Wyre Local Plan Examination – Latest Household Projections

You will be aware that the Office of National Statistics (ONS) published the latest Household Projections on 20 September 2018. These supersede the 2014-based household projections.

The Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) states that: 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should be considered in this context, but this does not automatically mean that housing assessments are rendered outdated every time new projections are issued.

Taking into account the above I would welcome the Council’s views on whether the new household projections represent a meaningful change in the housing situation and whether they have any bearing on the soundness of the plan, particularly in terms of the housing requirement and Policies SP1 and HP1.

I look forward to a response on this issue as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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1 Housing and economic development needs assessments: Paragraph: 016 Reference ID: 2a-016-20150227 (chapter has since been renamed as Housing need assessment).