

To Bradford & Bingley Shareholders

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## Bradford & Bingley Action Group – Update No. 19

### Valuer's Letter

A letter from the Independent Valuer appointed by the Government, Peter Clokey of PWC, has been sent to all shareholders on the share register. It said nothing remarkable and just explained the process as we already understood it in simple terms and answered a few common questions. A copy is present on the Valuer's web site which is [www.bandbvaluer.org.uk](http://www.bandbvaluer.org.uk).

### Meeting Report

About 150 shareholders and bondholders attended the public meeting we held in London on the 10<sup>th</sup> October. A brief report on the meeting, and some photographs, are present on this web page: [www.uksa.org.uk/B&B\\_Meeting.htm](http://www.uksa.org.uk/B&B_Meeting.htm) with a fuller note as a pdf document at this address: [www.uksa.org.uk/B&B\\_Meeting\\_Report\\_Oct2009.pdf](http://www.uksa.org.uk/B&B_Meeting_Report_Oct2009.pdf)

Peter Clokey, the independent valuer, spoke at the meeting and indicated he hoped to conclude the valuation within a year, although it would be some time after that before any pay-out takes place of course. This may seem a long time, but bear in mind that the Northern Rock valuation has been going on for well over a year with no sign of any conclusion in prospect. Mr Clokey also spoke live on the BBC's Moneybox programme which can be heard here (it's the third item in the programme): [www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00n3pmb/Money\\_Box\\_10\\_10\\_2009/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00n3pmb/Money_Box_10_10_2009/)

Note that there was clearly some suggestion in this interview and other press reports that a valuation based on the share price at which the company was trading immediately before nationalisation (about 20 pence) might be appropriate. We would reject this totally. The share price had been depressed by the threat of nationalisation and clearly this was not a normal market in any sense. Valuations of companies are traditionally based on what a willing buyer would pay a willing seller in a normal market and obviously with the turmoil in the banking sector at that time, simply nobody was willing to buy bank shares and particularly not those of companies at risk from Government actions. We will be making representations on this issue to the valuer.

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*Note that all previous information issued by UKSA in respect of Bradford & Bingley is present on the following web site page: [www.uksa.org.uk/BradfordBingley.htm](http://www.uksa.org.uk/BradfordBingley.htm)*

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