



WRITTEN NOTICE
Classification as CET 1 instrument

To: **Hampshire Trust Plc (FRN 204601)**
(the “firm”)

Of: 131 Finsbury Pavement, London, EC2A 1NT

Reference Number: 2329832

Date: 18 March 2016

ACTION

- (1) In accordance with Article 26(3) of Regulation 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26th June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms (the “CRR”), the Prudential Regulation Authority (“the PRA”) has decided to grant the firm the permission to classify 13,625,000 ordinary shares issued on 3 November 2015, and any future issuances of shares of the same type and characteristics, as common equity tier 1 instruments.
- (2) This permission is granted on the basis that the conditions set out in Article 26(3) of the CRR have been met and continue to be met. If any of those conditions ceases to be met, the PRA may re-consider the terms and conditions of this permission, including revocation in whole or in part.

Effect

- (3) This permission takes effect on 18 March 2016.

Decision-Maker and Publication

- (4) The decision which gave rise to the obligation to give this Notice was made by Andrea Lottering, Senior Manager of the Banks, Building Societies and Credit Unions Department.
- (5) Details of this permission will be published on the Financial Services Register.

PRA contacts

- (6) For more information concerning this matter generally, the firm should contact their usual supervisory contact.

Andrea Lottering
Senior Manager
For and on behalf of the Prudential Regulation Authority