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**From:** Programme Officer  
**Sent:** 12 November 2018 08:57  
**To:** March, Jemma; 'Ottewell, Stephen (Capita)'  
**Cc:** Phil Mileham; Planning Policy Team; Berry, Jon  
**Subject:** Regarding Council's Response sent to the Inspector Questions set out in EX112 received 8/11/18

Dear Jemma & Steve

With reference to your letter emailed 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

The Inspector is grateful to the Council for their timely response. However, there seems to be some misunderstanding about the context of the Inspector's questions. The Inspector apologises if it was not sufficiently clear. The Inspector's questions were not aimed at the implications of the new standard methodology for calculating housing need, as the Plan falls within the transitional arrangements. The Government's Planning Practice Guidance that is relevant to Plans within the transitional period states:

*'Wherever possible, local needs assessments should be informed by the latest available information. The National Planning Policy Framework is clear that Local Plans should be kept up-to-date. A meaningful change in the housing situation should be considered in this context, but this does not automatically mean that housing assessments are rendered outdated every time new projections are issued.'* Paragraph: 016 Reference ID: 2a-016-20150227

In this context, the Inspector is seeking to explore with the Council whether the latest 2016-based household projections (and the associated change in demographic starting point) are likely to represent a meaningful change to the identified objectively assessed need (derived from the SHMA and its methodology). Put simply, if the 2016-based projections were used instead of the 2014-based projections within the SHMA, is there likely to be any meaningful change to the objectively assessed need? As part of this the Inspector would appreciate the Council setting out what the change in demographic starting point is between the 2014 and 2016 based projections.

Further to this, the Inspector was seeking the views of the Council with regard to the Government's observations/analysis with regard to the 2016-based household projections in its current consultation document 'Technical consultation on updates to national planning policy and guidance, October 2018' and whether this is a material consideration that might affect the above matter.

The Inspector hopes this clears up any misunderstanding.

Kind Regards

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