

## **IMPLICATIONS OF NEW HOUSEHOLD PROJECTIONS FOR SELBY DISTRICT CORE STRATEGY**

1. As most participants at the Core Strategy examination will be aware, the National Planning Policy Framework requires Councils to use their evidence base to ensure that Local Plans meet the full, objectively assessed needs for market and affordable housing. That evidence base includes household and population projections.
2. On 9 April 2013 the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) published a new set of household projections for the period 2011-2021:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/household-interim-projections-2011-to-2021-in-england>.  
These 2011-based projections are the latest in the sequence of household projections (2004-, 2006- and 2008- based) that were debated in some detail at the hearings.
3. Given the importance of using up-to-date evidence, I must take into account the 2011-based household projections in my report on the Core Strategy. Consequently I am seeking the written comments of participants on the implications of these new projections for the plan.
4. If you wish to comment on the new household projections, please send your statement to the Programme Officer by **5.00 pm on Friday 3 May**. Depending on the nature of the comments, it may be necessary to give parties the opportunity to respond to arguments put by those who hold a contrary point of view. If this happens, I will set a date for final written comments once the initial comments are posted on the Core Strategy Examination page of the Council's website.
5. During the examination, a Statement of Common Ground on the Scale of Housing Growth was prepared between the Council and two representatives of the development industry, Barton Willmore and DLP Planning Ltd. Table 1 of that Statement summarises the DCLG household growth projections for the District. It would be very helpful to me if this Table could be updated with an agreed figure from the 2011-based household projections (on the understanding that the 2011-based projections only forecast to 2021 rather than 2026). An explanation of the way this agreed figure is calculated would also be appreciated.
6. Any comments on the matters in this Note should be sent to the Programme Officer as soon as possible.

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INSPECTOR  
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