

## **THE NOTTINGHAM INTRODUCES RETIREMENT INTEREST ONLY MORTGAGES**

### **Society provides retired homeowners with another option**

Nottingham, UK, 18 February 2019 – The Nottingham has shown its commitment to helping more people with home ownership and their finances by adding Retirement Interest Only mortgages to its portfolio.

The introduction of three Retirement Interest Only (RIO) mortgage products builds on The Nottingham's desire to grow and reward its members with products built around them.

There are seven year fixed (3.85%), three year fixed (3.34%) and two year discount (2.99%) products available, all with a £995 fee, a free valuation and 40% Loan To Value (LTV) limit.

RIO mortgages give people in later life the option to release funds, giving them more financial planning options or to enhance their retirement lifestyle. They are available for both purchases and remortgaging.

In a recent survey of retirees over 50\*, The Nottingham revealed 39% plan to spend their money whilst they are alive as opposed to leaving significant inheritance. 36% holiday three times a year and 39% class retirement as the best time of their lives. For many later life circumstances, RIO mortgages provide an interesting option.

Nikki Warren-Dean, Head of Intermediary Sales for The Nottingham for Intermediaries, said: "The addition of RIO mortgages to our portfolio adds choice for people in, or heading towards, retirement.

"Our research shows many people want to use their money to enjoy their retirement rather than having large amounts of capital tied up in their property. RIO mortgages can help, so we wanted them to be available to customers.

"It comes hot on the heels of our announcement last month to raise the maximum lending amount for 95% LTV mortgages from £275,000 to £500,000 - further highlighting our desire to be there for our customer's mortgage needs whether it's their first or last house.

"As with all The Nottingham for Intermediaries products, RIO mortgages are provided exclusively via our broker network so we have every confidence they will be supplied with expert advice and support to ensure it's the right fit for the customer."

Danny Belton, Head of Lender Relationships at Legal & General Mortgage Club, added: "The building society sector is playing a major role in helping both the first time buyer and the older borrower.

"It's great to see The Nottingham recognise the need for improved criteria and innovation for older borrowers with their new RIO mortgage range. As their research suggests, many customers will look to raise funds to help them enjoy their retirement."

RIO mortgages are interest-only, without a term, and have a minimum application age of 55. Redemption is at sale of the property following a life event such as the customer sadly passing away, going into care or selling the house. In the case of a joint mortgage, redemption will be when both applicants reach a life event.

## **Your home may be repossessed if you do not keep up repayments on your mortgage.**

\*1,027 retired people in the UK were interviewed online between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 by independent research company Consumer Intelligence.

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**Notes to editor:** The Nottingham is an award-winning building society and estate agency operating online and via its network, spanning 67 branches across 11 counties. The eighth largest building society in the UK by assets, with the fifth biggest branch presence, The Nottingham offers a broad range of building society services such as mortgages and savings, as well as independent financial planning, whole-of-market mortgage advice and local estate agency services.

Founded in 1849, The Nottingham is a mutual building society owned by its members with a long and proud history of offering financial support and advice to local communities. Through its Doing Good Together programme, the society has donated over £950,000 to help communities in its heartland prosper.

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