

# Product name: Residential Interest Only Range

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Our approach to meeting the Products & Services Outcome and Price & Value Outcome – Information for distributors of the Product

This summary document is being provided to you to fulfil our responsibilities under PRIN 2A.4.15 R and PRIN 2A.3.12 R (2). –

It is designed to support you to comply with your responsibilities under PRIN 2A.3.16 R and PRIN 2A.4.16 R. Please note that you are ultimately responsible for meeting your obligations under 'The Consumer Duty'.

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## 1. Summary of our assessment

We have assessed that:

- our Residential Interest Only product range continues to meet the needs, characteristics, and objectives of customers in the identified target market.
- the intended distribution strategy remains appropriate for the target market.
- the Product provides fair value to customers in the target market (i.e. the total benefits are proportionate to total costs).

## 2. Product characteristics & benefits

The products are designed to meet the needs of the target group, most notably the need to secure finance on a home whilst keeping monthly mortgage payments to a minimum. The product features and criteria are designed to support those needs.

- Fee free standard valuation.
- Up to 75% LTV.
- Up to £1.5m maximum loan size.
- Discounted or Fixed rate products with a product term of two to five years, subject to product availability.
- Product fees may be applicable but no application or booking fees are charged.
- Interest only repayment basis with a range of acceptable repayment strategies.
- Cashback to support legal costs, subject to product availability.
- Available on new and existing properties.
- Maximum age at mortgage term – 69 years. Will consider lending into retirement (max age at mortgage term – 85 years).
- Early Repayment Charges are applicable during the product term. Capital repayments, which are not subject to the above early repayment charge, can be made of up to 10% of the original loan amount in any 12 month period from the date of completion.
- This product is portable.

Full eligibility criteria can be accessed on our intermediary website via this [link](#).

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### 3. Target market assessment and distribution strategy

This target market assessment matrix segments the target customers for the Product, recognising their different needs to enable you to tailor the service you provide when you distribute the Product.

Customer Circumstances	Distribution Strategy	Customer Needs & Objectives
Borrowers looking to purchase a residential property in England or Wales	Available through Direct and Intermediary <sup>1</sup> channels.  Applications can be through advised sale.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to lower LTV lending (max 75%).</li> <li>• To keep their monthly payments to a minimum.</li> <li>• Have a strategy in place to repay the capital balance at the end of the agreed mortgage term.</li> <li>• Become a homeowner for the first time or purchase their next home.</li> <li>• Receive support from family through a gifted deposit.</li> </ul>
Borrowers looking to re-mortgage a residential property in England or Wales	Available through Direct and Intermediary <sup>1</sup> channels.  Applications can be through advised sale.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to lower LTV lending (max 75%).</li> <li>• To keep their monthly payments to a minimum.</li> <li>• Have a strategy in place to repay the capital balance at the end of the agreed mortgage term.</li> <li>• For capital raising to 75% LTV including debt consolidation.</li> </ul>
Borrowers looking to transfer their mortgage to another product	Available through Direct and Intermediary <sup>1</sup> channels.  Applications can be through advised sale and execution only.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive a lower rate as compared to the Society's Standard Variable Rate.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Intermediary distribution through:

- Networks and their Appointed Representatives.
- Mortgage Clubs
- Directly authorised mortgage intermediaries.

All intermediaries must be registered with us.



The Product is not designed for customers who:

- require a mortgage greater than 75% LTV.
- require a mortgage on a capital and interest repayment basis.
- require short term lending.
- will let the property to tenants.
- require a lifetime mortgage or intend to use sale and downsize of their main residential property as a repayment method beyond the age of 69.
- don't have a credible repayment plan in line with our policy.
- require short term finance or are planning to repay the mortgage within the product term.
- are credit impaired borrowers.
- do not meet our lending or property criteria.

#### 4. Customers with characteristics of vulnerability

The Product is designed to provide lending to borrowers mortgaging their main or second residential property and who wish to only repay the interest on the mortgage rather than the loan amount. It is also designed for those borrowers who already have their mortgage with us and wish to transfer to a new rate. The borrower will have a suitable strategy in place to repay the balance at the end of the mortgage term. This market segment is likely to include some customers with characteristics of vulnerability or who will experience vulnerability over time.

Borrowers may require additional advice and support to ensure that they understand the information being presented to them and the implications of the arrangement they are entering into to reduce the risk of harm occurring.

We considered the needs, characteristics and objectives of customers with characteristics of vulnerability at all stages of the design process for this Product to ensure the Product meets their needs.

We have also tested the Product to assess whether it will meet the identified needs, characteristics and objectives of the target market, including customers in the target market who have characteristics of vulnerability.

We have in place a framework to achieve good outcomes for vulnerable customers, which includes:

- education and training for our staff to ensure they have the appropriate skills and experience to recognise and respond to the needs of vulnerable customers.
- suitable customer service provision and communications.
- flexible policies, where appropriate, to support vulnerable members.
- monitoring to ensure we continue to meet and respond to the needs of customers with characteristics of vulnerability.

Intermediaries should continue to comply with your obligations to ensure that you treat customers in vulnerable circumstances fairly.

Please contact us if you need any further information about how we support the needs of all our customers in relation to the Product.

#### 5. Our assessment of value

We have developed a comprehensive and robust assessment process which evaluates several aspects of our business to determine the value of our mortgage product. This analysis is used to ascertain whether the Product delivers fair value for customers.

The outcomes of the assessment process are presented to the Board, allowing for challenge and further investigation before we sign-off the outcomes and share the summary of our assessment with you.

Our fair value assessment has considered the following:



Benefits	Price	Costs	Limitations
The range of features that the Product provides, the quality of the Product, the level of customer service that is provided and any other features that the Product may offer.	The interest rate, fees and charges customers pay for the Product, comparable market rates, advice fees paid to intermediaries and non-financial costs associated with operating the Product.	The cost of funding the Product and any other reductions in costs to the customer made possible by economies of scale.	Any limitations on the scope and service we provide or the features of the Product.

## 6. Results of our assessment

Our assessment concluded that the Product continues to deliver fair value for the customers in the target market for the Product.