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Subject: North Essex Section 1 Plan – Invitation to comment on 2018-based household projections [NLP-DMS.FID670554]

To: copseyandrea@gmail.com

Dear Andrea,

Please find below responses to the Inspector's questions in relation to the 2018-based household projections for the North Essex Local Plan Section 1 submitted on behalf of Barratt David Wilson Homes.

Do you consider that the publication of the 2018-based household projections represents a meaningful change in the housing situation from the situation that existed when I produced my letter of 27 June 2018 [IED/023]?

Barratt David Wilson Homes does not consider that the publication of the 2018-based household projections represents a meaningful change in the housing situation compared to that set out in the Inspector's letter of 27 June 2018.

In comparing the changes to the housing figures between the 2014 and 2018 household projections, Braintree has slightly reduced growth, while Colchester and Tendring has a small increase in growth. It is therefore considered that, when taken as a whole, the overall difference between the figures for the three LPAs is negligible.

It is also noted that while there is more variation between the 2014 and 2018 household projections for growth during the period of 2013-2033, there is almost no change for the period of 2013-2037. This suggests that household growth is still expected to be similar over this longer time period. The biggest difference for 2013-2037 is for Braintree which suggests reduced household growth based on the 2018 projections compared to the 2014 projections. However, the Government is clear in their objective to significantly boost the supply of housing and the 2014 household projections support this and as noted have already been used to confirm sound housing requirements for the North Essex authorities.

If so, what are the implications of that change for the soundness of the housing requirement figures in the submitted Section 1 Plan?

n/a

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt.

Kind regards,

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