

9 November 2005

**Notification of Share Interest
Pursuant to Sections 198-203 of the Companies Act 1985**

We have received a notice dated 7 November 2005 from an official of Fidelity International Limited (FIL) that it has an aggregate notifiable interest in 16,056,164 Ordinary Shares of 5p each in Countrywide plc. On the basis of an issued share capital of 177,992,876 this represents 9.02% of the Company's shares in issue.

FIL holds them for various direct and indirect subsidiaries, including Fidelity Investment Services Limited (FISL); Fidelity Gestion (FIGEST); Fidelity Investments Advisory (Korea) Limited (FIA[K]JL); Fidelity Investments Management (Hong Kong) Limited (FIMHK); Fidelity Pension Management (FPM) and Fidelity Investments International (FII), investment managers for various non-US investment companies, institutional clients. (See Schedule A for listing of registered shareholders and their holdings.

The notifiable interest also comprises the notifiable interest of Mr Edward C Johnson 3d, a principal shareholder of FIL.

The notifiable interest includes interest held on behalf of authorised unit trust schemes in the UK notwithstanding the exemption from reporting pursuant to section 209(1) (h) of the Act.

These notifications of disclosable interests constitute separate notifications of interest in the shares and are combined solely for the purposes of clarity. Nothing herein should be taken to indicate that Fidelity International Limited and its direct and indirect subsidiaries or Mr Edward C Johnson 3d act as a group or in concert in respect of the disclosed interests, or that they are required to submit these notifications on a joint basis.

The disclosable interests arise under section 208(4)(b) of the Act, namely where a person, not being the registered holder, is entitled to exercise a right conferred by the holding of the shares or to control the exercise of such rights, or under section 204 of the Act respectively.

They have decreased their holding from 17,695,728 shares reported on 19 September 2005 to 16,056,164 shares, which equates to 9.02% of the issued share capital.

Company Secretary/Director
Countrywide plc

c.c. H D Hill
M C Nower
G White, CPS

Schedule A

Security: Countrywide plc

Ordinary Shares Held	Management Company	Nominee/Registered Name
78,875	EPM	Bank of New York Europe LDN
558,844	FII	J P Morgan, Bournemouth
540,406	FIL	Brown Bros Harriman Ltd LUX
13,134,986	FISL	J P Morgan, Bournemouth
394,353	FPM	Bank of New York Brussels
70,300	FPM	Citibank London
32,300	FPM	Clydesdale Bank plc
113,000	FPM	Mellon Bank
875,700	FPM	Northern Trust London
257,400	FPM	State Str Bank and TR Co Ldn (s)

Total Ordinary Shares: 16,056,164

Key:

FISL = Fidelity Investment Services Limited

FPM = Fidelity Pension Management Investment Managers and various non-US investment companies and institutional clients

FIL = Fidelity International Limited

FII = Fidelity Investments International