

For immediate release

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**Countrywide Farmers plc
Directorate change and result of the General Meeting**

At the Annual General Meeting held on 27 April 2016, and subsequent to his initial announcement in November 2015, Mr Nigel Hall resigned from the position of Chairman and Non-Executive Director of the Board of the Company. Mr Hall had been a Non-Executive Director since 2005 and Chairman since November 2007. The Board of Directors would like to thank Mr Hall for his significant contribution to improving the business over the last 11 years and wish him well for the future.

Following the AGM, the Company is pleased to announce that Mr Gareth Thomas has been elected to take over the role of Chairman of the company. Mr Thomas brings a wealth of retail experience having spent most of his career with John Lewis culminating in a directorship on the main board which he held for ten years. Mr Thomas also holds a number of Non- Executive positions and is well positioned to lead the business to future growth.

At the General Meeting held on 27 April 2016, the shareholders approved a special resolution to amend the Company's Articles of Association on a show of hands.

At the Annual General Meeting held on 27 April 2016, the first eight ordinary resolutions proposed were passed on a show of hands.

Resolution 9 concerning the authority to allot shares was approved. This resolution was passed on a poll vote where the holders of 2,576,715 shares voted in favour of the resolution representing 96.24% of the vote and holders of 69,562 shares voted against the resolution representing 2.60% of the vote. The holders of 31,041 shares, representing 1.16% of the vote, withheld their votes.

Resolution 10 concerning the disapplication of pre-emption rights was approved. The resolution was passed on a poll vote where the holders of 2,522,476 shares voted in favour of the resolution representing 94.22% of the vote and holders of 127,336 shares voted against the resolution representing 4.76% of the vote. The holders of 27,506 shares, representing 1.03% of the vote, withheld their votes.

Details of all resolutions are detailed in the Notice to the General meetings in the Annual Report.

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The Directors of Countrywide Farmers plc accept full responsibility for this statement.