

**EPPING FOREST DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN**  
**RESPONSE TO INSPECTORS QUESTIONS**  
**4 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Dear Mrs Phillips

**Re: Office for National Statistics: 2018-Based Household Projections**

1. Further to our response to you of 17 August 2020 (ED113) and your letter dated 14 July 2020 (ED111), I am pleased to attach the evidence based written statement which has been jointly prepared by ORS for the Strategic Housing Market Area partners: Harlow, East Herts and Uttlesford District Councils. The conclusion of this work is that the 2018-based household projections, while demonstrating some variation from the 2014-based household projections, *does not represent a meaningful change in the housing situation* from the one which informed it. On this basis the Council consider that the housing requirement in the Local Plan Submission Version does not need to be adjusted. Given this conclusion the Council does not consider that it affects the justification for the plan's proposed Green Belt releases.
2. We trust that this provides the information you require but please let us know if you need anything further.

Yours sincerely

Alison Blom-Cooper

4 September 2020