WYRE COUNCIL

LOCAL PLAN TO 2031 EXAMINATION

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Dear Miss Psillidou

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should be considered in this context, but this does not automatically mean that housing assessments are rendered outdated every time new projections are issued¹.

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

Mark Dakeyne

INSPECTOR

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