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Dear Mr Reed

Latest Population Projections

Whilst I understand that you have not asked for additional comments or evidence to those made at the hearing’s session last month, the HBF and two of our members - Pigeon, and Richborough Estates, who have also made representations on this matter - wanted to bring your attention to the latest national population projections that we published by ONS at the end of January. These are the 2021 based projections and show the population growth expectations for the country as whole. The reason we would like to draw your attention to this information is that they show that the growth between 2023 and 2033 is expected to be similar to the level of growth projected by the 2014- based population projections used to produce the household projection for the same base year. favoured by the Government in the standard method.

Projection	Population end of 2022/23 (000s)	Population end of 2032/33 (000s)	Total growth (000s)
2021-based	60,856	64,923	4,067
2018-based	60,717	62,938	2,221
2016-based	60,832	63,497	2,665
2014-based	61,194	64,747	3,553

Source: ONS

Whilst we appreciate that this does not provide any detail as the level of population and household growth in North Norfolk it does indicate that growth across England as a whole is expected to be more similar to, and indeed greater than, the 2014-based projections than to the 2016- or 2018-based projections favoured by the Council. We consider this evidence to show that the local plan should not be based on the 2016- or 2018-based projections as these are unlikely to reflect future growth patterns and are certainly not representative of the Government’s expectation that local plans should boost the supply of housing. This can only be achieved through the correct application of the standard method and the use of the 2014-household projections.

We hope you find this additional evidence helpful.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Behrendt'.

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