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**REMORTGAGE BUSINESS DECLINES FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE QUARTER**

- Decline in number of owner-occupied remortgages in the second quarter
- Buy-to-let remortgages account for under a third of mortgage business (29%)
- Mortgage market remains stable

Research by Paragon Mortgages shows a decline in the number of owner-occupied remortgages in the second quarter – down from 35% in Q1 to 32% in Q2. The level of remortgage business has now halved since pre-crisis levels.

The number of buy-to-let remortgage cases have also declined from 34% in Q4 2014 to 29% in Q2 2015. This has reversed the increase experienced six months ago but mirrors the 4% decline experienced in Q2 2014.

The lender's latest Financial Adviser Confidence Tracking Index (FACT) survey also shows that getting a better interest rate (45%) and capital raising (44%) were the top reasons for obtaining a buy-to-let remortgage in Q2 - a trend which remains from the previous quarter.

However, the overall mortgage market remains stable with intermediaries reporting a small rise in new business from 22.6 to 22.7 cases in the second quarter. More than four out of ten intermediaries (46%) expect to do more mortgage business in the next 12 months.

John Heron, Managing Director of Paragon Mortgages, said: "As ever, it is important to identify trends and gain an understanding of the market from intermediaries' perspective as they are working with landlord clients on a daily basis, helping us to ensure our products are as relative to market conditions as possible for our customers.

"Although it is disappointing to see a drop in the number of remortgages, it is important to note these are incremental fluctuations and, as whole, when viewed from a broader perspective, the figures remain well within the average range."

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**NOTES TO EDITORS**

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Paragon Mortgages introduced its first product aimed at the professional property investor in 1995 and is a member of the Council of Mortgage Lenders (CML), the Intermediary Mortgage Lenders Association (IMLA), National Landlords Association (NLA) and the Association of Residential Letting Agents (ARLA).

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