant entity has a liability is to have effect as if a specified right had been exercised under it or (b) transfer securities issued by a relevant entity to a bail-in administrator.

In each case, the Authorities have wide powers under the Banking Act including powers to modify contractual arrangements in certain circumstances and powers for HM Treasury to disapply or modify laws (with possible retrospective effect) to enable the powers under the Banking Act to be used effectively.

In addition, the Banking Act contains a separate power, often referred to as the “capital write-down tool”, enabling the Authorities to write down (including to nil) an institution’s Additional Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital instruments, or to convert them into common equity tier 1 instruments, if the Authorities consider that the institution is at the “point of non-viability” and certain other conditions are met. The capital write-down tool may be used separately from the resolution tools, and may be used whether or not the institution enters into

resolution. Subordinated Notes issued under the Programme may be Tier 2 capital instruments, and any such Subordinated Notes would be subject to the capital write-down tool.

Accordingly, the use of any stabilisation powers in respect of the Issuer may have an adverse effect on the Issuer's ability to perform its obligations in respect of Notes issued under the Programme, and the use of any stabilisation powers and/or (in the case of Subordinated Notes) the capital write-down tool in respect of Notes themselves may impact the market price of the Notes and/or may adversely affect the rights of Noteholders in respect of their Notes. These risks are discussed further in the following paragraphs.

The SRR may be triggered prior to insolvency of the Issuer

The purpose of the stabilising options is to address the situation where all or part of a business of a relevant entity has encountered, or is likely to encounter, financial difficulties, giving rise to wider public interest concerns. Accordingly, the stabilisation options may be exercised if (i) the relevant Authority is satisfied that a relevant entity (such as the Issuer) is failing or is likely to fail, (ii) following consultation with the other Authorities, the relevant Authority determines that it is not reasonably likely that (ignoring the stabilising options) action will be taken that will enable the relevant entity to satisfy those conditions, (iii) the Authorities consider the exercise of the stabilisation options to be necessary, having regard to certain public interest considerations (such as the stability of the UK financial system, public confidence in the UK banking system and the protection of depositors) and (iv) the relevant Authority considers that the specific resolution objectives would not be met to the same extent by the winding up of the relevant entity.

It is therefore possible that one or more of the stabilisation options could be exercised prior to the point at which any insolvency proceedings with respect to the relevant entity could be initiated.

On 6 August 2015, the European Banking Authority (the **EBA**) published guidelines on the circumstances in which an institution shall be deemed as "failing or likely to fail" by supervisors and resolution authorities. These will apply from 1 January 2016. The guidelines set out the objective criteria which should apply when supervisors and Authorities make such a determination.

Although the Banking Act provides for conditions to the exercise of any resolution powers and the EBA guidelines set out the objective elements for determining whether an institution is failing or likely to fail, it is uncertain how the Authorities would assess such conditions in any particular situation. The relevant Authorities are also not required to provide any advance notice to Noteholders of their decision to exercise any resolution power. Therefore, Noteholders may not be able to anticipate a potential exercise of any such powers nor the potential effect of any exercise of such powers on the Issuer or the Notes.

Various actions may be taken in relation to the Notes without the consent of the Noteholders

If the Issuer were made subject to the SRR, HM Treasury or the Bank of England may exercise extensive share transfer powers (applying to a wide range of securities) and property transfer powers (including powers for partial transfers of property, rights and liabilities) in respect of the Issuer and/or its securities (subject to certain protections).

Exercise of these powers could involve taking various actions in relation to any securities issued by the Issuer (including any Notes issued under the Programme) without the consent of the Noteholders, including (among other things):

- transferring the Notes out of the hands of the holders;
- delisting the Notes;

- writing down (which may be to nil) the Notes or converting the Notes into another form or class of securities; and/or
- modifying or disapplying certain terms of the Notes, which could include modifications to (without limitation) the maturity date (which may be to extend the maturity date), the interest provisions (including reducing the amount of interest payable, the manner in which interest is calculated and/or the scheduled interest payment dates), and/or the redemption provisions (including the timing of any redemption options and/or the amount payable upon redemption), and may result in the disapplication of acceleration rights or events of default under the terms of the Notes or the effect thereof.

The relevant Authorities may exercise the bail-in tool under the Banking Act to recapitalise a relevant entity in resolution by allocating losses to (amongst others) its capital providers and unsecured creditors (which would include Noteholders) in a manner that (i) ought to respect the hierarchy of claims in an ordinary insolvency and (ii) is consistent with shareholders and creditors not receiving a less favourable treatment than they would have received in ordinary insolvency proceedings of the relevant entity (known as the "no creditor worse off" safeguard). Accordingly, the ranking of Notes in insolvency can be expected to have a direct impact on the relative losses imposed on Noteholders in a resolution. For further information with respect to the ranking of Notes, see "*The Subordinated Notes are subordinated to most of the Issuer's liabilities*" and "*Certain liabilities of the Issuer will be preferred by law in the event of a winding-up of the Issuer*" below.

The bail-in tool includes the power to cancel a liability or modify the terms of contracts for the purposes of reducing or deferring the liabilities of the relevant entity under resolution and the power to convert a liability from one form or class to another. The exercise of such powers may result in the cancellation of all, or a portion, of the principal amount of, interest on, or any other amounts payable on, the Notes and/or the conversion of all or a portion of the principal amount of, interest on, or any other amounts payable on, the Notes into equity securities (which, in the case of the Issuer, could be core capital deferred shares) or other securities or other obligations of the Issuer or another person, including by means of a variation to the terms of the Notes.

The taking of any such actions could materially adversely affect the rights of Noteholders, the price or value of their investment in the Notes, the liquidity and/or volatility of any market in the Notes and/or the ability of the Issuer to satisfy its obligations under the Notes. In such circumstances, Noteholders may have a claim for compensation under one of the compensation schemes existing under, or contemplated by, the Banking Act, but there can be no assurance that Noteholders will have such a claim or, if they do, that they would thereby recover compensation promptly or equal to any loss actually incurred.

In addition, if the market perceives or anticipates that any action may be taken under the Banking Act in respect of the Issuer or any of its securities (including any Notes issued under the Programme), this may have a significant adverse effect on the market price of the Notes and/or the liquidity and/or volatility of any market in the Notes, whether or not such powers are ultimately exercised. In such case, investors may experience difficulty in selling their Notes, or may only be able to sell their Notes at a loss.

Mandatory write-down and conversion of capital instruments may affect the Subordinated Notes

As noted above, in addition to the stabilisation options which may be used in a resolution of an institution, the Banking Act contains a capital write-down tool which enables (and, if the institution enters into resolution, requires) the relevant Authorities permanently to write-down, or convert into common equity tier 1 instruments (which, in the case of the Issuer, could be core capital deferred shares), any Tier 1 capital instruments and Tier 2 capital instruments at the point of non-viability of the relevant entity and before or together with the exercise of any stabilisation power.

For the purposes of the application of such mandatory write-down and conversion power, the point of non-viability is the point at which the relevant Authority determines that the relevant entity meets the conditions for

resolution (but no resolution action has yet been taken) or that the relevant entity will no longer be viable unless the relevant capital instruments are written-down or converted or the relevant entity requires extraordinary public support without which, the relevant U.K. resolution authority determines that, the relevant entity would no longer be viable.

Subordinated Notes issued under the Programme may therefore be subject to write-down or conversion into equity on application of such powers (without requiring the consent of the holders thereof), which may result in the holders losing some or all of their investment. The "no creditor worse off" safeguard would not apply in relation to an application of such powers in circumstances where resolution powers are not also exercised.

The exercise of such mandatory write-down and conversion power under the Banking Act could, therefore, materially adversely affect the rights of holders of Subordinated Notes, and such exercise (or the perception that such exercise may occur) could material adversely affect the price or value of their investment in Subordinated Notes and/or the ability of the Issuer to satisfy its obligations under the Notes, and/or may adversely affect liquidity and/or volatility in any market for such Subordinated Notes.

A partial transfer of the Issuer's business may result in a deterioration of its creditworthiness

If the Issuer were made subject to the SRR and a partial transfer of its business to another entity were effected, the quality of the assets and the quantum of the liabilities not transferred and remaining with the Issuer (which may include the Notes) may result in a deterioration in the creditworthiness of the Issuer and, as a result, increase the risk that it may be unable to meet its obligations in respect of the Notes and/or eventually become subject to administration or insolvency proceedings pursuant to the Banking Act. In such circumstances, Noteholders may have a claim for compensation under one of the compensation schemes existing under, or contemplated by, the Banking Act, but there can be no assurance that Noteholders will have such a claim or, if they do, that they would thereby recover compensation promptly or equal to any loss actually incurred.

As at the date of this Prospectus, the Authorities have not made an instrument or order under the Banking Act in respect of the Issuer or any of its securities and there has been no indication that they will make any such instrument or order. However, there can be no assurance that this will not change and/or that Noteholders will not be adversely affected by any such order or instrument if made.

The Notes may not be freely transferred

The Issuer has not registered, and will not register, the Notes under the Securities Act or any other applicable securities laws. Accordingly, the Notes are subject to certain restrictions on resale and other transfer thereof as set forth in the section entitled "*Subscription and Sale*". As a result of these restrictions, the Issuer cannot be certain of the existence of a secondary market for the Notes or the liquidity of such a market if one develops. Consequently, a holder of Notes and an owner of beneficial interests in those Notes must be able to bear the economic risk of their investment in the Notes for the term of the Notes.

An active secondary market in respect of the Notes may never be established or may be illiquid and this would adversely affect the value at which an investor could sell his Notes

The Notes are new securities which may not be widely distributed and for which there is currently no active trading market. If the Notes are traded after their initial issuance, they may trade at a discount to their initial offering price, depending upon prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities, general economic conditions and the financial condition of the Society. Although the Issuer has applied to admit the Notes issued from time to time to listing on the Official List and to admit them to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Regulated Market, the Issuer cannot guarantee that the Notes will be accepted for listing or admitted to trading or that an active trading market will develop. Accordingly, the Issuer cannot guarantee the development or liquidity of any trading market for the Notes.

Investors should note that, in view of prevailing and widely reported global credit market conditions (which continue at the date hereof) the secondary market for the Notes and for instruments of this kind may be illiquid. The Issuer cannot predict when these circumstances will change.

Investors who hold less than the minimum Specified Denomination may be unable to sell their Notes and may be adversely affected if definitive Notes are subsequently required to be issued

In relation to any issue of Notes which have denominations consisting of a minimum Specified Denomination plus one or more higher integral multiples of another smaller amount, it is possible that such Notes may be traded in amounts in excess of the minimum Specified Denomination that are not integral multiples of such minimum Specified Denomination. In such a case a holder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds an amount which is less than the minimum Specified Denomination in his account with the relevant clearing system would not be able to sell the remainder of such holding without first purchasing a principal amount of Notes at or in excess of the minimum Specified Denomination such that its holding amounts to a Specified Denomination. Further, a holder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds an amount which is less than the minimum Specified Denomination in his account with the relevant clearing system at the relevant time may not receive a definitive Note in respect of such holding (should definitive Notes be printed) and would need to purchase a principal amount of Notes at or in excess of the minimum Specified Denomination such that its holding amounts to a Specified Denomination.

If definitive Notes are issued, holders should be aware that definitive Notes which have a denomination that is not an integral multiple of the minimum Specified Denomination may be illiquid and difficult to trade.

The rate of interest of Reset Notes will be reset, which may affect the secondary market for and the market value of such Reset Notes

In the case of any Series of Reset Notes, the rate of interest on such Reset Notes will be reset by reference to the Reset Reference Rate, as adjusted for any applicable margin, on the reset dates specified in the relevant Final Terms. This is more particularly described in Condition 5.3. The reset of the rate of interest in accordance with such provisions may affect the secondary market for and the market value of such Reset Notes. Following any such reset of the rate of interest applicable to the Notes, the First Reset Rate of Interest or the Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest on the relevant Reset Notes may be lower than the Initial Rate of Interest, the First Reset Rate of Interest and/or any previous Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest.

The Subordinated Notes are subordinated to most of the Issuer's liabilities

If the Issuer is declared insolvent and a winding up is initiated the Issuer will, before it can make any payments on the Subordinated Notes, be required to pay in full the holders of its senior-ranking debt and meet its obligations to all of its retail member depositors and other creditors, other than its obligations (i) with respect to its Tier 1 Capital or Tier 2 Capital (each as defined in the terms and conditions of the Notes) or (ii) which otherwise rank, or are expressed to rank, *pari passu* with, or junior to, the claims in respect of the Subordinated Notes. Accordingly, on a winding-up of the Issuer, if the assets of the Issuer are insufficient to enable the Issuer to repay the claims of more senior-ranking creditors in full, the holders of Subordinated Notes will lose their entire investment in such Notes. If there are sufficient assets to enable the Issuer to pay the claims of senior-ranking creditors in full but insufficient assets to enable it to pay claims in respect of its obligations in respect of the Subordinated Notes and all other claims that rank *pari passu* with the Notes, holders of Subordinated Notes will lose some (which may be substantially all) of their investment in such Notes. See "Risk Factors—Factors that may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme—Risks associated with governmental authorities and monetary policies of the UK and changes thereto may adversely affect the Issuer's business".

Certain liabilities of the Issuer will be preferred by law in the event of a winding-up of the Issuer

Prior to 1 January 2015, holders of Ordinary Notes and Deposit Notes and other unsubordinated creditors of the Issuer would, in an insolvency of the Issuer, have ranked ahead of retail member share accounts (which, in turn, ranked ahead of subordinated liabilities) in the creditor hierarchy of the Issuer.

As a result of changes to the United Kingdom building societies legislation (as described briefly below), from 1 January 2015 holders of Ordinary Notes and Deposit Notes and other unsubordinated creditors of the Issuer rank in an insolvency of the Issuer junior to member share accounts which are given preferential status (as described below). Subordinated Notes continue to rank junior to all such members and creditors, as well as ranking junior to Ordinary Notes and Deposit Notes.

Section 90B of the Building Societies Act 1986, as amended (the **Act**) (which was inserted by the Building Societies (Funding) and Mutual Societies (Transfers) Act 2007) was brought into force with effect from 20 November 2014. HM Treasury exercised the power which was granted to it under Section 90B and powers conferred on it by section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 by making the Banks and Building Societies (Depositor Preference and Priorities) Order 2014 (the **Depositor Preference Order**), which entered into force on 1 January 2015. As a result of these changes, provision has been made by HM Treasury for the purpose of ensuring that, on the winding-up, or dissolution by consent, of a building society, any assets available for satisfying the society's liabilities to creditors (other than liabilities in respect of subordinated deposits; liabilities in respect of preferential debts; or any other category of liability which HM Treasury specifies in the order for these purposes) or to member share account holders (other than liabilities in respect of preferential debts and deferred shares) are applied in satisfying those liabilities *pari passu*.

The Depositor Preference Order (i) extended the scope of preferential debts in respect of deposits and (ii) further aligned creditor hierarchy in United Kingdom building societies with the depositor preference requirements introduced in consequence of the EU Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive (Directive 2014/59/EU) (**BRRD**) to ensure that any sums due to building society members in relation to their shareholding in respect of deposits that do not benefit from the depositor preference requirements will nevertheless rank *pari passu* with all other (non-preferred) senior unsecured creditors.

These changes also have the effect of granting:

- (i) a first-ranking preference to those deposits and share accounts (or a relevant part thereof) of natural persons and micro, small and medium enterprises, which are actually protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (the **FSCS**) (i.e. are eligible for protection and do not exceed the FSCS coverage limit (currently £85,000 but reducing to £75,000 with effect from 1 January 2016), which will rank equally with all other preferential debts; and
- (ii) a second-ranking preference to deposits and share accounts (or a relevant part thereof) of natural persons and micro, small and medium enterprises, which would be eligible for FSCS protection but for the fact that they either (a) exceed the £85,000 (or, from 1 January 2016, £75,000) coverage limit of the FSCS or (b) were made through a branch outside the EU. Such deposits and share accounts (or the relevant part thereof) will rank after the preferential debts referred to in paragraph (i) above but in priority to the claims of ordinary (i.e. non-preferred) unsecured creditors in the event of an insolvency.

The claims of the holders of Ordinary Notes and Deposit Notes (as well as claims in respect of Subordinated Notes) therefore rank junior to the claims in respect of liabilities afforded preferred status under (i) or (ii) above and, accordingly, in the event of insolvency or resolution of the Issuer, Ordinary Notes and Deposit Notes would all be available to absorb losses ahead of liabilities which benefit from such first-ranking or second-ranking preference (and Subordinated Notes would be available to absorb losses ahead of Ordinary Notes and Deposit Notes).

As a result, in the event of insolvency or winding up of the Issuer:

- (a) the assets of the Issuer would be applied first to satisfying in full all claims in respect of those deposits and share accounts which enjoy preferential status (as described above) before any recovery would be made on claims in respect of Ordinary Notes or Deposit Notes (and the claims in respect of Ordinary Notes and Deposit Notes would rank *pari passu* with those deposits and share accounts which are not afforded preferential status); and
- (b) no recovery would be made on claims in respect of Subordinated Notes unless and until the claims in respect of all deposit and share accounts, as well as claims in respect of Ordinary Notes and Deposit Notes and any other unsubordinated liabilities of the Issuer, have first been satisfied in full.

It is further expected that this ranking would be respected in the event that resolution action were to be taken in respect of the Issuer pursuant to the Banking Act (as further described above under “*The UK Banking Act 2009 confers substantial powers on a number of UK authorities designed to enable them to take a range of actions in relation to UK deposit-taking institutions which are considered to be at risk of failing. The exercise of any of these actions in relation to the Issuer or any Notes could materially adversely affect the value of any Notes and/or the rights of Noteholders*”).

Therefore, in the event of an insolvency, winding up or resolution of the Issuer, there is a real risk that investors in Ordinary Notes, Deposit Notes and/or Subordinated Notes would lose some or the entire amount of their investment. Furthermore, the market price of Ordinary Notes, Deposit Notes and Subordinated Notes can be expected to be materially adversely affected if the Issuer’s financial condition deteriorates such that the market anticipates the insolvency, winding-up or resolution of the Issuer.

If the Issuer has the right to redeem any Notes at its option, this may limit the market value of the Notes concerned and an investor may not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in a manner which achieves a similar effective return

An optional redemption feature is likely to limit the market value of Notes. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem Notes, the market value of those Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period.

The Issuer may be expected to redeem Notes when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Notes. At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

If the Issuer has the right to convert the interest rate on any Notes from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or vice versa, this may affect the secondary market and the market value of the Notes concerned

Fixed/Floating Rate Notes are Notes which may bear interest at a rate that converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. Where the Issuer has the right to effect such a conversion, this will affect the secondary market and the market value of the Notes since the Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If the Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate in such circumstances, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may be less favourable than then prevailing spreads on comparable Floating Rate Notes tied to the same reference rate. In addition, the new floating rate at any time may be lower than the rates on other Notes. If the Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate in such circumstances, the fixed rate may be lower than then prevailing market rates.

Notes which are issued at a substantial discount or premium may experience price volatility in response to changes in market interest rates

The market values of securities issued at a substantial discount (such as Zero Coupon Notes) or premium to their principal amount tend to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for more conventional interest-bearing securities. Generally, the longer the remaining term of such securities, the greater the price volatility as compared to more conventional interest-bearing securities with comparable maturities.

If an investor holds Notes which are not denominated in the investor's home currency, he will be exposed to movements in exchange rates adversely affecting the value of his holding. In addition, the imposition of exchange controls in relation to any Notes could result in an investor not receiving payments on those Notes

The Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Notes in the Specified Currency (as defined below). This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the **Investor's Currency**) other than the Specified Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Specified Currency or revaluation of the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Specified Currency would decrease (1) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Notes, (2) the Investor's Currency equivalent value of the principal payable on the Notes and (3) the Investor's Currency equivalent market value of the Notes.

Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate or the ability of the Issuer to make payments in respect of the Notes. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

The value of Fixed Rate Notes may be adversely affected by movements in market interest rates

Investment in Fixed Rate Notes involves the risk that if market interest rates subsequently increase above the rate paid on the Fixed Rate Notes, this will adversely affect the value of the Fixed Rate Notes.

The value of the Notes could be adversely affected by a change in English law or administrative practice

The terms and conditions of the Notes are based on English law in effect as at the date of this Base Prospectus. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to English law or administrative practice after the date of this Base Prospectus and any such change could materially adversely impact the value of any Notes affected by it.

The credit ratings may not be reliable, and changes to the credit ratings could affect the value of the Notes

The credit ratings of the Programme may not reflect the potential impact of all risks relating to the value of the Notes. In addition, real or anticipated changes in the credit ratings of the Issuer or the Notes will generally affect the market value of the Notes. These credit ratings could change due to a wide range of factors, including but not limited to those discussed under the section entitled "*Risk Factors—Factors that may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme—Demutualisation, mutual society transfers and consequences of the Act may have an adverse impact on the holders of Notes*".

A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

In general, European regulated investors are restricted under the CRA Regulation from using credit ratings for regulatory purposes, unless such ratings are issued by a credit rating agency established in the European Union

(EU) and registered under the CRA Regulation (and such registration has not been withdrawn or suspended), subject to transitional provisions that apply in certain circumstances whilst the registration application is pending. Such general restriction will also apply in the case of credit ratings issued by non-EU credit rating agencies, unless the relevant credit ratings are endorsed by an EU-registered credit rating agency or the relevant non-EU rating agency is certified in accordance with the CRA Regulation (and such endorsement action or certification, as the case may be, has not been withdrawn or suspended). The list of registered and certified rating agencies published by the ESMA on its website in accordance with the CRA Regulation is not conclusive evidence of the status of the relevant rating agency included in such list, as there may be delays between certain supervisory measures being taken against a relevant rating agency and the publication of the updated ESMA list. Certain information with respect to the credit rating agencies and ratings is set out on the cover of this Base Prospectus.

The Notes may be subject to withholding taxes in circumstances where the Issuer is not obliged to make gross up payments and this would result in holders receiving less interest than expected and could significantly adversely affect their return on the Notes

Withholding under the EU Savings Directive

Under Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments (the **Savings Directive**), EU Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of other EU Member States details of certain payments of interest or similar income paid or secured by a person established in an EU Member State to or for the benefit of an individual resident in another EU Member State or certain limited types of entities established in another EU Member State.

For a transitional period, Austria is instead required (unless during that period it elects otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (subject to a procedure whereby, on meeting certain conditions, the beneficial owner of the interest or other income may request that no tax be withheld). The end of the transitional period is dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries. A number of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland).

On 24 March 2014, the Council of the European Union adopted a Council Directive (the **Amending Directive**) amending and broadening the scope of the requirements described above. The Amending Directive requires EU Member States to apply these new requirements from 1 January 2017 and if they were to take effect the changes would expand the range of payments covered by the Savings Directive, in particular to include additional types of income payable on securities. They would also expand the circumstances in which payments must be reported or subject to withholding. This approach would apply to payments made to, or secured for, persons, entities or legal arrangements (including trusts) where certain conditions are satisfied, and may in some cases apply where the person, entity or arrangement is established or effectively managed outside of the European Union.

However, the European Commission has proposed the repeal of the Savings Directive from 1 January 2017 in the case of Austria and from 1 January 2016 in the case of all other EU Member States (subject to on-going requirements to fulfil administrative obligations such as the reporting and exchange of information relating to, and accounting for withholding taxes on, payments made before those dates). This is to prevent overlap between the Savings Directive and a new automatic exchange of information regime to be implemented under Council Directive 2011/16/EU on Administrative Cooperation in the field of Taxation (as amended by Council Directive 2014/107/EU). The new regime under Council Directive 2011/16/EU (as amended) is in accordance with the Global Standard released by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in July 2014. Council Directive 2011/16/EU (as amended) is generally broader in scope than the Savings Directive, although it does not impose withholding taxes. The proposal also provides that, if it proceeds, EU Member States will not be required to apply the new requirements of the Amending Directive.

If a payment were to be made or collected through an EU Member State which has opted for a withholding system and an amount of, or in respect of, tax were to be withheld from that payment, neither the Issuer nor any Paying Agent (as defined in the terms and conditions of the Notes) nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Note as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax. The Issuer is required, to the extent reasonably practicable, to maintain a Paying Agent in an EU Member State that is not obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to the Savings Directive or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive.

U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act Withholding

Section 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code (or **FATCA**) imposes a new reporting regime and, potentially, a 30 per cent. withholding tax with respect to (i) certain payments from sources within the United States, (ii) "foreign passthru payments" made to certain non-U.S. financial institutions that do not comply with this new reporting regime, and (iii) payments to certain investors that do not provide identification information with respect to interests issued by a participating non-U.S. financial institution. Whilst the Notes are in global form and held within the Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (together the **ICSDs**), in all but the most remote circumstances, it is not expected that FATCA will affect the amount of any payment received by the ICSDs. However, FATCA may affect payments made to custodians or intermediaries in the subsequent payment chain leading to the ultimate investor if any such custodian or intermediary generally is unable to receive payments free of FATCA withholding. It also may affect payment to any ultimate investor that is a financial institution that is not entitled to receive payments free of withholding under FATCA, or an ultimate investor that fails to provide its broker (or other custodian or intermediary from which it receives payment) with any information, forms, other documentation or consents that may be necessary for the payments to be made free of FATCA withholding. Investors should choose the custodians or intermediaries with care (to ensure each is compliant with FATCA or other laws or agreements related to FATCA) and provide each custodian or intermediary with any information, forms, other documentation or consents that may be necessary for such custodian or intermediary to make a payment free of FATCA withholding. The Issuer's obligations under the Notes are discharged once it has made payment to, or to the order of, the common depositary or common safekeeper for the ICSDs (as bearer of the Notes) and the Issuer has therefore no responsibility for any amount thereafter transmitted through the ICSDs and custodians or intermediaries. Further, foreign financial institutions in a jurisdiction which has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the United States (an **IGA**) are generally not expected to be required to withhold under FATCA or an IGA (or any law implementing an IGA) from payments they make. Prospectus investors should refer to the section "*Taxation - Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act*".

The terms and conditions of the Notes contain provisions which may permit their modification without the consent of all investors and confer significant discretions on the Trustee which may be exercised without the consent of the Noteholders and without regard to the individual interests of particular Noteholders

The terms and conditions of the Notes contain provisions for calling meetings of Noteholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Noteholders including Noteholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and Noteholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

The terms and conditions of the Notes also provide that the Trustee may, without the consent of Noteholders and without regard to the interests of particular Noteholders, agree to (i) any modification of, or to the waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of the provisions of the Notes or (ii) the substitution of another company as principal debtor under any Notes in place of the Issuer, in the circumstances described in Condition 15.

FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT THE ISSUER'S ABILITY TO FULFIL ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER NOTES ISSUED UNDER THE PROGRAMME

The Issuer's business and prospects are largely driven by the UK mortgage and savings markets, which in turn are driven by the UK economy. Consequently, the Issuer is subject to inherent risks arising from general economic conditions in the UK

The Issuer's business activities are concentrated in the UK and the Issuer offers a range of banking and financial products and services to UK retail and corporate customers. As a consequence, the Issuer's operating results, financial condition and prospects are significantly affected by the general economic conditions in the UK economy and the economic confidence of consumers and businesses.

Adverse changes in UK economic conditions could lead to a decline in the credit quality of the Issuer's borrowers and counterparties, which could reduce the recoverability and value of the Issuer's assets and require an increase in the Issuer's level of provisions for bad and doubtful debts. Likewise, a significant reduction in the demand for the Issuer's products and services could negatively impact the Issuer's business and financial condition. There remains a risk that if low inflation or deflation becomes entrenched in the UK, consumer spending and wage growth will be dampened. These pressures on households may lead to an increase in arrears in the Issuer's residential and unsecured lending portfolio, and an associated increase in retail impairment. UK economic conditions and uncertainties may also have an adverse effect on the quality of the Issuer's loan portfolio and may result in a rise in delinquency and default rates. There can be no assurance that the Issuer will not have to increase its provisions for loan losses in the future as a result of increases in non-performing loans and/or for other reasons beyond its control. Material increases in the Issuer's provisions for loan losses and write-offs/charge-offs could have an adverse effect on the Issuer's operating results, financial condition and prospects.

The durability of the UK economic recovery, along with its concomitant impacts on the Issuer's profitability, remains a risk. There is potential for activity and prices to decline should the labour market deteriorate markedly, or if strains in the financial system re-emerge and impair the flow of credit to the wider economy. Credit quality could be adversely affected by a renewed increase in unemployment. Any related significant reduction in the demand for the Issuer's products and services could have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's operating results, financial condition and prospects.

Poor economic conditions in the UK could also create uncertainty in relation to cash flows of the Issuer's borrowers in the commercial real estate (CRE) market and in relation to the value of their collateral, leading to further loan loss provisions against the Issuer's CRE lending. Any weakening in tenant performance and investor appetite could result in increased commercial loan losses which would adversely impact the Issuer's financial and operational performance. Any further loan loss provisions recorded against the Issuer's CRE lending could adversely affect the Issuer's profitability in the future.

Conversely, a strengthened UK economic performance may increase the possibility of a higher interest rate environment. In such a scenario other market participants might offer more competitive product pricing resulting in increased customer attrition. Under such conditions the Issuer may also experience an increase in its cost of funding, as described under "—An increasing interest rate environment or tightening of monetary policy, whether by the UK, U.S. or other central banking authorities, could affect the financial condition of the Issuer's customers, clients and counterparties, which could in turn adversely affect the Issuer". In addition, house price growth has recently accelerated faster than earnings. If this trend continues, customer affordability may be decreased, leaving households more vulnerable to market forces, such as unexpectedly early or large increases in interest rates. This could ultimately lead to higher retail loan losses.

Downward pressure on profitability and growth could occur as a result of a number of external influences, such as the consequences of a more austere economic environment and the impact of global economic forces on the UK economy. Adverse changes in global growth may pose the risk of a further slowdown in the UK's

principal export markets, which would have an adverse effect on the broader UK economy. For further information on the risks arising from general economic conditions abroad, see "*The Issuer is vulnerable to disruptions and volatility in the global financial markets and is subject to additional risks arising from general economic conditions in the Eurozone and elsewhere*".

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The Issuer is directly and indirectly subject to inherent risks arising from general economic conditions in the UK and other economies, particularly the Eurozone. The dislocations in financial markets that have occurred since the global financial crisis of 2007-2008 were accompanied by recessionary conditions and trends in the UK and a period of significant turbulence and uncertainty for many financial institutions in the UK and around the world, including the Issuer and many of its counterparties. Any future disruptions could again pose systemic risks that negatively affect, among other things, consumer confidence, levels of unemployment, the state of the housing market, the CRE sector, bond markets, equity markets, counterparty risk, inflation, the availability and cost of credit, transaction volumes in wholesale and retail markets, the liquidity of the global financial markets and market interest rates, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's business, operating results, financial conditions and prospects.

In the Eurozone, weak growth and deflationary pressures, together with high levels of private and public debt, outstanding weaknesses in the financial sector and reform fatigue, are a concern. The possibility of prolonged low growth in the Eurozone could inhibit the UK's own economic recovery, given the extensive economic and financial linkages between the UK and the Eurozone. The UK's trade and current account balances with the Eurozone would be likely to deteriorate further, negatively affecting UK growth. The possibility of a sovereign default or the exit of one or more member states from the European Monetary Union could also pose a threat to the stability of financial markets and could cause other risks. For further information, see "*If the UK were to leave the European Union, or if Greece were to leave the euro, economic or financial instability or contagion could develop, which could adversely affect the Issuer*".

Although globally, market conditions have generally stabilised, in recent years there have been periods of significant volatility in financial markets around the world. This generally has led to more difficult business conditions for the financial sector. Continued or worsening disruption and volatility in the global financial markets could have a material adverse effect on the Issuer, including its ability to access capital and liquidity on financial terms acceptable to it, if at all. If capital markets financing ceases to become available, or becomes excessively expensive, the Issuer may be forced to raise the rates it pays on deposits to attract more customers and it may become unable to maintain certain liability maturities. Any such increase in capital markets funding costs or deposit rates could have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's interest margins, liquidity and profitability.

Risks that reduce the availability or increase the cost of the Issuer's sources of funding, such as wholesale money markets and retail deposits, may have an adverse effect on the Issuer's business and profitability

Like all major financial institutions, the Issuer is dependent on the short- and long-term wholesale funding markets for liquidity.

The Issuer's business is subject to risks concerning liquidity, which are inherent in financial institutions operations. If access to liquidity is constrained for a prolonged period of time, this could affect the Issuer's profitability. Under exceptional circumstances, the Issuer's ability to fund its financial obligations could be negatively impacted if it is unable to access funding on commercially practicable terms, or at all. While the Issuer expects to have sufficient liquidity to meet its funding requirements even in a market-wide stress scenario, under extreme and unforeseen circumstances a prolonged and severe restriction on its access to liquidity (including government and central bank funding and liquidity support) could affect its ability to meet its financial obligations as they fall due, to meet its regulatory minimum liquidity requirements, or to fulfil its

commitments to lend. In such extreme circumstances the Issuer may not be in a position to continue to operate without additional funding support. Inability to access such support could have a material impact on the Issuer's solvency. These risks can be exacerbated by many enterprise-specific factors, including an over-reliance on a particular source of funding, changes in credit ratings, or market-wide phenomena such as market dislocation and major disasters. There is also a risk that the funding structure employed by the Issuer may prove to be inefficient, giving rise to a level of funding cost that is not sustainable in the long-term for the Issuer to grow its business or even maintain it at current levels. The Issuer's ability to access retail and wholesale funding sources on satisfactory economic terms is subject to a variety of factors, including a number of factors outside of the Issuer's control, such as liquidity constraints, general market conditions, regulatory requirements and loss of confidence in the UK banking system.

In past years the UK government (the **Government**) has provided significant support to UK financial institutions, including most recently the BoE's Funding for Lending Scheme (**Funding for Lending**), which commenced on 1 August 2012 and was closed to mortgage lending on 31 January 2014. The withdrawal of government support schemes such as Funding for Lending means that the Issuer's reliance upon fundraising in the wholesale markets will increase and become increasingly important in the future. There is a risk that the Issuer may be unable to raise funds, or that the cost of its funding could increase, reducing its margins and profitability.

The ongoing availability of retail deposit funding is dependent on a variety of factors outside the Issuer's control, such as general economic conditions and market volatility, the confidence of retail depositors in the economy in general and in the Group in particular, the financial services industry specifically and the availability and extent of deposit guarantees. These or other factors could lead to a reduction in the Issuer's ability to access retail deposit funding on appropriate terms in the future.

The maintenance and growth of the level of the Issuer's lending activities depends in large part on the availability of retail deposit funding on appropriate terms. Increases in the cost of such funding in the wake of the financial crisis together with the low base rate environment have had a negative impact on the Issuer's margins and profit. Such pressures could re-emerge and, in extreme circumstances, a loss of consumer confidence could result in high levels of withdrawals from the Issuer's retail deposit base, upon which the Issuer relies for lending and which could have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's business, financial position and results of operations.

In addition, given that other financial institutions also have increased needs for funding in the absence of Government support, the Issuer expects to face increased competition for funding, particularly retail funding on which it is reliant in the future. This competition could further increase the Issuer's funding costs and so adversely impact the Issuer's results of operations and financial position.

An increasing interest rate environment or tightening of monetary policy, whether by the UK, U.S. or other central banking authorities, could affect the financial condition of the Issuer's customers, clients and counterparties, which could in turn adversely affect the Issuer

It is currently expected that some major central banks, including in the United States and the UK, will begin to raise their policy interest rates in the coming years as their economies continue to recover from the financial crisis. Stimulus measures in the UK and elsewhere have been highly accommodative in recent years, including Funding for Lending and the Help to Buy scheme (**Help to Buy**), a Government scheme designed to enable buyers to put down a 5.0 per cent. deposit on a home with the Government guaranteeing up to 20.0 per cent. of the mortgage funded by a commercial lender. Such measures have helped to support demand at a time of fiscal tightening and balance sheet repair. Such a long period of stimulus has increased uncertainty over the impact of its reduction, which could lead to generally weaker than expected growth, or even contracting GDP, reduced business confidence, higher levels of unemployment or underemployment, adverse changes to levels of inflation, potentially higher interest rates and falling property prices in the markets in which the Issuer operates, and consequently to an increase in delinquency rates and default rates among customers. Moreover,

higher prevailing interest rates would affect the Issuer's cost of funding with depositors and creditors, which could adversely affect the Issuer's profitability, to the extent the Issuer's margins decline.

The personal sector in the UK remains heavily indebted and vulnerable to increases in unemployment, rising interest rates and/or falling house prices. As a result of, among other factors, increases and decreases in the BoE base rate, interest rates payable on a significant portion of the Issuer's outstanding mortgage loan products fluctuate over time. Rising interest rates would put pressure on borrowers whose loans are linked to the BoE base rate because such borrowers may experience financial stress in repaying at increased rates in the future. A significant portion of the Issuer's outstanding mortgage loan products are potentially subject to changes in interest rates, resulting in borrowers with a mortgage loan subject to a variable rate of interest or with a mortgage loan for which the related interest rate adjusts following an initial fixed rate or low introductory rate, as applicable, being exposed to increased monthly payments as and when the related mortgage interest rate adjusts upward (or, in the case of a mortgage loan with an initial fixed rate or low introductory rate, at the end of the relevant fixed or introductory period). Over the last few years both variable and fixed interest rates have been at relatively low levels, which has benefitted borrowers taking out new loans and those repaying existing variable rate loans, regardless of special or introductory rates, and these rates are expected to increase as general interest rates return to historically more normal levels. Future increases in borrowers' required monthly payments, which (in the case of a mortgage loan with an initial fixed rate or low introductory rate) may be compounded by any further increase in the related mortgage interest rate during the relevant fixed or introductory period, ultimately may result in higher delinquency rates and losses in the future.

In an increasing interest rate environment, borrowers seeking to avoid these increased monthly payments by refinancing their mortgage loans may no longer be able to find available replacement loans at comparably low interest rates. Increased unemployment could lead to borrowers who are made redundant being unable to service the loan payments in a timely fashion which would result in higher levels of arrears, both in the Issuer's secured residential mortgage loan and unsecured consumer loan portfolios which, in turn, would lead to an increase in the Issuer's impairment charges in respect of these portfolios. Declines in housing prices may also leave borrowers with insufficient equity in their homes to permit them to refinance. These events, alone or in combination, may contribute to higher delinquency rates and losses.

If the UK were to leave the European Union, or if Greece were to leave the euro, economic or financial instability or contagion could develop, which could adversely affect the Issuer

Continuing uncertainty regarding the UK's future in the European Union, including the possibility of a national referendum on continuing UK membership, may affect growth in the UK and in the European Union more broadly.

Moreover, the negotiations between Greece and the so-called "troika" of creditors (the International Monetary Fund, the European Central Bank, and the European Commission) in the first six months of 2015 caused renewed market turmoil and raised the risks of Greece's exit from the Eurozone. As of the date of this Prospectus, while the economic situation appears to be less volatile, the circumstances and ramifications surrounding the Greek bailout remain unpredictable. Any default on the sovereign debt of Greece or another Eurozone country could have a negative impact on other Eurozone countries and the UK, and could have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's business.

The exit of a member state from the European Union and/or European Monetary Union could result in a deterioration in the economic and financial environment in the UK and Eurozone that would materially affect the capital and the funding position of participants in the banking industry, including the Issuer. This could also give rise to operational disruptions to the Issuer's business. The effects on the European and global economy of the exit of one or more European Union member states or the redenomination of financial instruments from the Euro to a different currency are impossible to predict and protect fully against in view of (i) economic and financial instability in the Eurozone, (ii) the severity of the recent global financial crisis, (iii) difficulties in predicting whether the current signs of recovery will be sustained and at what rate, (iv) the

uncertain legal position, and (v) the fact that many of the risks related to the business are totally, or in part, outside the Issuer's control. However, if any such events were to occur they would likely result in significant market dislocation, heightened counterparty risk, an adverse effect on the management of market risk and, in particular, asset and liability management due, in part, to redenomination of financial assets and liabilities, or a material adverse effect on the Issuer's results of operations, financial condition or prospects.

The Issuer's financial performance is affected by borrower credit quality

Risks arising from changes in credit quality and the recoverability of loans and amounts due from counterparties are inherent in a wide range of the Issuer's businesses. Adverse changes in the credit quality of the Issuer's borrowers and counterparties or a general deterioration in the UK or global economic conditions, including such changes or deterioration arising from systemic risks in the financial systems, could affect the recoverability and value of the Issuer's assets and require an increase in its impairment provision for bad and doubtful debts and other provisions.

Negative fair value adjustments could have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's operating results, financial condition and prospects

The dislocations in the financial markets have resulted in the Issuer's recording impairment charges and negative fair value adjustments in its results over the last three financial years with respect to securities and other investments held by the Issuer. Asset valuations in future periods, reflecting prevailing market conditions, may result in further negative changes in the fair values of the Issuer's investment assets and these may also translate into increased impairments, particularly with respect to its exposure through its liquidity and investment portfolios to financial institutions in GIIPS and residential mortgage backed securities (RMBS) and covered bonds collateralised on assets originated in GIIPS. In addition, the value that the Issuer ultimately realises for its securities and other investments may be lower than the current fair value. Any of these factors could require the Issuer to record further negative fair value adjustments, which may have a material adverse effect on its operating results, financial condition or prospects.

Rating downgrade and/or market sentiment with respect to the Issuer, the sector, the UK and/or other sovereign issuers may have an adverse effect on the Issuer's performance and/or the marketability and liquidity of the Notes

If sentiment towards banks, building societies and/or other financial institutions operating in the United Kingdom, including the Issuer, were to further deteriorate, or if the Issuer's ratings and/or the ratings of the sector were to be further adversely affected, this may have a materially adverse impact on the Issuer. In addition, such change in sentiment or further reduction in ratings could result in an increase in the costs and a reduction in the availability of wholesale market funding across the financial sector which could have a material adverse effect on the liquidity and funding of all UK financial services institutions, including the Issuer. Any such events could affect the market value of the Notes.

Any future declines in those aspects of the Issuer's business identified by the rating agencies as significant or otherwise could adversely affect the rating agencies' perception of its credit and cause them to take further negative ratings actions. Any downgrade in the Issuer's credit ratings could adversely affect its liquidity and competitive position, particularly through cash outflows to meet collateral requirements on existing contracts, undermine confidence in its business, increase its borrowing costs, limit its access to the capital markets, or limit the range of counterparties willing to enter into transactions with it. The Issuer has experienced all of these effects when downgraded in the past, although the precise effects experienced on each downgrade have varied based on the reasons for the particular downgrade and the extent to which the downgrade had been anticipated by the market. The Issuer's credit ratings are subject to change and could be downgraded as a result of many factors, including the failure to successfully implement its strategies. A downgrade could also lead to a loss of customers and counterparties which could have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's business, results of operations and financial condition.

If the ratings analysis of any agency that rates the Issuer's credit is updated to reflect lower forward-looking assumptions of systemic support in the current environment or higher assumptions of the risks in the financial sector, it could result in a further downgrade to the outlook or to the credit ratings of UK financial institutions, including the Issuer, which could have a material adverse effect on the borrowing costs, liquidity and funding of all UK financial services institutions, including the Issuer. A further downgrade could also create new obligations or requirements for the Issuer under existing contracts with its counterparties that may have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's business, financial condition, liquidity or results of operations.

Any downgrade of the UK sovereign credit rating or the perception that such a downgrade may occur could destabilise the markets, impact the Issuer's rating, its borrowing costs and its ability to fund itself and have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's operating results and financial condition. A perceived further downgrade may also negatively impact the marketability and trading value of the Notes, as well as the Issuer's credit ratings, borrowing costs and ability to fund itself.

A further UK sovereign downgrade or the perception that such a downgrade may occur would be likely to have a material effect in depressing consumer confidence, restricting the availability, and increasing the cost, of funding for individuals and companies, further depressing economic activity, increasing unemployment and/or reducing asset prices. These risks are exacerbated by concerns over the levels of the public debt of, the risk of further sovereign downgrades of, and the weakness of the economies in, GIIPS in particular. Further instability within these countries or others within the Eurozone might lead to continued instability in the UK and in the global financial markets. The Issuer's financial performance has been and will be affected by general economic conditions in the UK, the Eurozone and elsewhere, and other adverse developments in the UK or global financial markets would cause its earnings and profitability to decline.

Competition in the UK personal financial services markets may adversely affect the Issuer's operations

The Issuer operates in an increasingly competitive UK personal financial services market. It competes mainly with other providers of personal finance services, including banks, building societies and insurance companies, and recent technological advances have heightened the potential for different kinds of competitors to emerge within the traditional financial services arena.

In the UK, most major retail banks see the mortgage market as an attractive and high priority focus for expansion. This applies to both the prime mortgage market and the buy to let mortgage market. Additionally, smaller institutions are also seeking to build a share of the mortgage market, including new ventures and businesses with a base outside the traditional financial services industry. Competition for the highest quality mortgages is intense and is likely to continue, putting downward pressure on returns available for the lowest risk-weighted mortgage assets. At the same time, price comparison websites have become more popular and widely used, allowing customers more easily to compare products and make buying decisions based on price. As a consequence, there is a risk that industry pricing will be forced lower, negatively impacting the Issuer's ability to deliver its strategic income targets and its financial performance.

Competition for deposits has, on the whole, been less intense, but there is a possibility that this could change were interest rates to rise. In addition, the state-owned National Savings and Investments has recently adopted a more aggressive pricing position in the personal deposits market and this stance may well increase general competition in the savings market in future.

The personal current account market is currently the focus of intense competition. A range of institutions see this product as the key to broader customer relationships and seek to make inroads into the large market share of the established major banking groups.

Competition may intensify in response to consumer demand, technological changes, the impact of consolidation by the Issuer's competitors, regulatory actions and other factors. If increased competition were to occur as a result of these or other factors, the Issuer's business, financial condition and results of operations

could be materially adversely affected. In particular, the implementation of the Independent Commission on Banking's (the **ICB**) recommendation to separate retail banking activities from the wholesale and investment banking activities carried out by large banking groups operating in the UK no later than 2019 could reduce the distinctiveness of the building society model, which the Issuer considers to be a competitive advantage for it. This may, in time, alter the business models of ring-fenced banks and may therefore alter adversely the competitive position of the Issuer and other mutual institutions.

The rise of digital banking is changing customer expectations of the availability of banking services. As digital changes make transactions easier and more convenient, the Issuer expects customers to transact more, and in many different ways. The Issuer may not be able to manage service provision ahead of rising customer expectations or may have competitors who are more successful in meeting demand for digital banking services.

In addition, if the Issuer's customer service levels were perceived by the market to be materially below those of competitor UK financial institutions, it could lose existing and potential new business. If the Issuer is not successful in retaining and strengthening customer relationships, it may lose market share, incur losses on some or all of its activities or fail to attract new deposits or retain existing deposits, which could have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition and results of operations.

If the Issuer does not control its financial and operational risks, it may be unable to manage its business

The Issuer's success as a financial institution depends on its ability to manage and control its financial risk, which includes liquidity, market, and credit risk. It is exposed to liquidity risk as a result of mismatches in cash flows from balance sheet assets and liabilities and off-balance sheet financial instruments and commitments. The Issuer has market risk exposure as a result of changes in interest rates, foreign currency prices, asset prices or other financial contracts. Credit risk is the risk that a borrower or counterparty fails to pay interest or to repay the principal on a loan or other financial instrument (e.g. bond) on time. If the Issuer fails to manage and control these risks, the Issuer could become unable to meet its own obligations, including those under the Notes, resulting in material adverse effects to its business, financial condition and reputation.

The Issuer's businesses are also dependent on its ability to process a very large number of transactions efficiently and accurately. Operational risk and losses can result from fraud, errors by employees, failure to document transactions properly or to obtain proper internal authorisation, failure to comply with regulatory requirements and conduct of business rules, equipment failures, natural disasters or the failure of external systems, for example, those of its suppliers or counterparties. Although the Issuer has implemented risk controls and loss mitigation actions, and substantial resources are devoted to developing efficient procedures and to staff training, it is not possible to implement procedures which are fully effective in controlling each of the operational risks noted above. Notwithstanding the above, this risk factor should not be taken to imply that the Issuer will be unable to comply with its obligations as a company with securities admitted to the Official List or as a supervised firm regulated under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended.

Market risks may adversely impact the Issuer's business

Market risk is the risk that the net value of, or net income arising from, the Issuer's assets and liabilities is impacted as a result of market price or rate changes, specifically interest rates, exchange rates or equity prices. Changes in interest rate levels, yield curves and spreads may affect the interest rate margin realised between lending and borrowing costs. Changes in currency rates, particularly in the sterling-dollar and sterling-euro exchange rates, affect the value of assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies and may affect income from assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency.

The performance of financial markets may cause changes in the value of the Issuer's investment and liquidity portfolios. Although the Issuer has implemented risk management methods to seek to mitigate and control these and other market risks to which the Issuer is exposed and its exposures are constantly measured and

monitored, there can be no assurance that these risk management methods will be effective, particularly in unusual or extreme market conditions. It is difficult to predict with accuracy changes in economic or market conditions and to anticipate the effects that such changes could have on the Issuer's financial performance and business operations.

Reputational risk could cause harm to the Issuer and its business prospects

The Issuer's ability to attract and retain customers and conduct business with its counterparties could be adversely affected if the Issuer's reputation or the reputation of the Nationwide brand is damaged. Failure to address, or appearing to fail to address, issues that could give rise to reputational risk could cause harm to the Issuer and its business prospects. Reputational issues include, but are not limited to: appropriately addressing potential conflicts of interest; breaching, or facing allegations of having breached, legal and regulatory requirements; acting or facing allegations of having acted unethically (including having adopted inappropriate sales and trading practices); adequacy of anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing processes; privacy issues; failing or facing allegations of having failed to maintain appropriate standards of customer privacy, customer service and recordkeeping; technology failures that impact upon customer services and accounts; sales and trading practices; proper identification of the legal, reputational, credit, liquidity and market risks inherent in products offered; and general company performance. A failure to address these issues appropriately could make customers unwilling to do business with the Issuer, which could adversely affect the Issuer's business, financial condition and results of operations.

The Issuer is exposed to risks relating to the misselling of financial products, acting in breach of legal or regulatory principles or requirements and giving negligent advice

There is currently significant regulatory scrutiny of the sales practices and reward structures that financial institutions have used when selling financial products. No assurance can be given that financial institutions, including the Issuer, will not incur liability for past actions which are determined to have been inappropriate and any such liability incurred could be significant and materially adversely affect the Issuer's results of operations and financial position. No assurance can be given that the Issuer will not incur liability in connection with any past non-compliance with such legislation or with other similar legislation, and any such non-compliance could be significant and materially adversely affect the Issuer's results of operations and financial position or its reputation. Primarily:

- certain aspects of the Issuer's business may be determined by the BoE, the Prudential Regulation Authority (the **PRA**), the FCA, HM Treasury, the Competition and Markets Authority (the **CMA**), the Financial Ombudsman Service (the **FOS**) or the courts as not being conducted in accordance with applicable laws or regulations, or, in the case of the FOS, with what is fair and reasonable in the FOS's opinion;
- the alleged misselling of financial products, including as a result of having sales practices and/or rewards structures that are deemed to have been inappropriate, may result in disciplinary action (including significant fines) or requirements to amend sales processes, withdraw products, or provide restitution to affected customers, all of which may require additional provisions to be recorded in the Issuer's financial statements and could adversely impact future revenues from affected products; and
- the Issuer may be liable for damages to third parties harmed by the conduct of the Issuer's business.

In addition, the Issuer faces both financial and reputational risk where legal or regulatory proceedings, or complaints before the FOS, or other complaints are brought against it or members of the Issuer's industry generally in the UK High Court or elsewhere. For example, a UK High Court judgment in 2011 on the misselling of payment protection insurance (**PPI**) resulted in very significant provisions for customer redress made by several UK financial services providers. The Group made a net charge for customer redress of £59 million in the year ended 4 April 2015, with no additional provision made for PPI claims, as compared to a

charge for customer redress of £69 million in the year ended 4 April 2014, with no additional provision made for PPI claims. Although the Issuer's PPI product sales ceased in 2007, it continues to see a number of PPI claims and there can be no assurance that the Issuer's estimates for potential liability are correct, and the Issuer's reserves taken to date might prove inadequate.

In November 2014, the UK Supreme Court ruled in *Plevin v Paragon Personal Finance Ltd* (**Plevin**) that a failure to disclose to a client a large commission payment on a single premium PPI policy made the relationship between a lender and the borrower unfair under section 140A of the Consumer Credit Act 1974. As a result, the FCA announced on 27 May 2015 that it is considering whether additional rules or guidance on PPI complaints are required subsequent to the Plevin decision. Further announcements from the FCA are expected in the coming months, and there can be no assurance that additional rules or guidance will not result in further costs or requirements in relation to customer redress by institutions which have historically sold PPI.

In addition, a number of financial institutions, including the Issuer, have agreed, following discussions with the FCA, to repay customers who were sold card protection insurance and identity protection products issued by Card Protection Plan Limited (**CPP**). As well as CPP selling directly to customers, a number of third party financial institutions, including the Issuer, introduced customers to CPP's products. Several institutions, including the Issuer, agreed to a scheme with the FCA that CPP redress would be paid through a scheme of arrangement that commenced in February 2014, under which customers could submit claims until August 2014. Consequently, the extent of claims the Issuer will take under the scheme remains uncertain.

In light of a review of compliance-oriented legislation being undertaken across the industry, the Issuer is undertaking a comprehensive revision of its own documentation and processes relating to consumer protection and sales practices. A number of areas which require further enquiry have been identified and while the Issuer's investigations are still at a relatively early stage, it has recognised the aforementioned net charge in the year ended 4 April 2015 of £59 million (£69 million in the year ended 4 April 2014) in respect of potential costs in relation to matters which may require remediation. No assurance can be given that the Issuer will not incur liability in connection with any past non-compliance with such legislation or with other similar legislation, and any such non-compliance could be significant and materially adversely affect the Issuer's results of operations and financial position or its reputation.

Future legislative and regulatory changes could impose operational restrictions on the Issuer, causing it to raise further capital, increase its expenses and/or otherwise adversely affect its business, results, financial condition or prospects

The Issuer conducts its business subject to ongoing regulation by the PRA and the FCA, which oversee the sale of residential mortgages, commercial lending and general insurance products. The regulatory regime requires the Issuer to be in compliance across many aspects of activity, including the training, authorisation and supervision of personnel, systems, processes and documentation. If the Issuer fails to comply with any relevant regulations, there is a risk of an adverse impact on its business due to sanctions, fines or other action imposed by the regulatory authorities.

This is particularly the case in the current market environment, which is witnessing increased levels of Government intervention in the banking, personal finance and real estate sectors. Future changes in regulation, fiscal or other policies are unpredictable and beyond the Issuer's control and could materially adversely affect its business or operations.

Regulators and other bodies in the UK and the EU have produced a range of proposals for future legislative and regulatory changes which could impose operational restrictions on the Issuer, causing it to raise further capital, increase its expenses and/or otherwise adversely affect its business results, financial condition or prospects. These include, among others:

- on 19 June 2013, the Parliamentary Commission on Banking Standards (**PCBS**) published its final report ("Changing banking for good") to which the Government responded on 8 July 2013 and accepted the overall conclusions of the PCBS final report and all of its principal recommendations. Among other things, this included proposals for: (i) a new senior persons regime governing the conduct of bank staff; (ii) the introduction of a criminal offence for reckless misconduct by senior bank staff; and (iii) steps to improve competition in the banking sector. The Banking Reform Act includes provisions to address certain of the PCBS's recommendations further detail in respect of matters covered in the Banking Reform Act will be provided by way of secondary legislation. Certain provisions regarding a new regime for conduct of individuals performing a senior management function came into force on 25 July 2014 and the PRA and FCA have published final rules in July 2015. The Banking Reform Act and future related secondary legislation will have a substantial impact on banks and building societies in the UK generally, including the Issuer;
- the Banking Reform Act also provides for the PRA to have a secondary objective in respect of competition, introduces a power for HM Treasury to require UK banks and building societies to hold primary loss-absorbing capital (including by way of bail-in bonds) and obliges the FCA to establish a new payment systems regulator. These provisions came into force on 1 March 2014. Separately, a cap on the cost of pay day loans was introduced by the FCA pursuant to its rule making powers under the Banking Reform Act with effect from 2 January 2015;
- certain measures relating to the ring-fencing of domestic retail banking services of UK banks, contained in the Banking Reform Act, entered into force on 1 January 2015, although the full regime is not expected to apply until 2019. The Government has carved building societies out of the ring-fencing legislation but has the power to amend the UK Building Societies Act to bring building societies legislation into line with the ring-fencing requirements if it considers it necessary at a later date;
- at the European Union level, structural reform measures that are similar to some of those contained in the Banking Reform Act are also under consideration, following the report of the European Commission's high level expert group on reforming the structure of the EU Banking Sector (the **Liikanen Group**). This report's proposals were heavily influenced by the UK experience. The Issuer does not anticipate that the report's proposals will have any impact on the UK building societies due to the Banking Reform Act and existing restrictions, provided the UK obtains a derogation under the EU proposals, but there can be no assurance that the proposals will not have an adverse effect on the Issuer's operations, business, results, financial condition or prospects;
- other measures contained in the Banking Reform Act now in force include: (i) introduction of a power for the UK authorities to bail in debt issued by UK banks and building societies and (ii) elevating the ranking of certain depositors on a winding up to rank ahead of all other unsecured creditors. Building societies (including Nationwide) may potentially be subject to the bail-in powers (see "*The UK Banking Act 2009 confers substantial powers on a number of UK authorities designed to enable them to take a range of actions in relation to UK deposit taking institutions which are considered to be at risk of failing. The exercise of any of these actions in relation to the Issuer or any Notes could materially adversely affect the value of any Notes and/or the rights of Noteholders*" above and "*Risks relating to the UK Banking Act 2009 and the BRRD*" below) and are affected by the change to the ranking of certain depositors (see "*Certain liabilities of the Issuer will be preferred by law in the event of a winding-up of the Issuer*" above).
- The Government has also exercised separate powers (already available in building societies legislation) with the effect that building society shareholding members (other than holders of deferred shares) will rank equally with non-preferred unsecured creditors on a winding up or dissolution of the institution (including the Issuer) (see "*Certain liabilities of the Issuer will be preferred by law in the event of a winding-up of the Issuer*" above);

- the BRRD, which provides an EU-wide framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions, came into force on 2 July 2014. The BRRD was required to be implemented in member states by 1 January 2015, except for certain bail-in provisions which are to be implemented by 1 January 2016. However, the majority of these measures were enacted in the UK on 1 January 2015. See further *“The UK Banking Act 2009 confers substantial powers on a number of UK authorities designed to enable them to take a range of actions in relation to UK deposit taking institutions which are considered to be at risk of failing. The exercise of any of these actions in relation to the Issuer or any Notes could materially adversely affect the value of any Notes and/or the rights of Noteholders”* above and *“Risks relating to the UK Banking Act 2009 and the BRRD”* below;
- consumer credit regulation transferred to the FCA on 1 April 2014 in accordance with provisions under the Financial Services Act 2012 (the **FS Act**). The carrying on of certain credit-related activities (including in relation to servicing credit agreements) otherwise than in accordance with permission from the FCA will render a credit agreement unenforceable without FCA approval and the FCA will have power to render unenforceable contracts made in contravention of its rules on cost and duration of credit agreements or in contravention of its product intervention rules. The FS Act also provides for formalised co-operation to exist between the FCA and the FOS (which determines complaints by eligible complainants in relation to authorised financial services firms, consumer credit licensees and certain other businesses), particularly where issues identified potentially have wider implications with a view to the FCA requiring firms to operate consumer redress schemes; and
- the European Commission published a proposal for a directive on credit agreements relating to residential immovable property for consumers in March 2011. The Council of the European Union adopted the Mortgage Directive on 28 January 2014. Member states will be required to implement the Mortgage Directive into national law by 21 March 2016. The Mortgage Directive requires (among other things): standard information in advertising; standard pre contractual information; adequate explanations to the borrower on the proposed credit agreement and any ancillary service; calculation of the annual percentage rate of charge in accordance with a prescribed formula; assessment of creditworthiness of the borrower; and a right of the borrower to make early repayment of the credit agreement. The Mortgage Directive also imposes prudential and supervisory requirements for credit intermediaries and non-bank lenders. Until the Mortgage Directive is fully implemented into UK law, it is too early to tell what effect the implementation of the Mortgage Directive into UK law would have on the Issuer's mortgage business and operations. There is also a risk that the recent restructuring of regulatory bodies, in particular, the creation of multiple regulators in the UK and the transfer of the responsibility for regulation of consumer credit in the UK from the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) to the FCA in April 2014, could lead to a lack of coordination and the emergence of inconsistencies between the different regulatory bodies. Additionally, the Issuer is currently reviewing the impact of changes proposed in respect of the fees that can be charged when customers use 'chip and pin' services. These proposals have the potential to put the margins that the Issuer can charge in respect of its unsecured products under pressure and the Issuer must closely monitor these proposals as they develop. Any such adverse development could adversely impact the Issuer's ability to manage its business efficiently and subject it to increased costs through managing an increasingly complex compliance burden.

At this point it is impossible to predict the effect that any of the proposed changes will have on the Issuer's operations, business and prospects or how any of the proposals discussed above will be implemented in light of the fundamental changes to the regulatory environment proposed by the Government and/or the European Commission. Depending on the specific nature of the requirements and how they are enforced, such changes could have a significant impact on the Issuer's operations, structure, costs and/or capital requirements. Accordingly, the Issuer cannot assure investors that the implementation of any of the foregoing matters or any other regulatory or legislative changes that may be proposed will not have a material adverse effect on its operations, business, results, financial condition or prospects.

The Issuer is also investing significantly to ensure that it will be able to comply with developing regulatory requirements. If the Issuer is unsuccessful in efficiently adopting the requisite new compliance practices, this will adversely impact its ability to operate in the financial services markets and to deliver an appropriate level of operational and financial performance.

Risks relating to the UK Banking Act 2009 and the BRRD

In Europe, the BRRD introduced a package of minimum early intervention and resolution-related tools and powers for relevant authorities and provided for special rules for cross-border groups. The UK implemented the majority of the measures under the BRRD into English law, by way of amendment to the Banking Act on 1 January 2015.

As described in more detail above under “*The UK Banking Act 2009 confers substantial powers on a number of UK authorities designed to enable them to take a range of actions in relation to UK deposit-taking institutions which are considered to be at risk of failing. The exercise of any of these actions in relation to the Issuer or any Notes could materially adversely affect the value of any Notes and/or the rights of Noteholders*”, the Banking Act, as amended to implement the BRRD requirements, affords the Authorities significant powers to deal with failing UK banks or building societies.

The taking of any actions under the Banking Act in respect of Notes issued under the Programme could directly adversely affect the rights of holders in respect of such Notes. However, whether or not such powers are used directly in respect of Notes, the use of any such powers in respect of the Issuer could materially adversely affect the ability of the Issuer to perform its obligations in respect of any Notes, and the use of such powers (or any anticipated use of such powers, whether or not ultimately used) could materially adversely affect the price or value of Notes and/or the liquidity and/or volatility of any market in any Notes.

For example, if the Issuer were made subject to the SRR and a partial transfer of its business to another entity were effected, the quality of the assets and the quantum of the liabilities not transferred and remaining with the Issuer (which may include the Notes) may result in a deterioration in the creditworthiness of the Issuer and, as a result, increase the risk that it may be unable to meet its obligations in respect of the Notes and/or eventually become subject to administration or insolvency proceedings pursuant to the Banking Act. In such circumstances, Noteholders may have a claim for compensation under one of the compensation schemes existing under, or contemplated by, the Banking Act, but there can be no assurance that Noteholders will have such a claim or, if they do, that they would thereby recover compensation promptly or equal to any loss actually incurred.

Secondary legislation which makes provision for stabilisation tools to be used in respect of any "banking group company" has been published and came into force 1 August 2014. The definition of "banking group company" will encompass certain of the Issuer's subsidiaries and affiliates. The amendments to the Banking Act allow the stabilisation tools under the SRR and the bail-in stabilisation power to be applied to any of the Issuer's related group companies that meet the definition of a "banking group company".

There is considerable uncertainty about the scope of the powers afforded to the Authorities under the Banking Act and related legislation and how the Authorities may choose to exercise them. As at the date of this Prospectus, the Authorities have not made an instrument or order under the Banking Act in respect of the Issuer or any of its securities and there has been no indication that they will make any such instrument or order. However, there can be no assurance that this will not change and/or that Noteholders will not be adversely affected by any such order or instrument if made.

The Issuer is subject to regulatory capital requirements which are subject to change and that could limit its operations

The Issuer is subject to capital requirements that could have an impact on its operations. Changes to the capital requirements under which the Issuer operates could hinder growth by prescribing more stringent requirements than those with which it currently complies. UK regulators and international policymakers are reviewing a number of areas of the regulatory capital framework, with a view to making changes as appropriate. These areas include minimum requirements for firms' loss-absorbing capacity, capital requirements for residential mortgages, use of the standardised approach for credit risk, and review of IRB model framework.

On 16 December 2010, 13 January 2011 and 12 January 2014, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (the **Basel Committee**) issued guidance on a number of fundamental reforms to the regulatory capital framework (such reforms being commonly referred to as **Basel III**), including additional capital requirements, higher capital ratios, more stringent eligibility requirements for capital instruments, a new leverage ratio and liquidity requirements. The Basel III reform package was implemented in the European Economic Area (the **EEA**) through a regulation (the Capital Requirements Regulation (the **CRR**)) and an associated directive (Capital Requirements Directive (the **CRD**)) (together, **CRD IV**), which were published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 27 June 2013. The regulation established a single set of harmonised prudential rules which apply directly to all credit institutions in the EEA, with the directive containing less prescriptive provisions to be transposed into national law. The regulation gives express recognition for Common Equity Tier 1 capital instruments for mutual and co-operative entities and permits the use of a cap or restriction to safeguard the interests of members and reserves. Full implementation began from 1 January 2014, with particular elements being phased in over a period of time, to be fully effective by 2024.

The Issuer's capital is reported as a ratio of risk-adjusted assets expressed as a percentage in different measures: Common Equity Tier 1 capital, Tier 1 capital and total capital. If the Issuer fails, or is perceived to be likely to fail, to meet its minimum regulatory capital requirements, this may result in administrative actions or regulatory sanctions.

Effective management of its capital is critical to the Issuer's ability to operate and grow its business and to pursue its strategy. Any change that limits the Issuer's ability to effectively manage its balance sheet and capital resources (including, for example, reductions in profits and retained earnings as a result of credit losses, write-downs or otherwise, increases in risk-weighted assets (which are pro-cyclical under the current capital requirements regulation, resulting in risk weighting increasing in economic downturns), delays in the disposal of certain assets or the inability to raise capital or funding through wholesale markets as a result of market conditions or otherwise) could have a material adverse impact on the Issuer's business, financial condition, results of operations, liquidity and/or prospects.

In December 2013, the PRA published its policy statement PS7/13 "Strengthening capital standards: implementing CRD IV, feedback and final rules" on the UK rules, as applicable to the Issuer, which implement certain permitted national discretions in CRD IV. This included accelerating implementation of CRD IV deductions, with most applying in full from 2014. The PRA also changed the treatment of Pillar 2A from 1 January 2015, where firms are required to meet Pillar 2A with at least 56 per cent. in Common Equity Tier 1 capital, no more than 44 per cent. in Additional Tier 1 capital and at most 25 per cent. in Tier 2 capital.

The Issuer remains subject to Pillar 2 capital requirements, which are reset on a regular basis by the PRA. Accordingly, there is a risk that the Issuer will be required to hold higher levels of or better quality capital than is currently anticipated or planned for. If and to the extent that the PRA adopts capital or other requirements which exceed existing capital requirements, this may adversely impact the Issuer's competitiveness relative to any banks and financial institutions subject to less stringent requirements.

CRD IV also introduced a leverage ratio requirement. The leverage ratio is a non-risk based measure that is designed to act as a supplement to risk based capital requirements. The leverage calculation determines a ratio

based on the relationship between tier 1 capital and total exposure (total exposure is the sum of on-balance sheet exposures, derivative exposures, securities financing transaction exposures and off-balance sheet items).

Over the Issuer's business planning horizon, the Issuer expects to remain above current expectations of its regulatory leverage ratio requirement, including the UK leverage ratio framework proposed by the Financial Policy Committee in October 2014. Should the Issuer fail, or be perceived likely to fail, to meet leverage requirements this may result in administrative actions or regulatory sanctions.

To support the effectiveness of bail-in and other resolution tools, the BRRD requires that all institutions must meet an individual minimum requirement for eligible liabilities (known as **MREL**) which may be bailed-in, calculated as a percentage of total liabilities and own funds and set by the relevant resolution authorities. Items eligible for inclusion in MREL will include an institution's own funds, along with "eligible liabilities".

On 3 July 2015, the EBA published final draft Regulatory Technical Standards specifying the criteria used to set MREL (requirements include amounts for loss absorption, recapitalisation, the impact of retail deposit guarantees, adjustment for the eligibility of certain liabilities, and supervisory judgment following the Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process (the **SREP**)). MREL requirements will be introduced by 1 January 2016, where provisions allow for supervisory discretion in allowing transitional implementation of these requirements.

The U.K. has opted to defer until 1 January 2016 the implementation of the MREL regime. The Bank of England is expected to consult on its implementation of the MREL regime for UK institutions in the final quarter of 2015. The extent and nature of the MREL requirements currently remain unclear and so it is not possible to determine the impact that they will have on the Issuer once implemented. The proposals could increase the Issuer's costs and may affect the Issuer's plans to grow its balance sheet. Accordingly, the effects of these proposals could adversely impact the results of operations, financial condition and prospects of the Issuer.

The Issuer is required to pay levies under the FSCS and is exposed to future increases of such levies, which might impact its profits

The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the **FSMA**) established the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (the **FSCS**), which pays compensation to eligible customers of authorised financial services firms which are unable, or are likely to be unable, to pay claims against them. For further information, please refer to the section entitled "*Description of the Society—Financial Services Compensation Scheme*". Based on its share of protected deposits, the Issuer pays levies to the FSCS to enable the scheme to meet claims against it. While it is anticipated that the substantial majority of claims will be repaid wholly from recoveries from the institutions concerned, there is the risk of a shortfall, such that the FSCS may place additional levies on all FSCS participants, which levies may be in significant amounts that may have a material impact on the Issuer's profits. For example, in March 2012 the FSCS and HM Treasury agreed the refinancing of £20.4 billion in loans made to the FSCS by HM Treasury to fund the compensation payments made by the FSCS to customers whose savings were put at risk by bank failures in 2008 and 2009. As a result, the FSCS was required to pay a significantly increased amount of interest which it recovers through additional levies on the financial services industry.

In common with other financial institutions which are subject to the FSCS, the Issuer also has a potential exposure to future levies resulting from the failure of other financial institutions and consequential claims which arise against the FSCS as a result of such failure. For example, the ongoing administration of the Dunfermline Building Society will result in future levies although the quantum of any such future levies will only become known once any capital loss is crystallised by the administration of Dunfermline Building Society. The total quantification and timing of such losses have yet to be determined; however, FSCS have made an initial levy of £100 million during September 2014 and a further levy of £31 million to the Group in

August 2015. The Issuer's share of the future levy could be significant, reflecting the fact that the share is calculated by reference to the level of each institution's protected deposits.

In particular, following agreement between the FSCS and HM Treasury on the terms of a refinancing in March 2012, there is an expected shortfall of £91 million for the scheme in 2016, which will be passed on across all firms holding protected deposits, including the Group. In addition, there can be no assurance that there will be no further actions taken under the UK Banking Act that may lead to further claims against the FSCS, and concomitant increased FSCS levies payable by the Issuer. Any such increases in the Issuer's costs and liabilities related to the levy may have a material adverse effect on its results of operations. Further costs and risks to the Issuer may also arise from discussions at national and EU levels around the future design of financial services compensation schemes, including increasing the scope and level of protection and moving to pre-funding of compensation schemes. The amount provided for in the Issuer's accounts to meet its obligations to the FSCS was £126 million as at 4 April 2015 (£142 million as at 4 April 2014). The amount provided for at 4 April 2015 reflects the Group's expected liability in respect of the 2015/16 scheme year interest charge, expected to be levied during September 2016 and the 2015/16 scheme year capital estimated shortfall described above expected to be levied in September 2015. The Group estimates a further provision of between £75 million and £120 million in respect of the 2016/17 scheme year during the second half of the financial year ending 4 April 2016.

In April 2014, the new EU directive on deposit guarantee schemes (**DGSD**) was adopted and EU Member States had until 3 July 2015 to implement it into national law. The revised DGSD requires EU Member States to ensure that by 3 July 2024 the available financial means of the deposit guarantee schemes reach a minimum target level of 0.8 per cent. of the covered deposits of credit institutions; the schemes are to be funded through regular contributions before the event (ex-ante) to the deposit guarantee schemes. (The UK currently operates an ex-post financing where fees are required after a payment to depositors has occurred.) In case of insufficient ex-ante funds, the deposit guarantee scheme will collect immediate after the event (ex-post) contributions from the banking sector, and, as a last resort they will have access to alternative funding arrangements such as loans from public or private third parties. The PRA has consulted on the UK implementation of the DGSD and published final rules on 1 April 2015. These rules proposed, amongst other things, that the ex-ante contributions are met by funds already collected under the UK bank levy (with the ability, in the case of insufficient funds, to collect immediate ex-post contributions) and changes to the UK FSCS which would introduce temporary high balance deposit protection, up to £1 million (an increase to the current £85,000 deposit protection limit, which itself will reduce to £75,000 with effect from 1 January 2016), for up to six months for certain limited types of deposits. It is possible, as a result of the new directive, that future FSCS levies on the Issuer may differ from those at present, and such reforms could result in the Issuer incurring additional costs and liabilities, which may adversely affect its business, financial conditions and/or results of operations.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The auditors' report and audited consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer for the year ended 4 April 2014 (contained on pages 172 to 253 (inclusive) of the Issuer's 2014 Annual Report and Accounts), the auditors' report and audited consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer for the year ended 4 April 2015 (contained on pages 188 to 269 (inclusive) of the Issuer's 2015 Annual Report and Accounts), the interim management statement of the Issuer for the three-month period ended 30 June 2015, the Terms and Conditions of the Notes contained in the previous Base Prospectuses dated 9 August 2002, pages 19-39 (inclusive), 6 August 2004, pages 21-42 (inclusive), 5 October 2006, pages 26-47 (inclusive), 22 October 2007, pages 44-68 (inclusive), 11 November 2008, pages 51-73 (inclusive), 30 November 2009, pages 52-74 (inclusive), 28 September 2010, pages 58-80 (inclusive), 28 September 2011, pages 62-84 (inclusive), 2 October 2012, pages 38-61 (inclusive), 2 October 2013, pages 42-65 (inclusive) and 2 October 2014, pages 45-69 (inclusive) prepared by the Issuer in connection with the Programme and the Terms and Conditions of the Notes in the offering circulars dated 11 October 2000, pages 8-27 (inclusive), 25 April 2002, pages 8-27 (inclusive) and 23 April 2004, pages 8-27 (inclusive) and the prospectus dated 8 July 2005, pages 16-39 (inclusive) prepared by Portman Building Society in connection with its £5,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme which have previously been published or are published simultaneously with this Base Prospectus and have been approved by the FCA or filed with it shall be incorporated in, and form part of, this Base Prospectus.

The table below sets out the relevant page references in (i) the Issuer's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 4 April 2014 for the Issuer's audited consolidated annual financial statements for the year ended 4 April 2014 and auditors' report thereon and (ii) the Issuer's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 4 April 2015 for the Issuer's audited consolidated annual financial statements for the year ended 4 April 2015 and auditors' report thereon:

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Following the publication of this Base Prospectus a supplement may be prepared by the Issuer and approved by the FCA in accordance with Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive. Statements contained in any such supplement (or contained in any document incorporated by reference therein) shall, to the extent applicable (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise), be deemed to supersede statements contained in this Base Prospectus or in a document which is incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus.

Certain information contained in the documents listed above has not been incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus. Such information is either (i) not considered by the Issuer to be relevant for prospective investors in the Notes to be issued under the Programme or (ii) is covered elsewhere in this Base Prospectus.

Copies of documents incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus will be available for viewing without charge (i) at the principal office of the Issuer, (ii) from the specified offices of the Paying Agents for the time being in London and Luxembourg and (iii) on the website of the London Stock Exchange through a regulatory information service (<http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html>). Please note that websites and urls referred to herein do not form part of this Base Prospectus. To the extent that any document incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus incorporates further information by reference, such further information does not form part of this Base Prospectus.

The Issuer will, in the event of any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in this Base Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Notes, prepare a supplement to this Base Prospectus or publish a new Base Prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent issue of Notes. The Issuer has undertaken to the Dealers in the Programme Agreement (as defined in "*Subscription and Sale*") that it will comply with section 87G of the FSMA.

FORM OF THE NOTES

Each Tranche of Notes will initially be represented by a temporary global Note or, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, a permanent global note without interest coupons or talons, which, in either case, will:

- (a) if the global Notes are intended to be issued in new global note (**NGN**) form, as stated in the applicable Final Terms, be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common safekeeper (the **Common Safekeeper**) for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg; and
- (b) if the global Notes are not intended to be issued in NGN form, be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common depository (the **Common Depository**) for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Where the Global Notes issued in respect of any Tranche are in NGN form, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be notified by or on behalf of the Issuer whether or not such Global Notes are intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility. Any indication that the Global Notes are to be so held does not necessarily mean that the Notes of the relevant Tranche will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any times during their life as such recognition depends upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria. The Common Safekeeper for NGNs will either be Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or another entity approved by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Any reference in this section "*Form of the Notes*" to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system approved by the Issuer, the Trustee and the Agent. Whilst any Note is represented by a temporary global Note, payments of principal and interest (if any) due prior to the Exchange Date (as defined below) will be made (against presentation of the temporary global Note if the temporary global Note is not issued in NGN form) only to the extent that certification as to non U.S. beneficial ownership as required by U.S. Treasury regulations (in the form set out in the temporary global Note) has been received by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, has given a like certificate (based on the certifications it has received) to the Agent.

On and after the date (the **Exchange Date**) which is 40 days after the date on which the temporary global Note is issued, interests in the temporary global Note will be exchangeable, upon request being made by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg acting on the instructions of the holders of interests in the temporary global Note, either for interests in a permanent global Note without interest coupons or talons or for definitive Notes (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms and subject, in the case of definitive Notes, to such notice period as is specified in the applicable Final Terms) in each case against certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership as described in the second sentence of the preceding paragraph unless such certification has already been given. The holder of a temporary global Note will not be entitled to receive any payment of interest or principal due on or after the Exchange Date. Pursuant to the Agency Agreement (as defined under "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*" below), the Agent shall arrange that, where a further Tranche of Notes is issued which is intended to form a single Series with an existing Tranche of Notes, the Notes of such Tranche shall be assigned a common code and an ISIN by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg which are different from the common code and ISIN assigned to Notes of any other Tranche of the same Series until at least 40 days (as notified by the Agent to the relevant Dealer(s)/Manager(s)) after the completion of the distribution of the Notes of such first mentioned Tranche (the date of completion of the distribution of such Notes having been previously notified to the Agent by such Dealer(s)/Manager(s)).

Payments of principal and interest (if any) on a permanent global Note will be made through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (against presentation or surrender (as the case may be) of the permanent global Note if the permanent global Note is not issued in NGN form) without any requirement for certification. A

permanent global Note will be exchangeable, in whole but not in part, for security printed definitive Notes with, where applicable, interest coupons and talons attached upon not less than 45 days' written notice (expiring at least 30 days after the Exchange Date) to the Agent from Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as the case may be) acting on instructions of the holders of interests in the permanent global Note. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Final Terms a notice requiring exchange as aforesaid may only be given if an Exchange Event has occurred. Notes for which the applicable Final Terms permit trading in the clearing systems in Calculation Amounts which are not a Specified Denomination will only be exchangeable for definitive Notes upon an Exchange Event. **Exchange Event** means that the Issuer has been notified that either Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg has been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) after the relevant Issue Date or has announced an intention permanently to cease business or has in fact done so and no alternative clearing system satisfactory to the Trustee is available. The Issuer will promptly give notice to the Noteholders in accordance with the Conditions if an Exchange Event occurs. Temporary and permanent global Notes and definitive Notes will be authenticated (if applicable) and delivered by the Agent on behalf of the Issuer. In the case of Notes issued in NGN form which are intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility, the temporary and/or permanent global Note(s) will also be effectuated by the Common Safekeeper.

The exchange of a permanent global Note for definitive Notes upon notice from Euroclear and/or Clearstream (acting on the instructions of any holder) or at any time at the request of the Issuer should not be expressed to be applicable in the applicable Final Terms if the Notes are issued with a minimum Specified Denomination such as €100,000 (or its equivalent in another currency) plus one or more higher integral multiples of another smaller amount such as €1,000 (or its equivalent in another currency). Furthermore, such Specified Denomination construction is not permitted in relation to any issue of Notes which is to be represented on issue by a temporary global Note exchangeable for definitive Notes.

The following legend will appear on all global Notes, definitive Notes and interest coupons: "Any United States person (as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of the United States) who holds this obligation will be subject to limitations under the United States income tax laws, including the limitations provided in sections 165(j) and 1287(a) of the Internal Revenue Code." The sections referred to provide that United States holders, with certain exceptions, will not be entitled to deduct any loss on Notes or interest coupons and will not be entitled to capital gains treatment of any gain on any sale, disposition, redemption or payment of principal in respect of such Notes or interest coupons.

Notes which are represented by a Global Note will only be transferable in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

No Noteholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer unless the Trustee, having become bound so to proceed, fails so to do within a reasonable period and the failure shall be continuing.

The Issuer may agree with any Dealer and the Trustee that Notes may be issued in a form not contemplated by the terms and conditions of the Notes, in which event a drawdown prospectus or a new Base Prospectus will be made available which will describe the effect of the agreement reached in relation to such Notes.

FORM OF FINAL TERMS

Set out below is the form of Final Terms which will be completed for each Tranche of Notes issued under the Programme.

[Date]

Nationwide Building Society
[Title of relevant Series of Notes (specifying type of Notes)]
issued pursuant to its U.S.\$25,000,000,000 European Note Programme

PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 28 September 2015 [and the supplemental Prospectus dated *[date]*] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus (the **Base Prospectus**) for the purposes of Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including Directive 2010/73/EU) (the **Prospectus Directive**). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus. The Base Prospectus has been published on the website of the London Stock Exchange through a regulatory information service (<http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html>).

[Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the **Conditions**) set forth in the Base Prospectus dated *[original date]* [and the supplement to it dated *[date]*] and incorporated by reference into the Base Prospectus dated 28 September 2015. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including Directive 2010/73/EU) (the **Prospectus Directive**) and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated 28 September 2015 [and the supplemental Prospectus dated *[date]*] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus (the **Base Prospectus**) for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive, including the Conditions incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus. The Base Prospectus has been published on the website of the London Stock Exchange through a regulatory information service (<http://www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html>).]

TYPE OF NOTE

1. Deposit/Ordinary/Subordinated: []
2. Interest Basis: [Fixed Rate/ Reset/ Floating Rate/ Zero Coupon/ Combination (see paragraph[s] [12]/[13]/[14]/[15] below)]

DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES

3. New Global Note: [Yes/No]
4. Form of Notes: [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on not less than 45 days' notice/only upon an Exchange Event]]
- [Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes]
- [Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes [on not less than 45 days' notice/only upon an Exchange Event]]
- [Notes shall not be physically delivered in Belgium, except to a clearing system, a depository or other institution for the purpose of their immobilisation in accordance with article 4 of the Belgian Law of 14 December 2005.]¹
5. (a) Series Number: []
- (b) Tranche Number: []
- (c) Date on which the Notes will be consolidated and form a single Series: [] [[Not Applicable]
6. (a) Nominal Amount of Notes to be issued: []
- (b) Aggregate nominal amount of Series (if more than one issue for the Series): []
- (c) Specified Currency: []
- (d) Specified Denomination(s): []
- (e) Calculation Amount: []

¹ Include for Notes that are to be offered in Belgium.

7. Issue Price: []
8. Issue Date: []
9. Interest Commencement Date: []/Issue Date/Not Applicable]
10. Automatic/optional conversion from one Interest Basis to another: [] [Not Applicable]
11. Additional Financial Centre(s) [Not Applicable/[]]

PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

12. **Fixed Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (a) Fixed Rate(s) of Interest: [] per cent. per annum payable in arrear on each Fixed Interest Date
- (b) Fixed Interest Date(s): [] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date
- (c) Initial Broken Amount per denomination: []
- (d) Fixed Coupon Amount(s) [] per Calculation Amount
(Applicable to Notes in definitive form):
- (e) Broken Amount(s) [[] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Fixed Interest Date falling [in/on] []] [Not Applicable]
(Applicable to Notes in definitive form):
- (f) Final Broken Amount per denomination: []
- (g) Day Count Fraction: [[Actual/Actual (ICMA)]
[30/360]
[Actual/Actual (ISDA)] [Actual/Actual]
Actual/365 (Fixed)
Actual/365 (Sterling)
Actual/360
[360/360] [Bond Basis]
[30E/360] [Eurobond Basis]
30E/360 (ISDA)]
- (h) Business Day Convention: [Following Business Day/Modified Following Business Day/Preceding Business Day]
- Adjusted: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
 - Non-Adjusted: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

- (i) Additional Business Centre(s): []
- (j) Determination Date(s): [[] in each year] [Not Applicable]
13. **Zero Coupon Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (a) Accrual Yield: []
- (b) Reference Price: []
- (c) Calculation Agent (if any): []
14. **Floating Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (a) Party responsible for calculating the Interest Rate and Interest Amount (if not the Agent): []
- (b) Interest Period(s) or specified Interest Payment Date(s): []
- (c) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate/Following Business Day/Modified Following Business Day/Preceding Business Day]
- (d) Additional Business Centre(s): []
- (e) First Interest Payment Date: []
- (f) Manner in which Rate of Interest is to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination]
- (g) If Screen Rate Determination:
- (i) Reference Rate, Specified Time and Relevant Financial Centre: Reference Rate: [] month [[] LIBOR/EURIBOR/SIBOR]
Specified Time: [11.00 a.m./[]]
Relevant Financial Centre: [London/Brussels/Singapore]
- (ii) Interest Determination Date: []
- (iii) Relevant Screen Page: [] [Not Applicable]
- (h) If ISDA Determination:
- (i) Floating Rate Option: []
- (ii) Designated Maturity: []
- (iii) Reset Date: []

- (i) Linear Interpolation: [Not Applicable/Applicable – the Rate of Interest for the [long/short] [first/last] Interest Period shall be calculated using Linear Interpolation (*specify for each short or long interest period*)]
- (j) Margin(s): [plus/minus] [] per cent. per annum
- (k) Minimum Interest Rate (if any): [] per cent. per annum [in respect of the period from (and including) [the Interest Commencement Date]/[] to (but excluding) []]
- (l) Maximum Interest Rate (if any): [] per cent. per annum [in respect of the period from (and including) [the Interest Commencement Date]/[] to (but excluding) []]
- (m) Day Count Fraction: [[Actual/Actual (ISDA)] [Actual/Actual] Actual/365 (Fixed) Actual/365 (Sterling) Actual/360 [30/360] [360/360] [Bond Basis] [30E/360] [Eurobond Basis] 30E/360 (ISDA)]
15. **Reset Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]
- (a) Initial Rate of Interest: [] per cent. per annum payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date]
- (b) First Margin: [+/-][] per cent. per annum
- (c) Subsequent Margin: [[+/-][] per cent. per annum] [Not Applicable]
- (d) Interest Payment Date(s): [[] [and []]] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date
- (e) Fixed Coupon Amount to (but excluding) the First Reset Date: [] per Calculation Amount
- (f) Broken Amount(s): [[] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] []][Not Applicable]
- (g) Reset Reference Rate: [Mid-Swaps/Reference Bond]
- (h) First Reset Date: []
- (i) Second Reset Date: []/[Not Applicable]
- (j) Subsequent Reset Date(s): [] [and []] [Not Applicable]
- (k) Relevant Screen Page: []
- (l) Mid-Swap Rate: [Single Mid-Swap Rate/Mean Mid-Swap Rate]

- (m) Mid-Swap Maturity: []
- (n) Reference Bond Reset Rate Time: []
- (o) Reference Bond Price in respect of the first Reset Determination Date: []
- (p) Fixed Leg Swap Duration: []
- (q) Day Count Fraction: [30/360] [Actual/Actual (ICMA)]
- (r) Reset Determination Date(s): [[] in each year][Not Applicable]
- (s) Business Centre(s): []
- (t) Calculation Agent: []

PROVISIONS REGARDING REDEMPTION/MATURITY

- 16. Maturity Date: []
- 17. Redemption at Issuer's option: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
 - (a) Optional Redemption Date(s): []
 - (b) Optional Redemption Amount: [[] per Calculation Amount]
 - (c) If redeemable in part:
 - (i) Minimum Redemption Amount: []
 - (ii) Maximum Redemption Amount: []
 - (iii) Minimum Period: [] days
 - (d) Notice periods: Minimum period: [] days
Maximum period: [] days
- 18. Regulatory Event (Subordinated Notes only): [Full Exclusion / Full or Partial Exclusion / Not Applicable]
- 19. Redemption at Noteholder's option: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
 - (a) Optional Redemption Date(s): []
 - (b) Optional Redemption Amount: [] per Calculation Amount
 - (c) Notice periods: Minimum period: [] days
Maximum period: [] days

20. Final Redemption Amount: Subject to any purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the Notes will be redeemed on the Maturity Date at [] per cent. of their nominal amount
21. Early Redemption Amount payable on [] per Calculation Amount redemption for taxation reasons or (for Subordinated Notes only) following a Regulatory Event or (for any Note) on an Event of Default:

GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THIS ISSUE OF NOTES

22. U.S. Selling Restrictions: [Reg S Compliance Category 2: TEFRA D/TEFRA C/TEFRA not applicable]

THIRD PARTY INFORMATION

[[] has been extracted from []. The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by [], no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]

Signed on behalf of **NATIONWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY**

By:
Duly Authorised

By:
Duly Authorised

PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

- (a) Listing and Admission to trading: [Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market and listing on the Official List of the UK Listing Authority with effect from [].]
- [Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's regulated market and listing on the Official List of the UK Listing Authority with effect from [].]
- (b) Estimated of total expenses related to admission to trading: []

2. RATINGS

- Ratings: The Notes to be issued [have been/are expected to be] been rated:
- [Moody's Investors Service Limited: []]
- [Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services Europe Limited: []]
- [Fitch Ratings Ltd.: []]

3. INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE

[Save for any fees payable to the Manager(s)/Dealer(s), so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Notes has an interest material to the offer. The Manager(s)/Dealer(s) and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business]

4. YIELD (*Fixed Rate Notes only*)

- Indication of yield: []

5. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

- (a) ISIN: []
- (b) Common Code: []
- (c) Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable/[]]

(d) Names and addresses of additional []
Paying Agent(s) (if any):

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

The following are the Terms and Conditions of the Notes which will be incorporated by reference into each Global Note and each definitive Note, in the latter case only if permitted by the relevant stock exchange, relevant authority or quotation system (if any) and agreed by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of issue. If not so permitted (where applicable) and agreed, each definitive Note will have endorsed upon or attached thereto such Terms and Conditions. The applicable Final Terms in relation to any Tranche of Notes may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent specified or to the extent inconsistent with the following Terms and Conditions, replace or modify the following Terms and Conditions for the purpose of such Notes. The applicable Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) will be endorsed upon, or attached to, each Global Note and definitive Note. Reference should be made to "Form of Final Terms" above for a description of the content of Final Terms which will specify which of such terms are to apply in relation to the relevant Notes.

This Note is one of a Series of notes (the notes of such Series being hereinafter called the **Notes**, which expression shall mean (a) in relation to Notes represented by a global note (a **Global Note**), units equal to the lowest Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency, (b) definitive Notes issued in exchange for a Global Note, and (c) any Global Note) constituted by a Trust Deed dated 17 April 1991 (such Trust Deed as modified and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Trust Deed**) made between Nationwide Building Society (the **Issuer**) and The Law Debenture Trust Corporation p.l.c. (the **Trustee**, which expression shall include any successor as trustee).

The Notes are issued with the benefit of an Amended and Restated Agency Agreement dated 2 October 2013 (such Agency Agreement as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Agency Agreement**) made between the Issuer, Citibank, N.A., London Office, as issuing agent, principal paying agent and agent bank (the **Agent**, which expression shall include any successor as agent), the other paying agents named therein (together with the Agent, the **Paying Agents**, which expression shall include any additional or successor paying agents) and the Trustee.

Interest bearing definitive Notes have interest coupons (**Coupons**) and, in the case of Notes which, when issued in definitive form, have more than 27 interest payments remaining, talons for further Coupons (**Talons**) attached on issue. Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to Coupons or coupons shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons or talons.

The final terms for this Note (or the relevant provisions thereof) are set out in Part A of the Final Terms endorsed upon or attached to this Note which supplements these Terms and Conditions and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Terms and Conditions, replace or modify these Terms and Conditions for the purposes of this Note.

References herein to **applicable Final Terms** are, unless otherwise stated, to Part A of the Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) attached to or endorsed on this Note.

The Trustee acts for the benefit of the holders of the Notes (the **Noteholders**, which expression shall, in relation to any Notes represented by a Global Note, be construed as provided below) and the holders of the Coupons (the **Couponholders**, which expression shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of the Talons), all in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed.

As used herein, **Tranche** means Notes which are identical in all respects (including as to listing, trading and/or quotation by any listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system) and Series means a Tranche of Notes together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Notes which are (a) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series, and (b) identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading) except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates and/or Issue Prices.

Copies of the Trust Deed and the Agency Agreement are available for inspection during normal business hours at the registered office for the time being of the Trustee, being at 28 September 2015 at Fifth Floor, 100 Wood Street, London EC2V 7EX and at the specified office of each of the Agent and the other Paying Agents. If the Notes are to be admitted to trading on the regulated market of the London Stock Exchange the applicable Final Terms will be published on the website of the London Stock Exchange through a regulatory information service. If this Note is neither admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area nor offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive, the applicable Final Terms will only be obtainable from the principal office of the Issuer and of the Agent by a Noteholder holding one or more Notes and such Noteholder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer and the relevant Paying Agent as to its holding of such Notes and identity. The Noteholders and the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement and the applicable Final Terms which are binding on them. Words and expressions defined in the Trust Deed or the Agency Agreement or used in the applicable Final Terms shall have the same meanings where used in these Terms and Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated and provided that, in the event of inconsistency between the Agency Agreement and the Trust Deed, the Trust Deed will prevail and, in the event of inconsistency between the Agency Agreement or the Trust Deed and the applicable Final Terms, the applicable Final Terms will prevail.

1. Form, Denomination and Transfer

The Notes are in bearer form and, in the case of definitive Notes, serially numbered, in the currency (the **Specified Currency**) and the denominations (the **Specified Denomination(s)**) specified in the applicable Final Terms. Notes of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Notes of another Specified Denomination.

This Note is a Fixed Rate Note, a Reset Note, a Floating Rate Note or a Zero Coupon Note or any appropriate combination thereof, depending upon the Interest Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

This Note is also an Ordinary Note, a Deposit Note or a Subordinated Note, as indicated in the applicable Final Terms.

If this Note is a definitive Note, it is issued with Coupons and, if applicable, Talons attached, unless it is a Zero Coupon Note in which case references to interest and Coupons in these Terms and Conditions are not applicable.

Subject to the provisions relating to Global Notes set out below, title to the Notes and the Coupons will pass by delivery. Except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, the Issuer, the Trustee, the Agent and any other Paying Agent shall (subject as set out below) be entitled to deem and treat the bearer of any Note or Coupon as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not such Note or Coupon shall be overdue and notwithstanding any notice to the contrary or any notation of ownership or writing thereon or notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) for the purpose of making payment thereon and for all other purposes. For so long as any of the Notes is represented by a Global Note held on behalf of Euroclear Bank SA/NV (**Euroclear**) and/or Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* (**Clearstream, Luxembourg**), each person (other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular nominal amount of such Notes (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (including any form of statement or printout of electronic records provided by the relevant clearing system (including Euroclear's EUCLID or Clearstream, Luxembourg's Creation Online system) in accordance with its usual procedures and in which the holder of a particular nominal amount of Notes is clearly identified together with the amount of such holding) as evidence as to the nominal amount of such Notes standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Trustee, the Agent and any other Paying Agent as the holder of such nominal amount of

such Notes for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal and interest on such Notes, the right to which shall be vested, as against the Issuer, solely in the bearer of the Global Note in accordance with and subject to its terms (or the Trustee in accordance with the Trust Deed) (and the expressions **Noteholder**, **holder of Notes** and related expressions shall be construed accordingly). Notes which are represented by a Global Note will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

Any references herein to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in Part B of the applicable Final Terms.

2. Status of Ordinary Notes and Deposit Notes

The Ordinary Notes and the Deposit Notes and any relative Coupons are direct, unconditional and (subject to the provisions of Condition 4) unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank (subject to any applicable statutory exceptions or preferences and subject to the provisions of Condition 4) equally with all other unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer and, subject to any applicable statutory exceptions or preferences, in priority to investment shares in the Issuer from time to time outstanding.

3. Status and Subordination of Subordinated Notes

- (a) The Subordinated Notes and any relative Coupons are direct and unsecured obligations of the Issuer, subordinated and conditional as described below, and rank *pari passu* and without any preference among themselves. The claims in respect of principal, interest and any other amount (including, without limitation, any damages awarded for breach of the Issuer's obligations) in respect of the Subordinated Notes (and any relative Coupons) will, in the event of the winding up or dissolution of the Issuer (other than an Excluded Dissolution):
 - (i) be subordinated in right of payment in the manner provided in the Trust Deed to all Senior Claims;
 - (ii) rank at least *pari passu* with claims in respect of obligations of the Issuer which constitute, or would but for any applicable limitation on the amount of such capital constitute, Tier 2 Capital; and
 - (iii) rank in priority to claims in respect of obligations of the Issuer which constitute, or would but for any applicable limitation on the amount of such capital constitute, Additional Tier 1 Capital (including, without limitation, the Issuer's permanent interest bearing shares) or Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (including the Issuer's core capital deferred shares) and in priority to any other claims ranking, or expressed to rank, junior to the Subordinated Notes.

Accordingly if the Issuer is at any time in winding up, then no principal, interest or other amounts in respect of the Subordinated Notes (whether or not already due or accrued prior to the commencement of such winding up) shall be payable by, nor shall any claim in respect thereof be provable against, the Issuer in such winding up unless and until and except to the extent that the Issuer could make such payment in whole or in part and still be solvent immediately thereafter. For the purpose of this Condition, the Issuer shall be deemed to be solvent if it is able to pay its Senior Claims in full, or the liquidator of the Issuer determines that it will be able to do so within a period not exceeding twelve months, in each case disregarding obligations which are not provable in the winding up.

As used herein:

deferred share investments has the meaning ascribed thereto in the rules of the Issuer (and includes the Issuer's permanent interest bearing shares and core capital deferred shares);

Excluded Dissolution means a dissolution of the Issuer by virtue of the amalgamation and transfer provisions set out in sections 93, 94 and 97 of the Building Societies Act 1986, as amended (the **Act**), or by virtue of a transfer pursuant to an order made under section 3 of the Building Societies (Funding) and Mutual Societies (Transfers) Act 2007, as amended (or any successor provisions thereto);

investing members has the meaning ascribed thereto in the rules of the Issuer;

Regulatory Capital Requirements means, at any time, any requirement contained in the law, regulations, requirements, guidelines and policies then in effect relating to capital adequacy and prudential supervision and applicable to the Issuer, including (without limitation to the generality of the foregoing), those laws, regulations, requirements, guidelines and policies relating to capital adequacy and prudential supervision then in effect of the United Kingdom or the Supervisory Authority and/or any regulation, directive or other binding rules, standards or decisions adopted by the institutions of the European Union;

Senior Claims means the aggregate amount of all claims admitted in the winding up of the Issuer which are (i) claims of depositors of the Issuer, (ii) claims of investing members of the Issuer as regards the principal and interest due on share investments other than deferred share investments, (iii) claims of creditors in respect of unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer; and (iv) claims of creditors in respect of subordinated obligations of the Issuer other than claims (x) in respect of obligations which constitute, or would but for any applicable limitation on the amount of such capital, constitute, Tier 1 Capital or Tier 2 Capital or (y) which otherwise rank, or are expressed to rank, *pari passu* with, or junior to, the claims in respect of the Subordinated Notes; and

Supervisory Authority means, from time to time, the Prudential Regulation Authority or such other authority having primary supervisory authority with respect to prudential matters concerning the Issuer; and

Tier 1 Capital, Common Equity Tier 1 Capital, Additional Tier 1 Capital and Tier 2 Capital have the respective meanings given thereto (or to a successor or equivalent term) in the Regulatory Capital Requirements.

- (b) Subject to applicable law, no holder of a Subordinated Note may exercise, claim or plead any right of set-off, compensation or retention in respect of any amount owed to it by the Issuer arising under or in connection with the Subordinated Notes, any relative Coupons and each Noteholder and Couponholder shall, by virtue of being the holder of any such Subordinated Note or Coupon (as the case may be) be deemed to have waived all such rights of set-off, compensation or retention. Notwithstanding the provision of the foregoing sentence, if any of the said rights and claims of any Noteholder or Couponholder of a Subordinated Note against the Issuer is discharged by set-off, such Noteholder or Couponholder will immediately pay an amount equal to the amount of such discharge to the Issuer or, in the event of winding up of the Issuer the liquidator of the Issuer and accordingly such discharge will be deemed not to have taken place.

4. Negative Pledge

This Condition 4 does not apply to Subordinated Notes.

So long as any of the Ordinary Notes or, as the case may be, Deposit Notes remains outstanding the Issuer will not, and will not suffer or permit any Subsidiary of the Issuer to, create or have outstanding any mortgage, lien (not being a lien arising by operation of law), pledge or other security interest upon the whole or any part of its undertaking or assets, present or future, (**Security**) to secure any Loan Stock of the Issuer or such Subsidiary, respectively, or any obligation of the Issuer or of any Subsidiary of the Issuer under any guarantee of or indemnity in respect of Loan Stock of any other person, without at the same time or prior thereto securing the Notes and the Coupons (other than Subordinated Notes and any relative Coupons) (the **Protected Notes and Coupons**) equally and rateably therewith to the satisfaction of the Trustee or providing such other security for the Protected Notes and Coupons which the Trustee in its absolute discretion shall deem to be not materially less beneficial to the Noteholders or which shall be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders provided that the Issuer or any Subsidiary of the Issuer may create or have outstanding Security with respect to Loan Stock (without the obligation to secure the Protected Notes and Coupons as aforesaid) if at the date of the creation thereof the Issuer and its Subsidiaries have and thereafter maintain free and clear of Security assets the fair market value of which (calculated on a consolidated basis) is at least twice the aggregate principal amount of all Loan Stock which is not secured by any such Security. **Loan Stock** is defined in the Trust Deed to mean indebtedness for the time being outstanding which is in the form of or represented or evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures, loan stock or other similar securities.

5. Interest

5.1 Interest on Fixed Rate Notes

Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the Fixed Rate(s) of Interest payable in arrear on the Fixed Interest Date(s) in each year and on the Maturity Date if that does not fall on a Fixed Interest Date. The first payment of interest will be made on the Fixed Interest Date next following the Interest Commencement Date and, if the first anniversary of the Interest Commencement Date is not a Fixed Interest Date, will amount to the Initial Broken Amount. If the Maturity Date is not a Fixed Interest Date, interest from (and including) the preceding Fixed Interest Date (or the Interest Commencement Date, as the case may be) to (but excluding) the Maturity Date will amount to the Final Broken Amount.

If "Business Day Convention—Adjusted" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, (a) any Fixed Interest Date otherwise falling on a day which is not a Business Day (as defined in Condition 5.2 below) will be postponed or brought forward (as applicable) in accordance with the business day convention set out in the applicable Final Terms (as described below) which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not be the Floating Rate Convention and (b) the amount of interest payable on such Fixed Interest Date will be adjusted accordingly and the provisions of Condition 5.2(d) (excluding the determination of the Rate of Interest) and Condition 5.2(f) (excluding the notification of the Rate of Interest) shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, as though references to "Floating Rate Notes" were to "Fixed Rate Notes" and references to "Interest Amounts" were to amounts of interest payable in respect of Fixed Rate Notes.

If "Business Day Convention—Non-Adjusted" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, any Fixed Interest Date otherwise falling on a day which is not a Business Day will be postponed or brought forward (as applicable) in accordance with the business day convention set out in the applicable Final Terms (as described below) which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not be the Floating Rate Convention and there will be no corresponding adjustment of the amount of interest payable on such Fixed Interest Date.

Except in the case of Notes in definitive form where an applicable Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount is specified in the applicable Final Terms, interest shall be calculated in respect of any period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (a) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Fixed Rate Notes represented by such Global Note; or
- (b) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount;

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure to the nearest subunit of the relevant Specified Currency, half of any such subunit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention. Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination, without any further rounding.

5.2 Interest on Floating Rate Notes

(a) Interest Payment Dates

Each Floating Rate Note bears interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate equal to the Rate of Interest payable in arrear on either:

- (i) the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year (the period from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each successive period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next Interest Payment Date, each an **Interest Period**); or
- (ii) if no express Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each date (each an Interest Payment Date) which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Interest Period in the applicable Final Terms after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

If any Interest Payment Date which is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be subject to adjustment in accordance with a business day convention would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the business day convention specified is:

- (A) in any case where Interest Periods are specified in accordance with Condition 5.2(a)(ii) above, the Floating Rate Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (I) such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (II) each subsequent Interest Payment Date shall be the last Business Day in the month which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Interest Period in the applicable Final Terms after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date occurred; or
- (B) the Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
- (C) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
- (D) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

In this Condition, **Business Day** means a day which is both:

- I. a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London and each Additional Business Centre (other than TARGET2 System) specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- II. if TARGET2 System is specified as an Additional Business Centre in the applicable Final Terms, a day on which the TARGET2 System is open; and
- III. either (a) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney or Auckland, respectively) or (b) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is open.

(b) **Rate of Interest**

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes will be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(i) **ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Notes**

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any).

For the purposes of this Condition 5.2(b)(i), **ISDA Rate** for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Agent or other person specified in the applicable Final Terms under an interest rate swap transaction if the Agent or that other person were acting as Calculation Agent for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes and as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (the **ISDA Definitions**)) and under which:

- (A) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (B) the Designated Maturity is the period specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (C) the relevant Reset Date is the day specified in the applicable Final Terms.

For the purpose of this Condition 5.2(b)(i), (I) **Floating Rate, Calculation Agent, Floating Rate Option, Designated Maturity** and **Reset Date** have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions and (II) the definition of **Banking Day** in the ISDA Definitions shall be amended to insert after the words "are open for" in the second line the word "general".

(ii) **Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes**

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be either:

- (A) the offered quotation (if there is only one quotation on the Relevant Screen Page); or
- (B) the arithmetic mean (rounded upwards if necessary to the nearest 0.0001 per cent.) of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page (or such replacement page on that service which displays the information) at the Specified Time in the Relevant Financial Centre on the Interest Determination Date in question plus or minus the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Agent. If five or more of such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of such offered quotations.

The Agency Agreement contains provisions for determining the Rate of Interest in the event that the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if, in the case of (A) above, no such offered quotation appears or, in the case of (B) above, fewer than three such offered quotations appear, in each case as at the time specified in the preceding paragraph.

(c) **Minimum and/or Maximum Rate of Interest**

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Minimum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall in no event be less than such Minimum Rate of Interest and/or if it specifies a Maximum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall in no event be greater than such Maximum Rate of Interest.

(d) **Determination of Rate of Interest and calculation of Interest Amount**

The Agent will, at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, determine the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period.

The Agent will calculate the amount of interest (each an **Interest Amount**) for the relevant Interest Period. Each Interest Amount shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (A) in the case of Floating Rate Notes which are represented by a Global Note, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Notes represented by such Global Note; or
- (B) in the case of Floating Rate Notes in definitive form, the Calculation Amount;

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the Day Count Fraction specified in the applicable Final Terms. The resultant figure will be rounded as follows (or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention):

- (i) all United States Dollar amounts used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one half cent being rounded up);
- (ii) all Japanese Yen amounts used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded downwards to the next lower whole Japanese Yen; and
- (iii) all amounts denominated in any other currency used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in such currency, with 0.005 being rounded upwards.

Where the Specified Denomination of a Floating Rate Note in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Floating Rate Note shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination, without any further rounding.

(e) **Linear Interpolation**

Where Linear Interpolation is specified as applicable in respect of an Interest Period in the applicable Final Terms, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be calculated by the Agent by straight line linear interpolation by reference to two rates based on the relevant Reference Rate (where Screen Rate Determination is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms) or the relevant Floating Rate Option (where ISDA Determination is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms), one of which shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the length of the relevant Interest Period and the other of which rates are available next longer than the length of the relevant Interest Period provided however that if there is no rate available for the period of time next shorter or, as the case may be, next longer, then the Agent shall determine such rate at such time and by reference to such sources as it determines appropriate.

Designated Maturity means, in relation to Screen Rate Determination, the period of time designated in the Reference Rate.

(f) **Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts**

The Agent will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relative Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Trustee and to any listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system to which the Floating Rate Notes have then been admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation and to be published in accordance with Condition 19 as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth Business Day (as defined in Condition 5.2(a) above) thereafter. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. Any such amendment or alternative arrangements will promptly be notified to each listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system to which the Floating Rate Notes have then been admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation and to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 19.

(g) **Determination or calculation by Trustee**

If for any reason at any time after the Issue Date, the Agent defaults in its obligation to determine the Rate of Interest in accordance with Condition 5.2(b) above or the Agent defaults in its obligation to calculate any Interest Amount in accordance with Condition 5.2(d) above, the Trustee (or an agent acting on its behalf) shall (subject to it being indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction) determine the Rate of Interest at such rate as, in its absolute discretion (having such regard as it shall think fit to the foregoing provisions of this Condition, but subject always to any Minimum or Maximum Rate of Interest specified in the applicable Final Terms), it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances or, as the case may be, the Trustee (or an agent acting on its behalf) shall (subject to it being indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction) calculate the Interest Amount(s) in such manner as it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances and each such determination or calculation shall be deemed to have been made by the Agent. The Trustee shall have no liability to any person in connection with any determination or calculation it is required to make pursuant to this Condition 5.2.

(h) **Certificates to be final**

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition 5.2, whether by the Agent or

the Calculation Agent or the Trustee, shall (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Agent, the Calculation Agent, the Trustee, the other Paying Agents and all Noteholders and Couponholders and (in the absence as aforesaid) no liability to the Issuer, the Noteholders or the Couponholders shall attach to the Agent, the Calculation Agent or the Trustee in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by them of their powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

5.3 Interest on Reset Notes

(a) Rates of Interest and Interest Payment Dates

Each Reset Note bears interest:

- (a) from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date specified in the applicable Final Terms to (but excluding) the First Reset Date at the rate per annum equal to the Initial Interest Rate;
- (b) from (and including) the First Reset Date to (but excluding) the Second Reset Date or, if no such Second Reset Date is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Maturity Date at the rate per annum equal to the First Reset Rate of Interest; and
- (c) if applicable, from (and including) the Second Reset Date to (but excluding) the first Subsequent Reset Date (if any), and each successive period from (and including) any Subsequent Reset Date to (but excluding) the next succeeding Subsequent Reset Date (if any) (each a **Subsequent Reset Period**) at the rate per annum equal to the relevant Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest,

(in each case rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) payable, in each case, in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year and on the Maturity Date so specified if that does not fall on an Interest Payment Date.

The Rate of Interest and the amount of interest (the **Interest Amount**) payable shall be determined by the Calculation Agent, (A) in the case of the Rate of Interest, at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, and (B) in the case of the Interest Amount in accordance with the provisions for calculating amounts of interest in Condition 5.1 and, for such purposes, references in the fourth paragraph of Condition 5.1 to “Fixed Rate Notes” shall be deemed to be to “Reset Notes” and Condition 5.1 shall be construed accordingly.

In this Condition 5.3:

First Margin means the margin specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

First Reset Date means the date specified in the applicable Final Terms;

First Reset Period means the period from (and including) the First Reset Date until (but excluding) the Second Reset Date or, if no such Second Reset Date is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Maturity Date;

First Reset Rate of Interest means, in respect of the First Reset Period and subject to Condition 5.3(b), the rate of interest determined by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Reset Determination Date as the sum, converted from a basis equivalent to the Fixed Leg Swap Duration or the Reference Bond Yield, as the case may be, to a basis equivalent to the frequency with which scheduled interest payments are payable on the Notes during the relevant Reset Period (such calculation to be determined by the Issuer in conjunction with a leading financial institution selected by it), of (A) the relevant Reset Reference Rate and (B) the First Margin;

Fixed Leg Swap Duration has the meaning specified in the applicable Final Terms;

Initial Rate of Interest has the meaning specified in the applicable Final Terms;

Mid-Market Swap Rate means for any Reset Period the mean of the bid and offered rates for the fixed leg payable with a frequency equivalent to the Fixed Leg Swap Duration (calculated on the basis of the Day Count Fraction as specified in the applicable Final Terms as determined by the Calculation Agent) of a fixed-for-floating interest rate swap transaction in the Specified Currency which transaction (i) has a term equal to the relevant Reset Period and commencing on the relevant Reset Date, (ii) is in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in the relevant market at the relevant time with an acknowledged dealer of good credit in the swap market and (iii) has a floating leg based on the Mid-Swap Floating Leg Benchmark Rate for the Mid-Swap Maturity (calculated on the basis of the Day Count Fraction as specified in the applicable Final Terms as determined by the Calculation Agent);

Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotation means a quotation (expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the relevant Mid-Market Swap Rate;

Mid-Swap Floating Leg Benchmark Rate means EURIBOR if the Specified Currency is euro or LIBOR for the Specified Currency if the Specified Currency is not euro;

Mid-Swap Maturity has the meaning specified in the applicable Final Terms;

Mid-Swap Rate means, in relation to a Reset Determination Date and subject to Condition 5.3(b), either:

- (i) if Single Mid-Swap Rate is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the rate for swaps in the Specified Currency:

- (A) with a term equal to the relevant Reset Period; and

- (B) commencing on the relevant Reset Date,

which appears on the Relevant Screen Page or such replacement page on that service which displays the information; or

- (ii) if Mean Mid-Swap Rate is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the arithmetic mean (expressed as a percentage rate per annum and rounded, if necessary, to the nearest 0.001 per cent. (0.0005 per cent. being rounded upwards)) of the bid and offered swap rate quotations for swaps in the Specified Currency:

- (A) with a term equal to the relevant Reset Period; and

- (B) commencing on the relevant Reset Date,

which appear on the Relevant Screen Page or such replacement page on that service which displays the information,

in either case, as at approximately 11.00 a.m. in the principal financial centre of the Specified Currency on such Reset Determination Date, all as determined by the Calculation Agent provided, however, that if there is no such rate appearing on the Relevant Screen Page for a term equal to the relevant Reset Period, then the Mid-Swap Rate shall be determined through the use of straight-line interpolation by reference to two rates, one of which shall be determined in accordance with the above provisions, but as if the relevant Reset Period were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the length of the actual Reset Period and the other of which shall be determined in accordance with the above provisions, but as if the relevant Reset Period were the period of time for which rates are available next longer than the length of the actual Reset Period;

Rate of Interest means the Initial Rate of Interest, the First Reset Rate of Interest or the Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest, as applicable;

Reference Bond means for any Reset Period a government security or securities issued by the state responsible for issuing the Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is euro, shall be Germany) selected by the Issuer on the advice of an investment bank of international repute as having an actual or interpolated maturity comparable with the relevant Reset Period that would be utilised, at the time of selection and in accordance with customary financial practice, in pricing new issues of corporate debt securities denominated in the same currency as the Notes and of a comparable maturity to the relevant Reset Period.

Reference Bond Price means, with respect to any Reset Determination Date, (A) the arithmetic average of the Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations for such Reset Determination Date, after excluding the highest and lowest such Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations, or (B) if the Calculation Agent obtains fewer than four but more than one such Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations, the arithmetic average of all such quotations, or (C) if the Calculation Agent obtains one such Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations, the amount of such quotation, or (D) if the Calculation Agent obtains no such Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations, the Reference Bond Price determined on the immediately preceding Reset Determination Date or, in the case of the first Reset Determination Date, as specified in the applicable Final Terms;

Reference Bond Reset Rate Time means the time specified in the applicable Final Terms;

Reference Bond Yield means the yield to maturity or interpolated yield to maturity (on the relevant day count basis) of the relevant Reference Bond;

Reference Government Bond Dealer means each of five banks (selected by the Issuer on the advice of an investment bank of international repute), or their affiliates, which are (A) primary government securities dealers, and their respective successors, or (B) market makers in pricing corporate bond issues;

Reference Government Bond Dealer Quotations means, with respect to each Reference Government Bond Dealer and the relevant Reset Determination Date, the arithmetic average, as determined by the Calculation Agent, of the bid and offered prices for the relevant Reference Bond (expressed in each case as a percentage of its nominal amount) at or around the Reference Bond Reset Rate Time on the relevant Reset Determination Date quoted in writing to the Calculation Agent by such Reference Government Bond Dealer;

Relevant Screen Page means the screen page specified in the applicable Final Terms;

Reset Business Day means a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in any Business Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms;

Reset Date means the First Reset Date, the Second Reset Date and each Subsequent Reset Date (as applicable);

Reset Determination Date means, in respect of the First Reset Period, the second Reset Business Day prior to the First Reset Date, in respect of the first Subsequent Reset Period, the second Reset Business Day prior to the Second Reset Date and, in respect of each Subsequent Reset Period thereafter, the second Reset Business Day prior to the first day of each such Subsequent Reset Period;

Reset Period means the First Reset Period or a Subsequent Reset Period, as the case may be;

Reset Reference Rate means either (i) if Mid-Swaps is specified in the applicable Final Terms the Mid-Swap Rate, or (ii) if Reference Bond is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Reference Bond Yield, assuming a price for such Reference Bond (expressed as a percentage of its nominal amount) equal to the relevant Reference Bond Price;

Second Reset Date means the date specified in the applicable Final Terms;

Subsequent Margin means the margin specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

Subsequent Reset Date means the date or dates specified in the applicable Final Terms; and

Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest means, in respect of any Subsequent Reset Period and subject to Condition 5.3(b), the rate of interest determined by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Reset Determination Date as the sum, converted from a basis equivalent to the Fixed Leg Swap Duration specified in the applicable Final Terms or the Reference Bond Yield, as the case may be, to a basis equivalent to the frequency with which scheduled interest payments are payable on the Notes during the relevant Reset Period (such calculation to be determined by the Issuer in conjunction with a leading financial institution selected by it), of (A) the relevant Reset Reference Rate and (B) the relevant Subsequent Margin.

(b) **Fallbacks**

If on any Reset Determination Date the Relevant Screen Page is not available or the Mid-Swap Rate does not appear on the Relevant Screen Page, the Calculation Agent shall request each of the Reference Banks (as defined below) to provide the Calculation Agent with its Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotation as at approximately 11.00 a.m. in the principal financial centre of the Specified Currency on the Reset Determination Date in question.

If two or more of the Reference Banks provide the Calculation Agent with Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotations, the First Reset Rate of Interest or the Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest (as applicable) for the relevant Reset Period shall be the sum (converted as set out in the definition of such term above) of the arithmetic mean (rounded, if necessary, to the nearest 0.001 per cent. (0.0005 per cent. being rounded upwards)) of the relevant Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotations and the First Margin or Subsequent Margin (as applicable), all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

If on any Reset Determination Date only one of the Reference Banks provides the Calculation Agent with a Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotation as provided in the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the First Reset Rate of Interest or the Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest (as applicable) shall be the sum (converted as set out in the definition of such term above) of (rounded, if necessary, to the nearest 0.001 per cent. (0.0005 per cent. being rounded upwards)) of the relevant Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotation and the First Margin or Subsequent Margin (as applicable), all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

If on any Reset Determination Date none of the Reference Banks provides the Calculation Agent with a Mid-Market Swap Rate Quotation as provided in the foregoing provisions of this Condition 5.3(b), the First Reset Rate of Interest or the Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest (as applicable) shall be determined to be the rate of interest as at the last preceding Reset Date or, in the case of the first Reset Determination Date, the First Reset Rate of Interest shall be the Initial Rate of Interest.

For the purposes of this Condition 5.3(b), **Reference Banks** means the principal office in the principal financial centre of the Specified Currency of four major banks in the swap, money, securities or other market most closely connected with the relevant Mid-Swap Rate as selected by the Issuer on the advice of an investment bank of international repute.

(c) **Notification of First Reset Rate of Interest, Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest and Interest Amount**

The Calculation Agent will cause the First Reset Rate of Interest, any Subsequent Reset Rate of Interest and, in respect of a Reset Period, the Interest Amount payable on each Interest Payment Date falling in such Reset Period to be notified to the Issuer, the Principal Paying Agent, the Trustee and any competent authority or stock exchange by or on which the relevant Reset Notes are for the time being listed and notice thereof to be published in accordance with Condition 19 as

soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth London Business Day (as defined in Condition 5.2(d)) thereafter.

(d) **Determination or Calculation by an agent appointed by the Trustee**

If for any reason the Calculation Agent defaults in its obligation to determine the Rate of Interest or calculate any Interest Amount in accordance with Condition 5.3(a), the Trustee may (subject to it being indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction) appoint an agent to do so and such determination shall be deemed to have been made by the Calculation Agent. In doing so, such agent shall apply the foregoing provisions of this Condition 5.3 with any necessary consequential amendments, to the extent that, in its opinion, it can do so, and in all other respects it shall do so in such manner as it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances. Without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 5.3(e) below, the Trustee shall have no liability to any person in connection with any determination or calculation made by any agent so appointed pursuant to this Condition.

(e) **Certificates to be final**

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition 5.3 by the Calculation Agent or any agent appointed by the Trustee shall (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Trustee, the Calculation Agent, the other Paying Agents and all Noteholders and Couponholders and (in the absence as aforesaid) no liability to the Issuer, the Noteholders or the Couponholders shall attach to the Calculation Agent or the Trustee or any agent appointed by the Trustee in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

5.4 Interest Accrual

Interest (if any) will cease to accrue on each Note on, but excluding, the due date for redemption thereof unless payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused in which event interest will continue to accrue as provided in the Trust Deed.

5.5 Day Count Fractions

In this Condition 5:

Day Count Fraction means, in respect of the calculation of an amount for any period of time in accordance with the applicable Final Terms for any Fixed Rate Note, Reset Note, or Floating Rate Note, as applicable:

(A) if **Actual/Actual (ICMA)** is specified in the applicable Final Terms:

- (i) in the case of Notes where the number of days in the relevant period from (and including) the most recent Fixed Interest Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (the Accrual Period) is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the number of days in such Accrual Period divided by the product of (A) the number of days in such Determination Period and (B) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; or
- (ii) in the case of Notes where the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period commencing on the last Fixed Interest Date on which interest was paid (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date), the sum of:

- I. the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which the Accrual Period begins divided by the product of (I) the number of days in such Determination Period and (II) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and
 - II. the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (I) the number of days in such Determination Period and (II) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year;
- (B) if **Actual/Actual (ISDA)** or **Actual/Actual** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of the Interest Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (I) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (II) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (C) if **Actual/365 (Fixed)** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;
- (D) if **Actual/365 (Sterling)** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;
- (E) if **Actual/360** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;
- (F) if **30/360**, **360/360** or **Bond Basis** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:
- $$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$
- where:
- "Y1" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;
- "Y2" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;
- "M1" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;
- "M2" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;
- "D1" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number is 31, in which case D1 will be 30; and
- "D2" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31 and D₁ is greater than 29, in which case D₂ will be 30;
- (G) if **30E/360** or **Eurobond Basis** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"Y1" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"Y2" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"M1" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"M2" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"D1" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D1 will be 30; and

"D2" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D2 will be 30; and

- (H) if **30E/360 (ISDA)** is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"Y₁" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"Y₂" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"M₁" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"M₂" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Interest Period falls;

"D₁" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D₁ will be 30; and

"D₂" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D₂ will be 30.

and if no Day Count Fraction for Fixed Rate Notes or Reset Notes is specified in the applicable Final Terms then the Day Count Fraction for such Notes shall be **Actual/Actual (ICMA)** for Notes other than those denominated or payable in U.S. Dollars and **30/360** for Notes denominated or payable in U.S. Dollars;

Determination Period means the period from (and including) a Determination Date to (but excluding) the next Determination Date; and

sub-unit means, with respect to any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, with respect to euro, means one cent.

6. Redemption and Purchase

6.1 Final redemption

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as provided below, each Note will be redeemed at its Final Redemption Amount specified in the applicable Final Terms in the relevant Specified Currency on the Maturity Date specified in the applicable Final Terms.

6.2 Redemption for taxation reasons

If the Issuer at any time satisfies the Trustee immediately prior to the giving of the notice referred to below that:

- (a) (if this Note is an Ordinary Note or a Deposit Note) on the date of the next payment due in respect of the Notes, the Issuer would be required (i) to pay additional amounts as provided under Condition 10 or (ii) to account to any taxing authority in the United Kingdom for any amount (other than any tax withheld or deducted from interest payable on the Notes) calculated by reference to any amount payable in respect of the Notes; or
- (b) (if this Note is a Subordinated Note) a Tax Event has occurred,

and, in any such case, the Issuer cannot avoid the foregoing by taking reasonable measures available to it, then the Issuer may in its sole discretion (subject to Condition 6.7 and, if this Note is a Subordinated Note, to compliance with Condition 6.10), having given not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Trustee, the Agent and, in accordance with Condition 19, the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), redeem at any time (if this Note is not a Floating Rate Note) or on the next Interest Payment Date (if this Note is a Floating Rate Note) all, but not some only, of the Notes at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in Condition 6.7 below, together, if applicable, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption. Upon the expiry of such notice, the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Notes accordingly.

A **Tax Event** will be deemed to have occurred if, as a result of a Tax Law Change:

- (i) in making any payments on the Subordinated Notes, the Issuer has paid or will or would on the next payment date be required to pay additional amounts as provided under Condition 10;
- (ii) the Issuer is no longer, or will no longer be, entitled to claim a deduction in respect of any payments in respect of the Subordinated Notes in computing its taxation liabilities or the amount of such deduction is or will be materially reduced;
- (iii) the Subordinated Notes are or will be prevented from being treated as loan relationships for United Kingdom tax purposes; or
- (iv) the Issuer is not, or will not be, able to have losses or deductions set against any profits or gains, or profits or gains offset by any losses or deductions, of companies with which it is or would otherwise be so grouped for applicable United Kingdom tax purposes (whether under the group relief system current as at the date of issue of the Subordinated Notes or any similar system or systems having like effect as may from time to time exist).

As used herein, **Tax Law Change** means any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of the United Kingdom (including any treaty to which it is a party) or any political subdivision or any authority

thereof or therein having power to tax, or any change in the official interpretation thereof by the relevant tax authority or in the application of such laws or regulations by a decision of any court or tribunal that provides for a position with respect to such laws or regulations that differs from the previously generally accepted position in relation to similar transactions or any pronouncement of a tax authority in the United Kingdom), which change or amendment becomes effective or, in the case of a change in law, if such change is enacted by a UK Act of Parliament or by Statutory Instrument, on or after the Issue Date.

6.3 Redemption following a Regulatory Event

This Condition 6.3 applies in respect of Subordinated Notes only.

If a Regulatory Event has occurred, then the Issuer may in its sole discretion, subject to compliance with Condition 6.10, and having given not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Trustee, the Agent and, in accordance with Condition 19, the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), redeem at any time (if this Note is not a Floating Rate Note) or on the next Interest Payment Date (if this Note is a Floating Rate Note) all, but not some only, of the Notes at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in Condition 6.7 below, together, if applicable, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption. Upon the expiry of such notice, the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Notes accordingly.

A **Regulatory Event** is deemed to have occurred if there is a change (which has occurred or which the Supervisory Authority considers to be sufficiently certain) in the regulatory classification of the Subordinated Notes which becomes effective after the date of issue of the Notes and that results, or would be likely to result, in:

- (i) if “*Regulatory Event (Subordinated Notes only): Full Exclusion*” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the entire principal amount of the Subordinated Notes being excluded from the Tier 2 Capital of the Issuer (whether on an individual or consolidated basis); or
- (ii) if “*Regulatory Event (Subordinated Notes only): Full or Partial Exclusion*” is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the entire principal amount of the Subordinated Notes or any part thereof being excluded from the Tier 2 Capital of the Issuer (whether on an individual or consolidated basis).

6.4 Redemption at the option of the Issuer

If so specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may in its sole discretion (subject, if this Note is a Subordinated Note, to compliance with Condition 6.10) having given not less than the minimum period nor more than the maximum period of notice specified in the applicable Final Terms to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 19 (which notice shall be irrevocable), redeem all or some only (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) of the Notes then outstanding on the Optional Redemption Date(s) and at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) as specified in the applicable Final Terms. Upon expiry of such notice the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Notes accordingly.

In the event of a redemption of some only of the Notes, such redemption must be for an amount being the Minimum Redemption Amount or a Higher Redemption Amount. In the case of a partial redemption of Notes, the Notes to be redeemed (**Redeemed Notes**) will be selected individually by lot, in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, and in accordance with the rules of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (to be reflected in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as either a pool factor or a reduction in nominal amount, at their discretion), in the case of Redeemed Notes represented by a Global Note, not more than 35 days prior to the date fixed for redemption (such date of selection being hereinafter called the **Selection Date**). In the case of Redeemed Notes represented by definitive Notes, a list of such Redeemed Notes will be published in accordance with Condition 19 not less than the minimum period specified in the applicable Final Terms prior to the date fixed for redemption. No exchange of the relevant Global Note will be permitted during the period from (and including) the Selection

Date to (and including) the date fixed for redemption pursuant to this Condition 6.4 and notice to that effect shall be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 19 at least 15 days prior to the Selection Date.

6.5 Redemption at the option of the Noteholders (other than holders of Subordinated Notes)

This Condition 6.5 does not apply to Subordinated Notes.

If and to the extent specified in the applicable Final Terms (unless this Note is a Subordinated Note), upon the holder of this Note giving to the Issuer, in accordance with Condition 19, not less than the minimum period nor more than the maximum period of notice specified in the applicable Final Terms (which notice shall be irrevocable), the Issuer will, upon the expiry of such notice, redeem in whole (but not in part) such Note on the Optional Redemption Date and at the relevant Optional Redemption Amount as specified in the applicable Final Terms, together, if applicable, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date.

If this Note is in definitive form, to exercise the right to require redemption of this Note the holder of this Note must deliver such Note, on any Business Day (as defined in Condition 5.2(a)) falling within the notice period at the specified office of any Paying Agent, accompanied by a duly signed and completed notice of exercise in the form (for the time being current) obtainable from any specified office of any Paying Agent (a Put Notice) and in which the holder must specify a bank account (or, if payment is by cheque, an address) to which payment is to be made under this Condition.

6.6 Late Payment on Zero Coupon Notes

If the amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note upon redemption of such Zero Coupon Note pursuant to Condition 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 or 6.5 above or upon its becoming due and repayable as provided in Condition 11 (if this Note is not a Subordinated Note) or Condition 12 (if this Note is a Subordinated Note) is improperly withheld or refused, the amount due and repayable in respect of such Zero Coupon Note shall be the amount calculated as provided in Condition 6.7(c) below as though the references therein to the date fixed for redemption or the date upon which such Zero Coupon Note becomes due and repayable were replaced by references to the date which is the earlier of:

- (a) the date on which all amounts due in respect of the Zero Coupon Note have been paid; and
- (b) the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable has been received by the Agent or the Trustee and notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders either in accordance with Condition 19 or individually.

6.7 Early Redemption Amounts

For the purposes of Conditions 6.2 and 6.3 above and Condition 11 (if this Note is not a Subordinated Note) or Condition 12 (if this Note is a Subordinated Note), each Note will be redeemed at an amount (the **Early Redemption Amount**) calculated as follows:

- (a) (in the case of Notes other than Zero Coupon Notes) at the amount per Note of each Specified Denomination set out in the applicable Final Terms, or, if no such amount is so set out:
 - (i) in the case of Fixed Rate Notes or Reset Notes, at an amount determined by the Calculation Agent (in its absolute discretion) whereby such amount payable by the Issuer in respect of principal and interest (if any) accrued to (but excluding) the date of such early redemption of each Note shall, taking into account any accrued interest payable on such early redemption, have the effect of preserving for the holder of that Note the

economic equivalent of the obligations of the Issuer to pay (A) the Final Redemption Amount specified in the applicable Final Terms which would, but for such early redemption, have been payable on the Maturity Date and (B) the interest (if any) in respect of that Note on such date(s) and in such amount(s) determined in accordance with Condition 5 above and specified in the applicable Final Terms which would, but for such redemption, have been payable up to (and including) the Maturity Date; or

- (ii) in the case of Floating Rate Notes, at an amount equal to the nominal amount of each Note; or
- (b) in the case of Zero Coupon Notes, at an amount (the **Amortised Face Amount**) equal to the sum of:
 - (i) the Reference Price; and
 - (ii) the product of the Accrual Yield (compounded annually) being applied to the Reference Price from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Note becomes due and repayable as is provided in the applicable Final Terms.
- (c) Where such calculation is to be made for a period which is not a whole number of years, it shall be made (i) in the case of a Zero Coupon Note other than a Zero Coupon Note payable in euro, on the basis of a 360 day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each or (ii) in the case of a Zero Coupon Note payable in euro, on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed divided by 365 (or, if any of the days elapsed falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the number of those days falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the number of those days falling in a non-leap year divided by 365).

6.8 Purchases

The Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries (as defined in the Trust Deed) may (subject, if this Note is a Subordinated Note, to compliance with Condition 6.10 and prevailing Regulatory Capital Requirements) at any time purchase or otherwise acquire Notes (provided that, in the case of definitive Notes, all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto are attached thereto or surrendered therewith) in any manner and at any price. Notes purchased by the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries may, at the option of the Issuer or such Subsidiary, be held, reissued, resold or surrendered for cancellation.

6.9 Cancellation

All Notes which are (a) redeemed in full or (b) purchased by or on behalf of the Issuer or any Subsidiary of the Issuer and surrendered for cancellation, will forthwith be cancelled (together with, in the case of definitive Notes, all unmatured Coupons attached thereto or surrendered therewith) and such Notes may not be reissued or resold.

6.10 Preconditions to redemption and purchase of Subordinated Notes

This Condition 6.10 applies to Subordinated Notes only.

Any redemption or purchase of the Subordinated Notes in accordance with Conditions 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 or 6.8 is subject to:

- (a) the Issuer having obtained Relevant Supervisory Consent therefor;
- (b) either: (A) the Issuer having replaced the Notes with own funds instruments of equal or higher quality at terms that are sustainable for the income capacity of the Issuer; or (B) the Issuer having

demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Supervisory Authority that the own funds of the Issuer would, following such redemption or purchase, exceed its minimum capital requirements (including any capital buffer requirements) by a margin that the Supervisory Authority considers necessary at such time; and

- (c) in the case of any redemption prior to the fifth anniversary of the Issue Date, (A) in the case of redemption upon a Tax Event, the Issuer having demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Supervisory Authority that the change in tax treatment is material and was not reasonably foreseeable as at the Issue Date, or (B) in the case of redemption upon the occurrence of a Regulatory Event, the Issuer having demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Supervisory Authority that the relevant change in the regulatory classification of the Notes was not reasonably foreseeable as at the Issue Date.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if, at the time of any redemption or purchase, the prevailing Regulatory Capital Requirements permit a repayment or purchase only after compliance with one or more additional or alternative preconditions to those set out above in this Condition 6.10, the Issuer shall comply (in addition or in the alternative, as the case may be) with such additional and/or alternative precondition(s).

Prior to the publication of any notice of early redemption upon a Tax Event pursuant to Condition 6.2 or a Regulatory Event pursuant to Condition 6.3, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by any two authorised signatories (for the purposes of the Trust Deed) of the Issuer stating that the relevant requirement or circumstance giving rise to the right to redeem has been satisfied. The Trustee shall be entitled, without liability to any person, to accept such certificate without any further inquiry as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the relevant requirement or circumstance, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Trustee and the Noteholders.

In these Terms and Conditions, **Relevant Supervisory Consent** means, in relation to any action, such permission or waiver of the Supervisory Authority as is then required for such action under prevailing Regulatory Capital Requirements.

7. Payments

7.1 Method of Payment

Subject as provided below:

- (a) payments in a currency other than euro will be made by transfer to an account in the relevant Specified Currency maintained by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Specified Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney or Auckland, respectively); and
- (b) payments in euro will be made by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee or by a euro cheque.

Payments will be subject in all cases to (i) any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 10, and (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the **Code**) or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, any official interpretations thereof, or (without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 10) any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto. References in these Conditions to **Specified Currency** will include any successor currency under applicable law.

7.2 Presentation of Notes and Coupons

Subject as provided below, payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of definitive Notes (if issued) will be made against presentation and surrender of definitive Notes or Coupons, as the case may be, at any specified office of any Paying Agent.

Payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Notes represented by any Global Note will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner specified above in relation to definitive Notes or otherwise in the manner specified in the relevant Global Note, where applicable against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of such Global Note, at the specified office of any Paying Agent. A record of each payment made, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made either on such Global Note by the Paying Agent to which it was presented or in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable.

The holder of the relevant Global Note (or, as provided in the Trust Deed, the Trustee) shall be the only person entitled to receive payments in respect of Notes represented by such Global Note and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Note (or the Trustee, as the case may be) in respect of each amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular nominal amount of Notes represented by such Global Note must look solely to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, for his share of each payment so made by the Issuer to, or to the order of, the holder of the relevant Global Note (or the Trustee, as the case may be). No person other than the holder of the relevant Global Note (or, as provided in the Trust Deed, the Trustee) shall have any claim against the Issuer in respect of any payments due on that Global Note.

Notwithstanding the foregoing:

- (a) the Issuer reserves the right to require Couponholders who do not make a declaration (such declaration being to the satisfaction of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (**HMRC**)) that they are not resident in the United Kingdom to present their Coupons at a specified office of a Paying Agent situated outside the United Kingdom if the Issuer would otherwise be obliged to account to any taxing authority in the United Kingdom for any amount in respect of income tax (other than any tax withheld or deducted from interest payable on the Notes) calculated by reference to the interest represented by the relevant Coupon; and
- (b) payments of interest in U.S. Dollars will only be made at the specified office of any Paying Agent in the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the States and District of Columbia and its possessions)) (i) if (A) the Issuer shall have appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment at such specified offices outside the United States of the full amount of interest on the Notes in the manner provided above when due, (B) payment of the full amount of such interest at such specified offices outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions and (C) such payment is then permitted under United States law without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer, adverse tax consequences to the Issuer and (ii) at the option of the relevant holder if such payment is then permitted under United States law without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer, adverse tax consequences to the Issuer.

Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons).

If a Fixed Rate Note (other than a Subordinated Note) is presented without all unmatured Coupons relating thereto, then:

- (a) if the aggregate amount of the missing Coupons is greater than the principal amount of such Note, such amount of such missing Coupons shall become void (in inverse order of maturity) as will result in the aggregate amount of the remainder of such missing Coupons (the **Relevant Coupons**) being equal to the principal amount of such Note; provided that, where this subparagraph would otherwise require a fraction of a missing Coupon to become void, such missing Coupon shall become void in its entirety; and
- (b) a sum equal to the aggregate amount of the Relevant Coupons (or, if less, the principal amount of such Note) will be deducted from the amount of principal due for payment; provided that, if the gross amount available for payment is less than the principal amount of such Note, the sum deducted will be that proportion of the aggregate amount of the Relevant Coupons (or, as the case may be, the principal amount of such Note) which the gross amount actually available for payment bears to the principal amount of such Note.

Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relevant missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of ten years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 10) in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under Condition 13) or, if later, five years from the date on which such Coupon would otherwise have become due.

Upon any Fixed Rate Note becoming due and repayable prior to its Maturity Date, all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon the due date for redemption of any Floating Rate Note, Reset Note or Subordinated Note which is also a Fixed Rate Note in definitive form, all unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating to such Note (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof.

7.3 Payment Day

If any date for payment of any amount in respect of any Note or Coupon is not a Payment Day (as defined below), then the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment of the relevant amount due until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other sum in respect of any such delay.

In this Condition, Payment Day means:

- (a) a day on which commercial banks settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in:
 - (i) in the case of Notes in definitive form only, the relevant place of presentation; and
 - (ii) each Additional Financial Centre (other than TARGET2 System) specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (b) if TARGET2 System is specified as an Additional Financial Centre in the applicable Final Terms, a day on which the TARGET2 System is open; and
- (c) either (A) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial

centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney or Auckland, respectively) or (B) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the TARGET2 System is open.

If the due date for redemption of any interest bearing Note in definitive form is not a due date for the payment of interest relating thereto, interest accrued in respect of such interest bearing Note from (and including) the last preceding due date for the payment of interest (or from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date, as the case may be) will be paid only against surrender of such interest bearing Note.

7.4 Interpretation of Principal and Interest

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to principal in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable:

- (a) any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to principal under Condition 10 or pursuant to any undertakings given in addition thereto or in substitution therefor pursuant to the Trust Deed;
- (b) the Final Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (c) the Early Redemption Amount of the Notes;
- (d) the Optional Redemption Amount(s) (if any) of the Notes;
- (e) in relation to Zero Coupon Notes, the Amortised Face Amount; and
- (f) any premium and any other amounts (other than interest) which may be payable under or in respect of the Notes.

Any reference in these Terms and Conditions to interest in respect of the Notes shall be deemed to include, as applicable, any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to interest under Condition 10 or pursuant to any undertakings given in addition thereto or in substitution therefor pursuant to the Trust Deed.

8. Exchange of Talons

On and after the Interest Payment Date or the Fixed Interest Date (as appropriate) on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon (if any) forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Agent or any other Paying Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet including (if such further Coupon sheet does not include Coupons to (and including) the final date for the payment of interest due in respect of the Note to which it appertains) a further Talon, subject to the provisions of Condition 13.

9. Agent and Paying Agents

The names of the initial Agent and the other initial Paying Agents and their initial specified offices are set out below. If any additional Paying Agents are appointed in connection with any Series, the names of such Paying Agents will be specified in Part B of the applicable Final Terms. In the event of the appointed office of any such bank being unable or unwilling to continue to act as the Agent, or failing duly to determine the Rate of Interest, if applicable, or to calculate the Interest Amounts for any Interest Period, the Issuer shall appoint the London office of such other bank as may be approved by the Trustee to act as such in its place. The Agent may not resign its duties or be removed from office without a successor having been appointed as aforesaid. The Issuer may, with the prior approval of the Trustee, vary or terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent and/or appoint additional or other Paying Agents and/or approve any change in the specified

office through which any Paying Agent acts provided that the Issuer will, so long as any of the Notes is outstanding, maintain (a) a Paying Agent (which may be the Agent) having a specified office in a city approved by the Trustee in continental Europe, (b) so long as any of the Notes have been admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system, a Paying Agent (which may be the Agent) having a specified office in each location required by the rules and regulations of the relevant listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system, and (c) to the extent reasonably practicable, a Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union that is not obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent having a specified office in New York City in the circumstances described in subparagraph (b) of the fourth paragraph of Condition 7.2.

Notice of any such variation, termination, appointment or change will be given by the Issuer to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 19.

10. Taxation

All payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of the Notes and Coupons by (or on behalf of) the Issuer shall be made without withholding or deduction for, or on account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatsoever nature imposed, or levied by the United Kingdom or any political subdivision thereof or by any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, unless the withholding or deduction for, or on account of, such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges is required by law. In that event, the Issuer will pay such additional amounts as may be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the Noteholders or, as the case may be, Couponholders after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and interest (if any) which would have been receivable in respect of the Notes or, as the case may be, Coupons in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no such additional amount shall be payable in respect of any Note or Coupon:

- (a) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who is liable to such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Note or Coupon by reason of his having some connection with the United Kingdom other than the mere holding of such Note or Coupon; or
- (b) presented for payment in the United Kingdom; or
- (c) presented for payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the holder thereof would have been entitled to such additional amounts on presenting the same for payment on such thirtieth day assuming that day to have been a Payment Day (as defined in Condition 7.3); or
- (d) where the holder is able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting an appropriate certificate; or
- (e) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; or
- (f) presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would be able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union.

As used herein, the **Relevant Date** means the date on which the relevant payment in respect of the Note or Coupon first becomes due and payable but, if the full amount of the moneys payable on such date has not been received by the Agent or the Trustee on or prior to such due date, the **Relevant Date** means the date on

which such moneys shall have been so received and notice to that effect shall have been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 19.

11. Events of Default and enforcement relating only to Ordinary Notes and Deposit Notes

11.1 This Condition shall apply only to Ordinary Notes and Deposit Notes.

11.2 The Trustee at its discretion may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least one quarter of the nominal amount of the Notes then outstanding or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders shall, subject to being indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction (but, in the case of the happening of any of the events mentioned in subparagraphs (b), (c) and (d) below in relation to the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary (as defined below) or, in the case of the happening of any of the events mentioned in subparagraphs (e) and (f) below in relation to a Principal Subsidiary, only if the Trustee shall have certified that in its opinion such event is materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders) give notice to the Issuer that the Notes are, and they shall immediately become, due and repayable as set out below, if any of the following events shall occur and be continuing:

- (a) the Issuer fails to pay any principal or interest in respect of the Notes within seven days of the due date; or
- (b) the Issuer defaults in performance or observance of or compliance with any of its other undertakings set out in the Notes or the Trust Deed which default is incapable of remedy or which, if capable of remedy, is not in the opinion of the Trustee remedied within 30 days (or such longer period as the Trustee may permit) after notice requiring remedy of such default shall have been given to the Issuer by the Trustee; or
- (c)
 - (i) any other present or future indebtedness in respect of moneys borrowed or raised in an amount of £40,000,000 or more (or its equivalent in any other currency) of the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary becomes due and payable prior to its stated maturity pursuant to a default; or
 - (ii) any such indebtedness is not paid when due or (as the case may be) within any applicable grace period therefor; or
 - (iii) the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary fails to pay when due or (as the case may be) within any applicable grace period therefor any amount payable by it under any present or future guarantee in an amount of £40,000,000 or more (or its equivalent in any other currency) (other than any guarantee given in the ordinary course of its business) for any indebtedness in respect of moneys borrowed or raised; or
 - (iv) any mortgage, charge, pledge, lien or other encumbrance present or future securing an amount of £40,000,000 or more (or its equivalent in any other currency) and created or assumed by the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary becomes enforceable and the holder thereof takes any steps to enforce the same; or
- (d) a distress or execution or other similar legal process in respect of a claim for £20,000,000 or more is levied or enforced or sued out upon or against any part of the property, assets or revenues of the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary and is not discharged or stayed within 30 days of having been so levied, enforced or sued out; or

- (e) the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary becomes insolvent or is unable to pay its debts as they mature or applies for or consents to or suffers the appointment of a liquidator or receiver or administrator or similar officer of itself or the whole or any substantial part of its undertaking, property, assets or revenues or takes any proceeding under any law for a readjustment or deferment of its obligations or any part thereof or makes or enters into a general assignment or an arrangement or composition with or for the benefit of its creditors or stops or threatens to cease to carry on its business or any substantial part of its business except in any case in connection with a substitution pursuant to Condition 15 or for the purpose of a reconstruction, union, transfer, merger or amalgamation effected with the prior written consent of the Trustee, or in the case of a Principal Subsidiary in connection with the transfer of all or the major part of its business, undertaking and assets to the Issuer or another wholly-owned Subsidiary of the Issuer; or
- (f) an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the winding up or dissolution of the Issuer or any Principal Subsidiary or the authorisation or registration of the Issuer is or is proposed to be cancelled, suspended or revoked or anything analogous or similar to any of the foregoing occurs (except in any case for the purposes of a reconstruction, union, transfer, merger or amalgamation effected with the consent of the Trustee or in the case of a voluntary solvent winding up of a wholly-owned Principal Subsidiary in connection with the transfer of all or the major part of its business, undertaking and assets to the Issuer or another wholly owned Subsidiary of the Issuer or in connection with a substitution pursuant to Condition 15).

Principal Subsidiary means a Subsidiary of the Issuer whose total assets (attributable to the Issuer) represent 10 per cent. or more of the consolidated total assets of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries (all as more particularly described in the Trust Deed). A certificate signed by two Authorised Signatories (as defined in the Trust Deed) that in their opinion a Subsidiary of the Issuer is or is not or was or was not at any particular time or throughout any specified period a Principal Subsidiary may be relied upon by the Trustee without further enquiry or evidence and, if so relied upon, shall, in the absence of manifest or proven error, be conclusive and binding on all parties.

- 11.3 If the Notes become due and repayable pursuant to this Condition, they shall be repayable at the Early Redemption Amount together (where applicable) with accrued interest as provided in the Trust Deed.
- 11.4 At any time after the Notes become due and repayable the Trustee may, at its discretion and without further notice, take such proceedings against the Issuer as it may think fit to enforce repayment of the Notes, but it shall not be bound to take any such proceedings unless (i) it shall have been so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders or so requested in writing by Noteholders holding at least one-quarter in nominal amount of the Notes then outstanding and (ii) it shall have been indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction. No Noteholder or Couponholder may proceed directly against the Issuer unless the Trustee, having become bound to proceed, fails to do so and such failure is continuing.

12. Events of Default and enforcement relating only to Subordinated Notes

- 12.1 This Condition shall apply only to Subordinated Notes.
- 12.2 *Non-payment when due:* If default is made for a period of seven days or more in the payment of any principal due on the Notes or any of them or for a period of 14 days or more in the payment of any interest due on the Notes or any of them, the Trustee at its discretion may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least one-quarter of the nominal amount of Notes then outstanding or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders shall (subject to being indemnified

and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction), institute proceedings for the winding up of the Issuer in England (but not elsewhere) to enforce the obligations of the Issuer in respect of the Notes and the Trust Deed in so far as it relates to the Notes, but may take no other action in respect of such default (except as provided in Condition 12.3).

- 12.3 *Winding up or dissolution:* In the event of a winding up or dissolution of the Issuer (other than an Excluded Dissolution), whether or not instituted by the Trustee pursuant to Condition 12.2, the Trustee at its discretion may, and if so requested in writing by the holders of at least one-quarter of the nominal amount of Notes then outstanding or if so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders shall (subject to being indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction), give notice to the Issuer (or the relevant official presiding over such winding up or dissolution) that the Notes are, and they shall accordingly immediately become, due and repayable at their Early Redemption Amount together (if applicable) with accrued interest as provided in the Trust Deed, and shall claim and/or prove in such winding up or dissolution in respect of the Notes (such claim being subordinated as provided in Condition 3(a)).
- 12.4 *Enforcement:* Without prejudice to Conditions 12.2 and 12.3, the Trustee may at its discretion and without notice institute such steps, actions or proceedings against the Issuer as it may think fit to enforce any term or condition binding on the Issuer under the Trust Deed or the Notes (other than any payment obligation of the Issuer under or arising from the Notes or the Trust Deed, including, without limitation, payment of any principal or interest in respect of the Notes, including any damages awarded for breach of any obligations) and in no event shall the Issuer, by virtue of the institution of any such steps, actions or proceedings, be obliged to pay any sum or sums, in cash or otherwise, sooner than the same would otherwise have been payable by it pursuant to these Conditions and the Trust Deed, nor will the Trustee accept the same, otherwise than during or after a winding up or dissolution of the Issuer.
- 12.5 *Rights of holders:* No Noteholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer unless the Trustee, having become bound so to proceed, fails to do so, in which case any such holder shall have only such rights against the Issuer as those which the Trustee is entitled to exercise. No such holder shall be entitled to institute proceedings for the winding up of the Issuer, or to prove in any winding up or dissolution of the Issuer, except that if the Trustee, having become bound to proceed against the Issuer as aforesaid, fails to do so, or, being able to prove in any winding up of the Issuer, fails to do so, then any such holder may, on giving an indemnity satisfactory to the Trustee, in the name of the Trustee (but not otherwise) himself institute proceedings for the winding up in England (but not elsewhere) of the Issuer and/or prove in any winding up or dissolution of the Issuer to the same extent (but not further or otherwise) that the Trustee would have been entitled so to do in respect of such Notes and/or Coupons held by him.
- 12.6 *Extent of remedy:* No remedy against the Issuer, other than the institution of proceedings for the winding up in England of the Issuer and/or the proving or claiming in any winding up or dissolution of the Issuer, shall be available to the Trustee, the Noteholders or the Couponholders for the recovery of amounts owing in respect of such Notes or the relative Coupons or under the Trust Deed in so far as it relates to the Notes or the relative Coupons.
- 12.7 The Trustee may at its discretion institute such proceedings as are contemplated by this Condition against the Issuer to enforce the obligations of the Issuer under the Trust Deed in so far as it relates to the Notes or the relative Coupons, but it shall not be bound to institute any such proceedings unless (a) it shall have been so directed by an Extraordinary Resolution of the holders of the Notes or so requested in writing by Noteholders holding at least one-quarter in nominal amount of the Notes then outstanding and (b) it shall have been indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction.

13. Prescription

Claims for payment of principal in respect of the Notes shall become void upon the expiry of ten years, and claims for payment of interest (if any) in respect of the Notes shall become void upon the expiry of five years, in each case from the Relevant Date therefor, subject to the provisions of Condition 7.

14. Meetings of Noteholders, Modification and Waiver

The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of Noteholders (or, as the case may be, the holders of Notes of more than one Series) to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the modification by Extraordinary Resolution of these Terms and Conditions or the provisions of the Trust Deed.

The quorum at any such meeting to consider an Extraordinary Resolution will be one or more persons holding or representing a clear majority of the nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding so held or represented, except that at any meeting, the business of which includes the modification of certain of these Terms and Conditions or provisions of the Trust Deed, the necessary quorum for passing an Extraordinary Resolution will be one or more persons holding or representing not less than two-thirds, or at any adjourned such meeting not less than one-third, of the nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding.

The Trust Deed provides that (i) a resolution passed at a meeting duly convened and held in accordance with the Trust Deed by a majority consisting of not less than three-fourths of the votes cast on such resolution, (ii) a resolution in writing signed by or on behalf of the holders of not less than three-fourths in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding or (iii) consent given by way of electronic consents through the relevant clearing system(s) (in a form satisfactory to the Trustee) by or on behalf of the holders of not less than three-fourths in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding, shall, in each case, be effective as an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of Noteholders will be binding on all Noteholders, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all Couponholders.

The Trust Deed provides that the Trustee may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders or Couponholders, to any modification (subject to certain exceptions) of, or to the waiver or authorisation of any breach or proposed breach of, any of these Terms and Conditions or any of the provisions of the Trust Deed which is not, in the opinion of the Trustee, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders or to any modification which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or which is made to correct a manifest error. Any such modification, waiver or authorisation shall be binding on the Noteholders and Couponholders and, unless otherwise agreed by the Trustee, any such modification shall be notified to the Noteholders as soon as practicable thereafter in accordance with Condition 19.

In connection with the exercise by it of any of its trusts, powers or discretions (including, without limitation, any modification, waiver, authorisation or substitution), the Trustee shall have regard to the interests of the Noteholders as a class and, in particular but without limitation, shall not have regard to the consequences of the exercise of its trusts, powers or discretions for individual Noteholders or Couponholders resulting from their being for any purpose domiciled or resident in, or otherwise connected with, or subject to the jurisdiction of, any particular territory and the Trustee shall not be entitled to require, nor shall any Noteholder or Couponholder be entitled to claim, from the Issuer, or any other person any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequence of any such exercise upon individual Noteholders or Couponholders except to the extent already provided for in Condition 10 and/or any undertaking given in addition to, or in substitution for, Condition 10 pursuant to the Trust Deed.

15. Substitution

15.1 Provisions relating to Ordinary Notes and Deposit Notes

- (a) Subject as provided in the Trust Deed, the Trustee, if it is satisfied that so to do would not be materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders, may agree, without the consent of the Noteholders or Couponholders, to the substitution of any successor in business of the Issuer or of a Subsidiary of the Issuer or any such successor in business, not being in any such case a building society formed by the amalgamation of the Issuer and one or more other building societies pursuant to Section 93 of the Act or a building society to which the Issuer has transferred all of its engagements pursuant to Section 94 of the Act or the successor in accordance with Section 97 of the Act, in place of the Issuer as principal debtor under the Ordinary Notes or Deposit Notes and the Trust Deed in respect of the Notes, provided (in case of the substitution of any company which is a Subsidiary of the Issuer or such successor in business) that the obligations of such Subsidiary in respect of the Notes and the Trust Deed in respect thereof shall be guaranteed by the Issuer or such successor in business in such form as the Trustee may require.
- (b) The Issuer has covenanted with the Trustee in the Trust Deed that it will not transfer its business to a successor in accordance with Section 97 of the Act unless either (i) the Trustee is satisfied that the successor will be or (as the case may be) remain an authorised person under the FSMA (or any statutory modification or reenactment thereof) or (ii) such transfer is approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders.

15.2 Provisions relating to Subordinated Notes

The Issuer has covenanted with the Trustee in the Trust Deed that if it transfers its business to a company (the **Transferee Company**) within the meaning of the Companies Act 1985 pursuant to Section 97 of the Act then, upon such transfer becoming effective:

- (a) it will either deliver evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee that the Transferee Company is an authorised person for the purposes of the FSMA (or any statutory modification or reenactment thereof) or, if such evidence is not so delivered, procure that such transfer is approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders; and
- (b) it will, and will procure that the Transferee Company will, execute a deed supplemental to the Trust Deed which has the effect of ensuring to the reasonable satisfaction of the Trustee that (i) the Transferee Company is bound by the terms of the Trust Deed in respect of the Subordinated Notes and these Terms and Conditions as fully as if all and any references therein to the Issuer were references to the Transferee Company and (ii) the rights of the holders of the Subordinated Notes and any relative Coupons (A) are subordinated and postponed to the claims of the persons who are holders of investment shares which are qualifying shares (as defined in Section 100(3) of the Act) in the Issuer in respect of claims arising by virtue of Section 100(2)(a) of the Act and which are represented by those qualifying shares and to the claims of other unsecured but unsubordinated creditors of the Transferee Company but (B) will be such that they rank in priority to the holders of the issued share capital of the Transferee Company, and containing such other provisions as the Trustee (having regard in particular to the foregoing) may reasonably require; provided that no variation or supplement to the terms of the Trust Deed or of these Terms and Conditions shall be made in any such supplemental deed which would or might cause any of the own funds or capital resources of the Issuer which at that time are considered appropriate by the Prudential Regulation Authority for inclusion in the calculation of the Issuer's capital adequacy for the purposes of paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 6 to the FSMA and to which such terms relate, to be excluded from the own funds or capital resources which at that time are considered appropriate by the Prudential

Regulation Authority for inclusion in the calculation of the Transferee Company's capital adequacy for the purposes of paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 6 to the FSMA.

15.3 Provisions relating to all Notes

- (a) The Issuer has covenanted with the Trustee in the Trust Deed that it will not enter into any arrangement for the transfer of its engagements to another building society pursuant to Section 94 of the Act unless it transfers all its engagements to such society or such transfer has been approved by the Trustee or by an Extraordinary Resolution of the Noteholders.
- (b) If the Issuer shall amalgamate with one or more other building societies pursuant to Section 93 of the Act or transfer all of its engagements to another building society pursuant to Section 94 of the Act or transfer the whole of its business to a successor in accordance with Section 97 of the Act, the successor will, pursuant to such provisions, automatically be substituted in place of the Issuer as principal debtor under the Trust Deed, the Notes and any Coupons without any prior approval thereof being required from the Noteholders, the Couponholders or the Trustee (but without prejudice to the provisions of Conditions 15.1(b) and 15.2 above).
- (c) Any substitution pursuant to this Condition 15 shall be binding on the Noteholders and the Couponholders and, unless the Trustee agrees otherwise, shall be notified to the Noteholders as soon as practicable thereafter in accordance with Condition 19.

16. Further Issues

The Issuer is at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders or Couponholders to create and issue further notes ranking equally in all respects (or in all respects save for the date for and the amount of the first payment of interest thereon) and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single series with the outstanding Notes of a particular Series.

17. Replacement of Notes, Coupons and Talons

If a Note (including any Global Note), Coupon or Talon is mutilated, defaced, destroyed, stolen or lost it may be replaced at the specified office of the Agent in London, or any other place approved by the Trustee of which notice shall have been published in accordance with Condition 19, on payment of such costs as may be incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

18. Indemnification of, and transactions by, the Trustee

The Trust Deed contains provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee and for its relief from responsibility in certain circumstances including provisions relieving it from instituting proceedings to enforce repayment unless indemnified and/or secured and/or prefunded to its satisfaction. The Trustee is entitled to enter into business transactions with the Issuer or any Subsidiary of the Issuer without accounting for any profit resulting therefrom.

19. Notices

All notices regarding the Notes will be valid if published in the Financial Times or any other daily newspaper in London approved by the Trustee. The Issuer shall also ensure that all notices are duly published in a manner which complies with the rules and regulations of any listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system on which the Notes have then been admitted to listing, trading, and/or quotation. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date of such publication or, if published more than once or

on different dates, on the date of the first publication in all the required newspapers. If publication as aforesaid is not practicable, notices will be valid if given in such other manner and shall be deemed to have been given on such date as the Issuer and the Trustee may determine. Couponholders will be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to the Noteholders in accordance with this Condition.

Until such time as any definitive Notes are issued, there may, so long as any Global Note is held in its entirety on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, be substituted for such publication as aforesaid the delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg for communication by them to the Noteholders. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the Noteholders on the day on which the said notice was given to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as appropriate.

Notices to be given by any Noteholder shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together with the relative Note or Notes, with the Agent. Whilst any of the Notes are represented by a Global Note, such notice may be given by any Noteholder to the Agent via Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, in such manner as the Agent and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

20. Governing Law

The Trust Deed, the Notes, the Coupons and the Talons and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with them shall be governed by, and will be construed in accordance with, English law.

21. Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999

No rights are conferred on any person under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Note, but this does not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from that Act.

22. Definitions

In these Terms and Conditions, the following expressions have the following meanings:

euro means the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended; and

TARGET2 System means the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds from each issue of Notes will be applied for general purposes of the Issuer including without limitation, making mortgage advances on private residential property located in the United Kingdom and making a profit.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SOCIETY

Overview

The Society is a building society, incorporated in England and Wales under the United Kingdom Building Societies Act 1986, as amended, and authorised by the PRA and regulated by the FCA in relation to conduct of business matters and by the PRA in relation to prudential requirements. The Society's FCA Mutuals Public Register Number is 355B. The principal office of the Society is Nationwide Building Society, Nationwide House, Pipers Way, Swindon, SN38 1NW (phone number +44 (0) 1793 513 513). The Society is the largest building society in the United Kingdom in terms of total assets, with £195 billion of assets as at 4 April 2015. It is a top two residential mortgage lender and top three retail savings provider in the United Kingdom (as calculated by the Society based on BoE data). The Society's core business is providing personal financial services, including:

- residential mortgage loans;
- retail savings;
- general retail banking services;
- personal investment products;
- insurance;
- personal secured and unsecured lending;
- secured commercial lending; and
- offshore deposit-taking.

In addition, the Society maintains an investment portfolio of debt securities for its own account.

As a mutual organisation, the Society is managed for the benefit of its "members", its retail savings and residential mortgage customers, rather than for equity shareholders. The main focus of the Society is serving its members' interests while retaining sufficient profit to increase and further develop its business and meet regulatory requirements. The Society returns value to its members by offering typically higher interest rates on savings and lower interest rates on loans than those offered by its main competitors. This returned value is commonly referred to as its member value. As a result of returning value to its members, the Society earns lower pretax profits than its main competitors, which are typically banks or other non-mutual organisations.

Group profits on ordinary activities after tax for the year ended 4 April 2015 and the year ended 4 April 2014 were £839 million and £549 million, respectively. The Group's lending activities are predominantly concentrated on secured lending, with residential mortgages accounting for 90 per cent. of its total loans and advances to customers as at 4 April 2015.

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History and Development

Building societies have existed in the United Kingdom for over 200 years. From the outset, they were community-based, cooperative organisations created to help people purchase homes. The main characteristic of building societies is their mutual status, meaning that they are owned by their members, who are primarily retail savings customers and residential mortgage customers. The Society's origins go back to the Northampton Freehold Land Society, which was founded in 1848. Over time, this entity merged with similar organisations to create Nationwide Building Society.

Over the past 30 years, many building societies have merged with other building societies or, in some cases, transferred their businesses to the subsidiary of another mutual organisation or demutualised and transferred their businesses to existing or specially formed banks. As a result, the number of building societies in the United Kingdom has fallen dramatically over the same period. One consequence of this decrease is that the majority of the Society's competitors are banks. The Society believes that its mutual status allows it to compete successfully with banks, and it is the strategy of the Society to remain a building society. At its annual general meeting in 1998, its members voted against a proposal to demutualise and no subsequent motion to demutualise has since been proposed at a general meeting of the Society. However, it is possible that another motion to demutualise could be proposed and voted upon at a future general meeting.

In 1997, when many of the competitors of the Society that were building societies demutualised, the Society experienced a sharp increase in the number of new United Kingdom member retail savings accounts. It believes that many of these accounts were opened because customers expected the Society to demutualise and wanted to receive any associated windfall distributions. To prevent the disruption caused by speculative account opening, the Society has generally required all new members opening accounts after November 1997 to assign to charity any windfall benefits they might otherwise have received as a result of a future demutualisation.

The Society has been involved in a number of mergers and acquisitions in recent years. It merged with Portman Building Society in August 2007 and with Cheshire Building Society and Derbyshire Building Society in December 2008. In March and June 2009 it also acquired selected assets and liabilities of Dunfermline Building Society. In addition, it opened its first branch in the Republic of Ireland in March 2009. It believes these developments have added value to the Society, improved its distribution footprint and helped to grow the membership and are a testament to the strength of the Society and its ability to provide support to other building societies.

Strategy

The Society's vision is to be the first choice for financial services, and to achieve this, its strategy is based on four strategic priorities:

- Modern mutual;
- Great employer;
- Strong society; and
- Exemplar organisation.

Modern mutual

The Society is committed to mutuality on a broader scale than simply the provision of mortgages and savings. The Society is a modern mutual, which it defines as providing a full service, multi-channel offering to a growing number of members.

The Society aims to protect and consolidate its top three position in mortgages and savings, while pursuing its goal to build scale in its business in its third core product, personal current accounts. With increased service making use of tablet and mobile technology, the Society intends to deliver next generation banking by creating an 'always available' environment, using digitally enabled services and simplified processes to allow members to choose when, where and how they wish to engage with the Society.

The Society hopes to continue to differentiate itself in the market through its service and brand. It intends to refocus its branches to deliver help and advice, enhancing the Society's reputation as a trusted organisation. In addition, it intends to increase its sales and service capacity through wider deployment of Nationwide Now, a video conferencing link with members that facilitates services resembling in-branch visits.

The Society aims to close the gap on its banking peers for spontaneous brand recognition, via its advertising campaigns to a broader range of consumers across traditional and digital channels.

Great employer

The Society's staff embody its culture, are ambassadors for its mutual approach, and the Society believes their skills offer it a competitive advantage. The Society's principles are expressed across the Group through "PRIDE", the Society's internal set of values and standards to promote delivering high quality customer service. PRIDE stands for putting members first, rewarding membership, inspiring trust, doing the right thing and excelling at service. The Society aims to attract and retain an efficient, high performing workforce ready to meet the changing organisational requirements of a modern mutual. To support this the Society strives to develop its leadership pipeline and build an increasingly diverse workforce where employees are engaged and have interests aligned with those of its members. It plans to continue investing in the Society's talent management programmes, including increasing the number of graduates and apprentices across its business, to meet current and future capability requirements.

Strong society

The Society aims to instil trust and confidence among members by maintaining a low risk appetite and ensuring its assets remain of the highest quality, underpinned by strong levels of liquidity and capital. It aims to preserve the financial security and safety of its business, invest in new products and services and offer long term good value for its members. This financial discipline will be supported by a strong governance and risk framework.

Exemplar organisation

The Society's culture is focused on delivering good conduct and fair customer outcomes to members and stakeholders. It aims to maintain strong regulatory relationships and put its members' interests at the forefront of the Society's business.

Lending

The lending activities of the Society are primarily concentrated on residential mortgage lending in the United Kingdom. It also engages in a limited amount of commercial secured lending and unsecured consumer lending.

United Kingdom Residential Mortgage Lending to Individuals

The vast majority of the lending portfolio of the Society consists of United Kingdom residential mortgage loans to individuals. Residential mortgage loans to individuals are secured on the residential property of the borrower on terms which allow for repossession and sale of the property if the borrower breaks the terms and conditions of the loan. The Society's policy is for all residential mortgage loans to individuals to be fully secured first priority loans on the mortgaged property, to ensure that the Society's claim to the property, in the event of default, is senior to those of other potential creditors. As a result, its residential mortgage lending to individuals carries lower risk than many other types of lending.

As at 4 April 2015, the Group was the second largest mortgage lender in the United Kingdom (as measured by total loans outstanding) (as calculated by the Society based on BoE data). As at 4 April 2015, its total prime and specialist residential mortgage lending amounted to £152.9 billion (£145.7 billion as at 4 April 2014). Its residential mortgages are generally for terms of 20 to 30 years. While many customers remain with the Society for much or all of this term, some customers redeem their mortgage earlier than this in order to remortgage to another lender or for other reasons. The minimum life of a mortgage is usually between two and five years, depending on the terms of the customer's initial product, although the Society generally retains approximately 85 to 90 per cent. of customers when they reach the end of a product.

The Society has a national franchise within the United Kingdom, with a regional distribution of United Kingdom residential mortgage lending to individuals generally matching the regional GDP distribution in the United Kingdom.

Below is a table showing the geographical distribution of the Society's United Kingdom residential mortgage loans as at 4 April 2015:

	% of UK residential mortgage lending to individuals as at 4 April 2015
Region	
Greater London	33%
Central England	18%
Northern England.....	16%
South East England (excluding London)	12%
South West England.....	9%
Scotland	7%
Wales and Northern Ireland.....	5%
Total	100%

Source: CACI Limited

The Society offers fixed rate and tracker rate mortgages. These products establish a set rate or set methodology for determining a variable rate for a set term, after which the rate reverts to one of its two general variable rates. Its fixed-rate products currently offer a term of two, three, four, five or ten years, but it has from time to time offered longer fixed terms, including 25 years. The Society's tracker rate products bear interest during the set term (currently two or three years) at a variable rate that is a fixed percentage above the BoE base rate. After the end of the set fixed rate or tracker period, the interest rate reverts to either its base mortgage rate (if the mortgage was originated on or before 29 April 2009) or its standard mortgage rate (if the mortgage was originated on or after 30 April 2009). Both its base mortgage rate and its standard mortgage rate are variable rates set at its discretion, except that its base mortgage rate is guaranteed not to be more than 2 per cent. above the BoE base rate.

To reduce the costs associated with early repayment of mortgages and to recover a portion of the costs of mortgage incentives, the Society imposes early repayment charges on some products. The early repayment charges generally apply for repayment made prior to the expiration of the fixed or tracker rate for the particular product.

The asset quality of the Society has remained strong, which the Society believes is evidence of its continued prudent lending standards. The Group is committed to supporting the housing market, and first time buyers in particular. The Group's gross and net market shares were 13.4 per cent. and 31.2 per cent. respectively, compared with the Group's gross and net market shares of 14.9 per cent and 70.8 per cent. respectively for the

year ended 2014. The the average LTV of residential mortgages completed has reduced to 66 per cent. as at 4 April 2015 (4 April 2014: 69 per cent.). The indexed LTV for the whole residential portfolio improved by 1 per cent. to 47 per cent. as at 4 April 2015 (4 April 2014: 48 per cent) on a volume basis in line with the growth in house prices. The proportion of the Group's mortgage accounts three months or more in arrears has reduced to 0.49 per cent. as at 4 April 2015 (4 April 2014: 0.63 per cent.), this compares favourably with the CML industry average of 1.30 per cent.

The following table sets forth a breakdown of the Society's loans in arrears as at 4 April 2015 (calculated on a value basis):

**Prime and specialist residential
and lending as at 4 April 2015**

Arrears

3-6 months	0.26%
6-12 months	0.17%
Over 12 months.....	0.11%

The Society utilises an automated credit scoring system to assist in minimising credit risk on residential mortgage lending. The Society's credit procedures for residential mortgage lending take into account the applicant's credit history, loan-to-value criteria, income multiples and an affordability calculation, or shock test, that tests the applicant's ability to service the loan at higher interest rates.

The Society focuses its residential mortgage sales efforts on first-time buyers, subsequent purchasers moving home and the remortgage market. In current market conditions, the Society is particularly keen to support its existing members and it has introduced products to support first-time buyers. First-time buyers offer a significant potential for additional sources of income through the distribution of insurance and personal investment products. During the year ended 4 April 2015, additional controls have been applied through policy and product changes to ensure the profile of new lending remains within the Group's risk appetite. The proportion of new lending to first time buyers has reduced during the period by 5 per cent. to 26 per cent. and 74 per cent. to experienced buyers. This compares to the year ended 4 April 2014 when 31 per cent. of residential mortgage advances were to first-time buyers and 69 per cent. to experienced buyers.

In addition to residential mortgage loans, the Society offers further secured advances on existing mortgaged property to customers consistent with its lending criteria for new residential mortgage loans.

Specialist UK Residential Mortgage Lending to Individuals

The Group offers specialist UK residential mortgage lending to individuals, which comprises lending to private landlords (buy-to-let) and other non-conforming lending.

As at 4 April 2015, the Group's outstanding specialist UK residential mortgage lending to individuals was £28.3 billion. The specialist residential mortgage balance is made up of advances made through its specialist lending brands, The Mortgage Works (UK) plc (TMW) and UCB Home Loans Limited, and from the acquisitions of the Cheshire, Derbyshire and Dunfermline building societies' portfolios. Its outstanding specialist lending loans were advanced primarily in the buy-to-let and self-certification markets. New specialist lending is restricted to buy-to-let via TMW with the Society having withdrawn from the self-certified lending market in 2009. A breakdown of the Society's specialist UK residential mortgage lending outstanding balances as at 4 April 2015 is shown in the table below:

	% of specialist UK residential mortgage lending to individuals at 4 April 2015
Buy-to-let	86%
Self-certified	9%
Near prime	4%
Sub prime	1%
Total	100%

TMW is an important provider of high-quality loans to the buy-to-let sector. The Group's total specialist mortgage book stood at £28.3 billion as at 4 April 2015 (4 April 2014: £26.3 billion).

There has been a reduction in specialist arrears as a result of reducing arrears volumes on the self originated books, and strong book growth in TMW. TMW continues to maintain a very favourable arrears position relative to the industry on both originated business and total lending including acquired loans. The Group's specialist mortgages continue to perform well with cases three months or more in arrears representing only 1.12 per cent. of the total mortgage book as at 4 April 2015 (4 April 2014: 1.53 per cent.), which compares favourably to the overall industry measure (*Source*: Council of Mortgage Lenders), that is inclusive of prime lending, of 1.30 per cent. as at 4 April 2015 (4 April 2014: 1.59 per cent.).

Commercial Secured Lending

The Society engages in commercial secured lending, which at 4 April 2015 accounted for 9 per cent. of its total loan assets. To maintain a prudent balance between its asset classes, the Society currently has a 10 per cent. cap on commercial lending as a percentage of its total lending (book balances). The Society intends to maintain a low risk exposure to commercial secured lending and to maintain the existing level of credit quality throughout its commercial loan portfolio.

The amount and types of loans in the commercial portfolio as at 4 April 2015 were as follows:

	As at 4 April 2015	
	£ billion	% of total commercial loans
Commercial Secured Loans		
Commercial Real Estate	4.0	30%
Registered Social Landlords	7.8	59%
Project Finance	1.4	11%
Total	13.2	100%

Loans made to UK registered social landlords are secured on residential property and differ significantly from other loans secured on real property. UK registered social landlords provide affordable housing supported by government grants. This portfolio historically has carried a lower risk than the Society's other commercial lending activities, and there are currently no arrears of three months or more in the Society's Registered Social Landlord portfolio. To date the Society has not needed to raise any loss provisions against this portfolio. The Society is the largest lender to UK registered social landlords by amount of assets lent.

Loans advanced in relation to Project Finance are secured on cash flows from government backed contracts such as schools, hospitals and roads under the UK Private Finance Initiative legislation, and include assets acquired from Derbyshire, Cheshire and Dunfermline building societies. Again, the Group has never suffered any losses on lending in these markets and there are currently no arrears of three months or more.

The Group's Property Finance portfolio is well diversified by industry type and by borrower, with no significant exposure to development finance.

Consumer Banking

The Society engages in personal banking, which accounted for 2 per cent. of its total loan assets as at 4 April 2015 and 2 per cent. of its total loan assets as at 4 April 2014.

Unsecured Consumer Banking

Unsecured consumer banking consists of loans that the Society makes to individuals that are not secured on real or personal property. It offers three different forms of unsecured consumer lending: personal unsecured loans; credit card lending; and current accounts with overdraft facilities.

There is a greater risk of loss on unsecured consumer lending than there is on residential mortgage lending because the Society has no security if the borrower defaults on the loan. Accordingly, unsecured consumer lending products bear higher interest rates than the residential mortgage products of the Society. To manage this risk, it uses an automated credit scoring system that is designed to evaluate a borrower's ability to repay the loan. In addition, the Society imposes a maximum limit on the size of unsecured consumer loans and encourages customers to take out payment protection insurance.

For information regarding the Society's credit card and overdraft facilities, see the sub-sections entitled "*Other Banking Services – Credit Cards*" and "*Other Banking Services – Current Accounts*".

Retail Funding

The great majority of the Society's retail funding is in the form of UK retail member deposits. In addition, the Society accepts offshore deposits and deposits which do not convey member status. As at 4 April 2015, the Society had UK retail member deposits of £132.4 billion, which is an increase of £1.9 billion from £130.5 billion as at 4 April 2014. UK retail member deposits represented 67.9 per cent. of the Society's total members' interests, equity and liabilities at 4 April 2015.

The Society provides a wide range of retail savings products that may be repayable on demand or notice and which may pay a variable or fixed rate of interest. On most retail savings products, it determines variable interest rates at its discretion according to market conditions. Generally, the more restrictions on withdrawal of retail savings, the higher the rate of interest. Balances on all of the Society's notice deposit accounts are, by their terms, withdrawable on demand but, in some cases, subject to loss of interest.

The Society believes that the primary determinant for attracting retail savings is the interest rate offered to savers. As a mutual organisation, it typically sets higher interest rates on its retail funding products than those set by its main competitors. The Society gathers UK retail member deposits from a number of sources, chiefly from its branch network but also by mail and internet-based deposit accounts.

The UK retail member savings market is highly competitive among building societies and banks, including those banks owned by insurance companies and retailers. This competition has increased the relative cost of retail funds, especially new retail funds.

Other Banking Services

Current Accounts

The current account of the Society, called FlexAccount, is the Society's chequeing and day-to-day transactional product. Holders of FlexAccounts may be eligible for ATM cards, cheque books, overdraft facilities and debit cards depending upon the account holder's credit score and the performance of the account. The overdraft facility connected to the current account charges interest at one rate for authorised overdrafts and at a higher rate for unauthorised overdrafts. In addition, current account members have been able to upgrade their account to FlexPlus, thereby gaining access to a comprehensive range of benefits including interest on credit balances, worldwide travel insurance, breakdown cover and extended appliance warranties. The Society's market share of main standard and packaged accounts increased to 6.8 per cent. and includes the latest addition to its product range, FlexOne, a current account designed specifically for the youth market.

Credit Cards

The Society began issuing Nationwide-branded Visa credit cards to its customers in 1997. The Society markets and processes credit card applications itself (using its credit scoring system), and an outside contractor is responsible for billing and customer service functions. Credit card holders receive differing credit limits, depending on their credit score. The Society does not charge customers an annual fee for using the credit card.

Credit card lending continues to grow reflecting increased growth in consumer borrowing with overall balances at 4 April 2015 of £1.74 billion (4 April 2014: £1.66 billion).

Offshore Savings

The Society offers offshore savings through its Isle of Man branch (previously a subsidiary, Nationwide International Limited), to give it access to another funding source. The branch offers demand and notice accounts in sterling, U.S. dollars and euros mainly to offshore investors. As at 4 April 2015, the Isle of Man branch had deposits of £5.5 billion.

Other Banking Services

The Society also provides its customers with foreign currency exchange and equity dealing services. It acts as an agent in providing these services and assumes no foreign exchange or equity price risk as a result of this activity.

Treasury Operations

The Treasury Division of the Society centrally manages its liquid asset portfolios as well as most of its financial risk exposures, and raises funds on the money and debt capital markets.

The Treasury Division manages risk exposures, including market risk, by making use of derivative instruments such as swaps, futures and options, which reduce the Society's exposure to changes in interest rates and currency rates.

The Group's liquidity and investment portfolio on the balance sheet at 4 April 2015 of £18.8 billion (2014: £18.0 billion) is held in three separate portfolios: primary liquidity, other central bank eligible assets and other assets.

Primary liquidity comprises cash and highly rated debt securities issued by governments or multilateral development banks.

The remaining two portfolios comprise available for sale assets held for investment purposes and loans and advances to banks.

The decrease in the primary liquidity portfolio to £11.0 billion (2014: £12.3 billion) is a consequence of liquidity management planning, which saw an increase in other central bank eligible liquidity.

The Society raises funds from the money and debt capital markets, accepting time deposits and issuing certificates of deposit, commercial paper and medium-term notes. Funding from wholesale markets increased to £39.2 billion as at 4 April 2015 from £37.7 billion as at 4 April 2014, representing a wholesale funding ratio of 23.3 per cent. (compared to 22.7 per cent. as at 4 April 2014).

The Society aims to achieve a diversified mix of wholesale funding by currency, investor category and maturity to prevent dependence on any particular funding sector. The Society has a variety of programmes in place so that it can meet its short-term and long-term funding needs, including:

- Euro certificate of deposit and commercial paper programme;
- U.S. commercial paper programme;
- Canadian commercial paper programme;
- French commercial paper programme;
- Euro medium-term note programme;
- U.S. medium-term note programme;
- Covered Bond programme; and
- Residential mortgage backed note programme (Silverstone master trust).

During the period a combination of strong retail performance, low long term wholesale maturities and Funding for Lending Scheme access has contributed to a reduced long term wholesale funding appetite. New capital raised via core capital deferred shares and additional tier 1 has also provided funding to the business.

The Society does not operate a trading portfolio.

Protection and Investments

Income from protection and investments has decreased from £82 million for the year ended 4 April 2014 to £75 million for the year ended 4 April 2015, as a result of reduced sales volumes.

Insurance

In conjunction with its core business of providing residential mortgage loans and retail savings, the Society develops and markets insurance products branded with its name that are underwritten by third-party insurers. The Society sold its subsidiary Nationwide Life Limited to Legal & General on 31 January 2008 and as a result it no longer underwrites its own life assurance products. As part of an agreement, the Society distributes the insurance products of Legal & General. The Society has also entered into a new strategic distribution agreement for the supply of motor and travel insurance with Liverpool Victoria to provide its customers with a broader range of competitively priced products from one of the UK's top financial services companies.

Products Underwritten by Third Parties

The insurance products marketed by the Society are:

- buildings and contents insurance, which the Society markets to its residential mortgage customers and non-mortgage customers;
- payment protection products, covering loan repayments in case of sickness, unemployment or disability;
- landlord insurance;
- term income protection insurance, replacing up to 60 per cent. of gross income in case of unemployment;
- motor insurance; and
- personal accident insurance.

The Society typically uses leading insurers as third-party underwriters for these insurance products. It receives a commission and, in some cases, participates in the profits, but not the losses, from third-party underwritten insurance products that it markets. This provides the Society with a significant source of non-interest income, and in the financial years ended 4 April 2015 and 4 April 2014 it earned £88 million and £101 million, respectively, from general insurance fees. It generally markets its insurance products to new and existing customers, and it is the Society's policy to offer insurance products at competitive prices and with more comprehensive coverage than those products generally offered by the main competitors of the Society.

Distribution Network

The Society's integrated and diversified distribution network allows its customers to choose how and when to undertake their transactions with the Society and has enabled it to expand the Society's business while controlling costs. The distribution network helps the Society to achieve volume growth principally in residential mortgage lending and supports its retail funding activities. Developments in the network have focused on cost efficiency and meeting the needs of customers who are increasingly prepared to transact business by the internet, telephone and mail.

The Society distributes its products primarily through:

- branches;
- ATMs;
- call centres;
- mail;
- internet (e-commerce);
- agencies; and
- intermediaries.

Branches

The branch network of the Society continues to be a major source of its mortgage lending and retail funding. As at 4 April 2015 it had approximately 700 branches of Nationwide Building Society in the United Kingdom

and the Isle of Man. The Society believes that its branch network is an integral part of its distribution network and expects to maintain its current size.

The Society's goal is to utilise its branch network efficiently. All of its branches market its residential mortgage, retail savings, personal lending, personal investment and insurance products. The Society has continued to make significant investment in transforming its products and delivery channels through the implementation of new systems and organisational structures and to meet consumer expectations of digital banking.

ATMs

The Society had approximately 1,400 ATMs at 4 April 2015, including some placed in retail stores, train stations, petrol stations and other remote locations. In addition, the Society's customers also have access to ATMs in the United Kingdom through the LINK and Cirrus networks and world-wide through the VISA network.

Call Centres

The telephone call centres of the Society are open 24 hours a day to service customers and receive calls from potential customers that are interested in its products. In addition, it uses telemarketing to supplement its mortgage, insurance and personal loan marketing.

Mail

The Society offers mail-based savings accounts that provide members with higher interest rates on their deposits in return for limiting them to transactions by mail, online banking and ATMs. The Society also uses direct mail to market some of its products.

E-commerce

The Society first launched an internet banking service in 1997 and has continued to update its service in line with technological advances and increasing customer expectations. Its website allows customers to transact on their accounts and apply for a broad range of its products online.

Agents

Agents are third parties that the Society appoints to market its products and perform retail transactions. Agents are typically intermediary financial advisers or real estate agents and increase the Society's retail distribution network. The Society remunerates agents for the transactions and sales they perform.

Intermediaries

A substantial amount of the mortgage sales of the Society are introduced to it by third-party intermediaries. Intermediaries range from large United Kingdom insurance companies to small independent mortgage advisers. The Society remunerates intermediaries for introducing mortgage business.

Employees

For the year ended 4 April 2015, the Society employed, on average, 17,622 full and part-time employees. Set out below are the average number of employees of the Society during the years ended 4 April 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively:

Average number of employees	for the year ended 4 April		
	2015	2014	2013
Full-time	13,667	13,172	12,720
Part-time	3,955	4,118	4,299
Total	17,622	17,290	17,019

The Society is party to a collective bargaining agreement with the Nationwide Group Staff Union and believes that its relationship with its employees is good. The Society has never experienced any work stoppages.

Principal Subsidiaries

The interests of the Society in its principal subsidiary undertakings, all of which are consolidated, as at 4 April 2015, are set out below:

100% held subsidiary undertakings	Nature of business
Nationwide Syndications Limited	Syndicated lending
The Mortgage Works (UK) plc ⁽¹⁾	Centralised mortgage lender
Derbyshire Home Loans Limited ⁽¹⁾	Centralised mortgage lender
E-Mex Home Funding Limited ⁽¹⁾	Centralised mortgage lender
UCB Home Loans Corporation Limited ⁽¹⁾	Centralised mortgage lender

Note

- (1) Regulated entities subject to regulations which require them to maintain capital at agreed levels and therefore govern the availability of funds for distribution as dividends.

All the above subsidiary undertakings are limited liability companies which are registered in England and Wales and operate in the United Kingdom.

The Society has interests in a number of entities which give rise to the risks and rewards that are in substance no different than if they were subsidiary undertakings. As a consequence, these entities are consolidated in its accounts.

The interests of the Society in these principal entities as at 4 April 2015 are set out below:

Other Group undertakings	Nature of business	Country of registration	Country of operation
Nationwide Covered Bonds LLP	Mortgage acquisition and guarantor of covered bonds	England and Wales	UK
Silverstone Master Issuer plc	Funding vehicle	England and Wales	UK

Properties

The Society's property interests consist of its branches and non-specialised buildings which may be owned or leased, as well as its head office/administration centres (which it owns) and a small number of residential properties held for rental. For further information see note 20 to the Society's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 4 April 2015 incorporated by reference herein.

Financial Services Compensation Scheme

Like other UK financial institutions, the Society pays levies based on its share of protected deposits to the FSCS to enable the FSCS to meet claims against it. In 2008 a number of institutions were declared in default by the FSA (now FCA). The FSCS has met the claims by way of loans received from HM Treasury. These loans totalled approximately £20 billion. The terms of these loans were initially interest only for the first three years, and the FSCS recovers the interest cost, together with ongoing management expenses, by way of annual levies on member firms over this period.

While it is anticipated that the majority of the borrowings will be repaid wholly from recoveries from the institutions concerned, there is an expected shortfall in relation to the refinancing loan between the FSCS and HM Treasury which took place in March 2012 which has been communicated as being an industry total of £91 million for the 2016/2017 scheme year. This is in addition to £363 million and £299 million that has already been levied during the 2013/14 and 2014/15 scheme years, respectively. This shortfall is to be levied from all firms holding protected deposits including the Group.

FSCS made the first levy in respect of the Dunfermline Building Society failure during September 2014 amounting to £100 million and a further levy of £31 million during August 2015. Further potential shortfall in relation to Dunfermline Building Society in future years continues to remain uncertain for both quantification and timing.

As at 4 April 2015 the Group held a provision of £126 million in respect of the interest relating to scheme year 2014/15 and capital relating to scheme year 2015/16 (4 April 2014: £142 million in respect of the interest levy relating to scheme years 2014/15).

Bank Levy

On 19 July 2011, the Finance Act 2011 came into force, including the bank levy requirements enacted by section 73 and Schedule 19 thereof. The levy applies to UK banking groups, building societies and the operations of non-UK banks in the UK, but an allowance is given against the first £20 billion of chargeable equity and liabilities, meaning that smaller institutions will effectively be exempted from the levy charge. Certain liabilities are excluded from the chargeable equity and liabilities, including Tier 1 capital, insured retail deposits and repos secured on sovereign debt. Additionally, certain high quality liquid assets on the balance sheet are eligible to reduce the amount of liabilities in the charge. Levy rates have been announced as follows:

Period	Rates
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	Short-term liabilities	Long-term liabilities
1 January 2011 to 28 February 2011	0.05%	0.025%
1 March 2011 to 30 April 2011	0.1%	0.05%
1 May 2011 to 31 December 2011	0.075%	0.0375%
1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012	0.088%	0.044%
1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013	0.130%	0.065%
1 January 2014 to 31 March 2015	0.156%	0.078%
From 1 April 2015	0.210%	0.105%

The Government announced on 8 July 2015 as part of the Summer Budget 2015 that it intends to reduce the bank levy rate incrementally between 1 January 2016 and 1 January 2021. From 1 January 2016 the rate for short-term liabilities is to be reduced to 0.18 per cent., and then by a further 0.01 per cent annually thereafter until 1 January 2020 from which date the rate is to be 0.14 per cent. From 1 January 2021 the rate is to be reduced to 0.1 per cent. The rate for long-term liabilities is to be one-half of the rate for short-term liabilities. At the same time the Government announced that it intends to levy a new bank surcharge from 1 January 2016 on the profits of banks and building societies. The surcharge is to be charged at a rate of 8 per cent. on broadly the same profits as those upon which corporation tax is charged, but with some reliefs added back.

The Society's financial statements for the year ended 4 April 2015, 2014 and 2013 reflect a charge for the levy in the amount of £28 million, £17 million and £16 million respectively.

The Board of Directors

The business is under the control of the Society's Board of Directors. Each director is elected annually by the members. The executive directors are the Chief Executive, the Group Finance Director, the Group Retail Director and the Chief Operating Officer, Group Operations. All other directors are non-executive directors. The business address of all of the directors and officers is Nationwide House, Pipers Way, Swindon SN38 1NW, England.

Under the Society's rules, the Board of Directors must consist of not less than eight directors of whom not less than five must be present at a Board Meeting to form a quorum.

No potential conflicts of interest exist between any duties to the Society of the persons on the board of directors and their private interests or other duties.

CEO Succession Plan 2016

Following the announcement in May 2015 of the retirement in 2016 of the Society's chief executive officer, Graham Beale, the Board is currently seeking to identify and appoint a successor. The search is expected to be managed in an orderly manner with minimal disruption to the Group's activities and operations. It is intended that Mr. Beale will continue in his position until around the date of the 2016 annual general meeting

Management and Director Changes

Both Geoffrey Howe, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Michael Jary, a non-executive member of the Board of Directors, retired from the Board, following the 2015 annual general meeting on 23 July.

The following table presents information with respect to current directors:

Name	Age	Position	Other Directorships
David Roberts	52	Chairman	Campion Willcocks Ltd Dr. Challoner's Grammar School (Governor) NHS England
Roger Perkin	67	Senior Independent Director	Electra Private Equity plc Electra Private Equity Investments plc Crime Reduction Initiatives Bower Bequest Trustee Company Limited Tullett Prebon plc Friends Life Group Ltd (registered in Guernsey) Friends Life Holdings Plc Sova
Graham Beale	56	Chief Executive	
Mark Rennison	55	Group Finance Director	Confederation Mortgage Services Limited Exeter Trust Limited First Nationwide LBS Mortgages Limited Nationwide Anglia Property Services Limited Nationwide Investments (No.1) Limited Nationwide Housing Trust Limited Nationwide Lease Finance Limited Nationwide Mortgage Corporation Limited Nationwide Syndications Limited Staffordshire Leasing Limited NBS Fleet Services Limited Arkose Funding Limited
Chris Rhodes	52	Group Retail Director	Derbyshire Home Loans Limited E-Mex Home Funding Limited The Mortgage Works (UK) plc U C B Home Loans Corporation Limited at.home nationwide Limited Jubilee Mortgages Limited The Nationwide Foundation National Numeracy (Trustee)
Tony Prestedge	45	Chief Operating Officer	Nationwide Anglia Property Services Limited

Name	Age	Position	Other Directorships
			Dunfermline BS Nominees Limited Monument (Sutton) Limited The Derbyshire (Premises) Limited Opportunity Now
Rita Clifton	57	Non-executive Director	The British United Provident Association Limited ("BUPA") Populous Limited WWF–UK (Fellow) Henley Festival Ltd BrandCap Limited The Conservation Volunteers TCV Trading 1 Limited TCV Trading 2 Limited ASOS Plc Rita Clifton Limited
Michael Lenson	60	Non-executive Director	Eclipse Film Partners No.39 LLP The Invicta Film Partnership No.37, LLP Elysian Fuels 1 LLP Elysian Fuels 2 LLP MVA Consultant Services Ltd Currency Cloud
Lynne Peacock	61	Non-executive Director	Hawkins Residents Limited Scottish Water Scottish Water Business Stream Holdings Limited Scottish Water Horizon Holdings Limited Standard Life plc Standard Life Charitable Trust
Mai Fyfield	46	Non-executive Director	Sky
Tim Tookey	52	Non-executive Director	Westmoreland Court Management (Beckenham) Limited

TAXATION

UNITED KINGDOM TAXATION

The comments below, which are of a general nature, are a summary of the Issuer's understanding of current United Kingdom tax law as applied in England and Wales and published HM Revenue and Customs practice (which may not be binding on HMRC) relating to certain aspects of the United Kingdom withholding tax treatment at the date hereof in relation to payments of interest in respect of the Notes (as that term is understood for United Kingdom tax purposes) and to certain United Kingdom information reporting requirements in respect of the Notes. They do not deal with any other United Kingdom taxation aspects of acquiring, holding or disposing of Notes. The comments relate only to the position of persons who are the absolute beneficial owners of their Notes and Coupons and do not apply to certain classes of person (such as dealers and persons connected with the Issuer).

Prospective holders of Notes should be aware that the particular terms of issue of any series of Notes as specified in the relevant Final Terms may affect the tax treatment of that and other series of Notes. The United Kingdom tax treatment of prospective Noteholders depends on their individual circumstances and may be subject to change in the future. Prospective holders of Notes who may be liable to tax in a jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom are strongly advised to consult their own professional advisers as to whether they are so liable (and if so under the laws of which jurisdictions), since the following comments relate only to certain United Kingdom taxation aspects of payments in respect of the Notes. In particular, Noteholders should be aware that they may be liable to taxation under the laws of other jurisdictions in relation to payments in respect of the Notes even if such payments may be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of taxation under the laws of the United Kingdom. The comments assume that no security will be created for the benefit of the Notes, that there will be no substitution of the Issuer and do not address the consequences of such substitution (notwithstanding that such substitution is permitted by the terms and conditions of the Notes), that the Issuer will not issue any Notes from or through any branch situated outside the United Kingdom and that the Issuer will remain a Building Society within the meaning of the Act. Noteholders who are in any doubt as to their tax position should consult their professional advisers.

1. United Kingdom Withholding Tax on Payments of Interest on the Notes

- (a) Ordinary Notes and Subordinated Notes which carry a right to interest will constitute "quoted Eurobonds" provided that they are and continue to be listed on a "recognised stock exchange" within the meaning of section 1005 of the Income Tax Act 2007 (the **ITA**). The London Stock Exchange is a recognised stock exchange. Securities will be treated as listed on the London Stock Exchange if they are included in the Official List (within the meaning of and in accordance with the provisions of Part 6 of the FSMA) and admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange. Securities which are to be listed on a stock exchange other than the London Stock Exchange will satisfy this requirement if they are officially listed in the relevant country in accordance with provisions corresponding to those generally applicable in EEA states and are admitted to trading on a recognised stock exchange in that country. Whilst the Ordinary Notes and Subordinated Notes are and continue to be quoted Eurobonds, payments of interest on such Notes may be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom tax.
- (b) Payments of interest on Subordinated Notes may also be made without withholding or deduction on account of United Kingdom income tax provided that (i) the Subordinated Notes are capable of being listed on a recognised stock exchange within the meaning of section 1005 ITA 2007, and (ii) pursuant to the Taxation of Regulatory Capital Securities Regulations 2013 (the **RCS Regulations**) such Subordinated Notes qualify, or have qualified,

as Tier 2 instruments under Article 63 of the CRR and such Subordinated Notes form, or formed, a component of Tier 2 capital for the purposes of the CRR and provided further that there are not arrangements the main purpose, or one of the main purposes, of which is to obtain a tax advantage for any person as a result of the application of the RCS Regulations in respect of such Subordinated Notes.

- (c) The Deposit Notes will be **qualifying certificates of deposit** within the meaning of Section 985 of the ITA provided that they relate to a deposit of money, they are and continue to be in bearer form and they satisfy the following conditions:
- (i) they recognise an obligation to pay the holder a stated principal amount;
 - (ii) the amount payable by the Issuer thereunder, exclusive of interest, is not less than £50,000 (or, for a deposit denominated in foreign currency, not less than the equivalent of £50,000 at the time when the deposit was made); and
 - (iii) that amount is payable by the Issuer at a specified time within five years beginning with the date on which the deposit was made.

The Deposit Notes will be "qualifying uncertificated eligible debt security units" if:

- (i) they are "uncertificated" eligible debt security units (within the meaning of regulation 3(1) of the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001); and
- (ii) the issue of the units corresponds to the issue of a certificate of deposit in bearer form satisfying the conditions in (i) to (iii) above in relation to qualifying certificates of deposit.

As long as they constitute "qualifying certificates of deposit" or "qualifying uncertificated eligible debt security units" within the meaning of Sections 985 or 986 respectively interest on the Deposit Notes may be paid without withholding or deduction on account of United Kingdom income tax.

- (d) In other cases interest which has a United Kingdom source will generally fall to be paid on Notes under deduction of United Kingdom income tax at the basic rate (currently 20 per cent.) subject to any available exemptions and reliefs. However, where an applicable double tax treaty provides for a lower rate of withholding tax (or for no tax to be withheld) in relation to a Noteholder, HMRC can issue a notice to the Issuer to pay interest to the Noteholder without deduction of tax (or interest to be paid with tax deducted at the rate provided for in the relevant double tax treaty).

2. Other Rules Relating to United Kingdom Withholding Tax

Notes may be issued at an issue price of less than 100 per cent. of their principal amount. Under HMRC published practice any discount element on any such Notes will not generally be subject to any United Kingdom withholding tax but may be subject to reporting requirements as outlined in paragraph 3 below.

Where Notes are to be, or may fall to be, redeemed at a premium, as opposed to being issued at a discount, then any such element of premium may constitute a payment of interest (notwithstanding Condition 7.4). Payments of interest are subject to United Kingdom withholding tax and reporting requirements as outlined above and below.

The references to "interest", "discount" or "premium" in this section headed "*United Kingdom Taxation*" mean respectively **interest**, **discount** or **premium** as understood in United Kingdom tax law. The statements in this section headed "*United Kingdom Taxation*" do not take any account of any different definitions of **interest** or **principal** which may prevail under any other law or which may be created by the terms and conditions of the Notes or any related documentation (e.g. see Condition 7.4 of the Notes).

3. Provision of Information

HMRC has powers to obtain information and documents relating to the Notes, including in relation to issues of and other transactions in the Notes, interest, payments treated as interest and other payments derived from the Notes. This may include details of the beneficial owners of the Notes, of the persons for whom the Notes are held and of the persons to whom payments derived from the Notes are or may be paid. Information may be obtained from a range of persons including persons who effect or are a party to such transactions on behalf of others, registrars and administrators of such transactions, the registered holders of the Notes, persons who make, receive or are entitled to receive payments derived from the Notes and persons by or through whom interest and payments treated as interest are paid or credited.

Information obtained by HMRC may be provided to tax authorities in other jurisdictions. Information relating to the Notes may also be required to be provided automatically to HMRC by "financial institutions" under regulations made under section 222 of the Finance Act 2013, which implement the requirements of various automatic information exchange programmes, including FATCA, Council Directive 2011/16/EU on Administrative Cooperation in the field of Taxation (as amended), the Global Standard released by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in July 2014, and arrangements between the United Kingdom and its overseas territories and crown dependencies.

EU SAVINGS DIRECTIVE

Under Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments (the **Savings Directive**), EU Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of other EU Member States details of certain payments of interest or similar income paid or secured by a person established in an EU Member State to or for the benefit of an individual resident in another EU Member State or certain limited types of entities established in another EU Member State.

For a transitional period, Austria is instead required (unless during that period it elects otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (subject to a procedure whereby, on meeting certain conditions, the beneficial owner of the interest or other income may request that no tax be withheld). The end of the transitional period is dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries. A number of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland).

On 24 March 2014, the Council of the European Union adopted a Council Directive (the **Amending Directive**) amending and broadening the scope of the requirements described above. The Amending Directive requires EU Member States to apply these new requirements from 1 January 2017 and if they were to take effect the changes would expand the range of payments covered by the Savings Directive, in particular to include additional types of income payable on securities. They would also expand the circumstances in which payments must be reported or subject to withholding. This approach would apply to payments made to, or secured for, persons, entities or legal arrangements (including trusts) where certain conditions are satisfied, and may in some cases apply where the person, entity or arrangement is established or effectively managed outside of the European Union.

However, the European Commission has proposed the repeal of the Savings Directive from 1 January 2017 in the case of Austria and from 1 January 2016 in the case of all other EU Member States (subject to on-going requirements to fulfil administrative obligations such as the reporting and exchange of information relating to,

and accounting for withholding taxes on, payments made before those dates). This is to prevent overlap between the Savings Directive and a new automatic exchange of information regime to be implemented under Council Directive 2011/16/EU on Administrative Cooperation in the field of Taxation (as amended by Council Directive 2014/107/EU). The new regime under Council Directive 2011/16/EU (as amended) is in accordance with the Global Standard released by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in July 2014. Council Directive 2011/16/EU (as amended) is generally broader in scope than the Savings Directive, although it does not impose withholding taxes. The proposal also provides that, if it proceeds, EU Member States will not be required to apply the new requirements of the Amending Directive.

THE PROPOSED FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS TAX (FTT)

On 14 February 2013, the European Commission published a proposal (the **Commission's Proposal**) for a Directive for a common financial transactions tax (**FTT**) in Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia and Slovakia (the **participating Member States**).

The Commission's Proposal has very broad scope and could, if introduced, apply to certain dealings in the Notes (including secondary market transactions) in certain circumstances. Primary market transactions referred to in Article 5(c) of Regulation (EC) No 1287/2006 are exempt.

Under the Commission's Proposal the FTT could apply in certain circumstances to persons both within and outside of the participating Member States. Generally, it would apply to certain dealings in Notes where at least one party is a financial institution, and at least one party is established in a participating Member State. A financial institution may be, or be deemed to be, "established" in a participating Member State in a broad range of circumstances, including (a) by transacting with a person established in a participating Member State or (b) where the financial instrument which is subject to the dealings is issued in a participating Member State.

Joint statements issued by participating Member States indicate an intention to implement the FTT by 1 January 2016.

However, the FTT proposal remains subject to negotiation between the participating Member States and the scope of any such tax is uncertain. Additional EU Member States may decide to participate.

Prospective holders of Notes are advised to seek their own professional advice in relation to the FTT.

FOREIGN ACCOUNT TAX COMPLIANCE ACT

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code (**FATCA**) impose a new reporting regime and potentially a 30 per cent. withholding tax with respect to certain payments to (i) any non-U.S. financial institution (a "foreign financial institution", or **FFI** (as defined by FATCA)) that does not become a **Participating FFI** by entering into an agreement with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (**IRS**) to provide the IRS with certain information in respect of its account holders and investors or is not otherwise exempt from or in deemed compliance with FATCA and (ii) any investor (unless otherwise exempt from FATCA) that does not provide information sufficient to determine whether the investor is a U.S. person or should otherwise be treated as holding a "United States account" of the Issuer (a **Recalcitrant Holder**). The Issuer is classified as an FFI.

The new withholding regime is now in effect for payments from sources within the United States and will apply to **foreign passthru payments** (a term not yet defined) no earlier than 1 January 2017. This withholding would potentially apply to payments in respect of (i) any Notes characterised as debt (or which are not otherwise characterised as equity and have a fixed term) for U.S. federal income tax purposes that are issued after the **grandfathering date**, which is the date that is six months after the date on which final U.S. Treasury regulations defining the term foreign passthru payment are filed with the Federal Register, or which are materially modified on or after the grandfathering date and (ii) any Notes characterised as equity or which do

not have a fixed term for U.S. federal income tax purposes, whenever issued. If Notes are issued on or before the grandfathering date, and additional Notes of the same series are issued on or after that date, the additional Notes may not be treated as grandfathered, which may have negative consequences for the existing Notes, including a negative impact on market price.

The United States and a number of other jurisdictions have entered into, or have agreed in principle to, intergovernmental agreements to facilitate the implementation of FATCA (each, an **IGA**). Pursuant to FATCA and the "Model 1" and "Model 2" IGAs released by the United States, an FFI in an IGA signatory country could be treated as a **Reporting FI** not subject to withholding under FATCA on any payments it receives. Further, an FFI in an IGA jurisdiction generally would not be required to withhold under FATCA or an IGA (or any law implementing an IGA) (any such withholding being **FATCA Withholding**) from payments it makes. Under each Model IGA, a Reporting FI would still be required to report certain information in respect of its account holders and investors to its home government or to the IRS, as applicable. The United States and the United Kingdom have entered into an agreement (the **US-UK IGA**) based largely on the Model 1 IGA.

If the Issuer is treated as a Reporting FI pursuant to the US-UK IGA it does not anticipate that it will be obliged to deduct any FATCA Withholding on payments it makes. There can be no assurance, however, that the Issuer will be treated as a Reporting FI, or that it would in the future not be required to deduct FATCA Withholding from payments it makes. Accordingly, the Issuer and financial institutions through which payments on the Notes are made may be required to deduct FATCA Withholding if (i) any FFI through or to which payment on such Notes is made is not a Participating FFI, a Reporting FI, or otherwise exempt from or in deemed compliance with FATCA or (ii) an investor is a Recalcitrant Holder.

Whilst the Notes are in global form and held within the ICSDs, it is expected that FATCA will not affect the amount of any payments made under, or in respect of, the Notes by the Issuer, any paying agent and the Common Depositary or Common Safekeeper, given that each of the entities in the payment chain beginning with the Issuer and ending with the participants in the ICSDs is a major financial institution whose business is dependent on compliance with FATCA and that any alternative approach introduced under an IGA will be unlikely to affect the Notes. The documentation expressly contemplates the possibility that the Notes may go into definitive form and therefore that they may be taken out of the ICSDs. If this were to happen, then a non-FATCA compliant holder could be subject to FATCA Withholding. However, definitive Notes will only be printed in remote circumstances.

FATCA is particularly complex and its application is uncertain at this time. The above description is based in part on regulations, official guidance and model IGAs, all of which are subject to change or may be implemented in a materially different form.

SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

The Dealers have in an amended and restated Programme Agreement dated 28 September 2015 (as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Programme Agreement**) agreed with the Issuer a basis upon which they or any of them may from time to time agree to purchase Notes. Any such agreement for any particular purchase by a Dealer will extend to those matters stated under "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*" and "*Form of the Notes*" above. The Issuer may pay the Dealers commissions from time to time in connection with the sale of any Notes. In the Programme Agreement the Issuer has agreed to reimburse and indemnify the Dealers for certain of their expenses and liabilities in connection with the Programme and the issue of the Notes. The Dealers are entitled to be released and discharged from their obligations in relation to any agreement to issue and purchase Notes under the Programme Agreement in certain circumstances prior to payment to the Issuer.

In addition, in the ordinary course of their business activities, the Dealers and their affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers. Such investments and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of the Issuer or Issuer's affiliates. Certain of the Dealers or their affiliates that have a lending relationship with the Issuer routinely hedge their credit exposure to the Issuer consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, such Dealers and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in securities, including potentially the Notes issued under the Programme. Any such short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of Notes issued under the Programme. The Dealers and their affiliates may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or financial instruments and may hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

United States

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that, except as permitted by the Programme Agreement, it will not offer, sell or deliver Notes (a) as part of their distribution at any time and (b) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution of all Notes of the Tranche of which such Notes are a part within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons and it will have sent to each dealer to which it sells Notes during the distribution compliance period a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Terms used in the preceding paragraph and this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

In addition, until 40 days after the commencement of the offering of all the Notes of the Tranche of which such Notes are a part, an offer or sale of Notes within the United States by any dealer that is not participating in the offering may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

The Notes are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. Treasury regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder. The applicable Final Terms will identify whether TEFRA C rules or TEFRA D rules apply or whether TEFRA is not applicable.

Public Offer Selling Restriction under the Prospectus Directive

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a **Relevant Member State**), each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the **Relevant Implementation Date**) it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the final terms in relation thereto to the public in that Relevant Member State, except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such Notes to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (b) at any time to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
- (c) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of Notes referred to in (a) to (c) above shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive, or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision:

- the expression an **offer of Notes to the public** in relation to any Notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State; and
- the expression **Prospectus Directive** means Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, including by Directive 2010/73/EU) and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State.

United Kingdom

Each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that:

- (a) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not or would not, if it was not an authorised person, apply to the Issuer; and
- (b) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

Japan

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan (Act No. 25 of 1948, as amended, the **FIEA**). Accordingly, each Dealer has represented and agreed and each

further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that it has not and will not offer or sell any Notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan as defined under Item 5, Paragraph 1, Article 6 of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (Act No. 228 of 1949, as amended), or to others for reoffering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with the FIEA and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

General

Each Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that it will (to the best of its knowledge and belief) comply with all applicable securities laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or possesses or distributes this Base Prospectus and will obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer, sale or delivery by it of Notes under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it makes such purchases, offers, sales or deliveries and neither the Issuer nor any other Dealer shall have responsibility therefor.

Neither the Issuer nor any of the Dealers represents that Notes may at any time lawfully be sold in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any jurisdiction, or pursuant to any exemption available thereunder, or assumes any responsibility for facilitating such sale.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Listing

The listing of Ordinary Notes and Subordinated Notes on the Official List will be expressed as a percentage of their nominal amount (excluding accrued interest). It is expected that each Tranche of Ordinary Notes and Subordinated Notes which is to be admitted to listing on the Official List of the UK Listing Authority and to trading on the London Stock Exchange plc's Regulated Market will be admitted separately as and when issued, subject only to the issue of a global Note initially representing the Notes of such Tranche. Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for Ordinary Notes and Subordinated Notes issued under the Programme to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for such Notes to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Regulated Market. The admission to listing of the Programme in respect of Ordinary Notes and Subordinated Notes is expected to be granted on or about 1 October 2015.

Clearing

The Notes have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (which are the entities in charge of keeping the records). The appropriate common code and ISIN allocated by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg in respect of each Tranche of Notes will be contained in the relevant Final Terms. If the Notes are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system the appropriate information will be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

The address of Euroclear is Euroclear Bank SA/NV, 1 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, B-1210 Brussels and the address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is Clearstream Banking, 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg.

Conditions for determining price

The price and amount of Notes to be issued under the Programme will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions.

Material Change

There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Issuer or the Group since 4 April 2015 and no material adverse change in the financial or trading position or prospects of the Issuer or the Group since 4 April 2015, being the date to which the latest published accounts were made up.

Auditors

The accounts of the Group for the two years ended 4 April 2015 have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, without qualification and in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and auditing standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. The auditors of the Group have no material interest in the Group.

The audit report on the Issuer in respect of the year ended 4 April 2015 states that the "report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Society's Members as a body in accordance with Section 78 of the Building Societies Act 1986 and for no other purpose" and that PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP "do not, in giving the opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom the report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by" PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP's "prior consent in writing".

The above was included in line with the recent guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales for inclusion in all audit reports produced by audit firms on the financial statements of UK bodies corporate.

Authorisation

Issues of Notes under the Programme have been authorised by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Issuer passed on 16 March 2005 and a minute of delegation of the Group Finance Director of the Issuer dated 28 October 2008, as amended on 26 July 2013 and 19 December 2014.

Litigation

There are no, and have not been, any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer is aware) in the 12 months preceding the date of this document which may have or have in such period had a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of the Group.

Post-issuance information

The Issuer does not intend to provide any post-issuance information in relation to any issues of Notes.

Documents available for inspection

For a period of 12 months following the date of this Base Prospectus, copies of the following documents will, when published, be available for inspection at the Principal Office of the Issuer, at the Nationwide House, Pipers Way, Swindon SN38 1NW and from the specified office in London of the Agent:

- (a) the Memorandum and the Rules of the Issuer and the Act;
- (b) the audited consolidated annual accounts of the Issuer and its subsidiaries for each of the years ended 4 April 2014 and 4 April 2015 in each case together with the audit report prepared in connection therewith;
- (c) the most recently published audited consolidated annual accounts of the Issuer and its subsidiaries and, if later, the most recently published interim accounts of the Issuer and its subsidiaries, in each case together with any audit or review reports prepared in connection therewith;
- (d) the Trust Deed (which contains the forms of the temporary and permanent global Notes, the definitive Notes, the Talons and the Coupons) and the Agency Agreement and all amendments thereto and restatements thereof;
- (e) this Base Prospectus; and
- (f) any future offering circulars, prospectuses, information memoranda and supplements including Final Terms to this Base Prospectus and the documents incorporated herein and therein by reference.

Determination of Amounts Outstanding

For the purpose of calculating the U.S. Dollar equivalent of the nominal amount of Notes outstanding under the Programme from time to time, the U.S. Dollar equivalent of Notes denominated in another Specified Currency (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) shall be determined, at the discretion of the Issuer, either as of the date of agreement to issue such Notes (the **Agreement Date**) or on the preceding day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in London, in each case on the basis of the spot rate for the sale of U.S. Dollars against the purchase of such Specified Currency in the London foreign exchange market quoted by any leading bank selected by the Issuer on the relevant date of calculation.

The U.S. Dollar equivalent of any Zero Coupon Note and any other Note issued at a discount shall be calculated in the manner specified above by reference to the net proceeds received by the Issuer for the relevant issue.

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