

From: Cllr James Abbott

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Subject: Fw: North Essex Section 1 Plan – Invitation to comment on 2018-based household projections

To: Andrea Copsey <[copseyandrea@gmail.com](mailto:copseyandrea@gmail.com)>

To: The North Essex Section 1 Plan Examination Programme Officer

Dear Andrea Copsey

I hope the Inspector will accept the response below and I apologise for it not being in by the 5pm deadline today, owing to pressure of work today.

I write as before as a Braintree District Councillor and as the Leader of the Green & Independent Group on the council.

The Group discussed the questions set by the Inspector and unanimously agreed the following responses:

**(a) 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]?**

**Yes. The cumulative change between the 2014 ONS projections and the 2018 projections for Braintree District is 6,000 households by the year 2033, having fallen by 3,000 between 2014 and 2016 and another 3,000 between 2016 and 2018.**

**This is a significant proportion of the overall required delivery for Braintree District to the year 2033.**

**It is also notable that for the other 2 districts in the NEA area, Colchester has remained the same over that period and Tendring has risen a modest amount (2,000).**

**It is accepted that as a joint Plan, due consideration has to be given to the overall total numbers for the 3 areas. However, it is equally the case that Braintree District (alone) does now have a projected significant reduction in numbers which we believe for the district constitutes Meaningful Change.**

**Given that the Main Modifications for the Section 1 Plan entirely remove the 2 Garden Communities which would have contributed to the housing development within Braintree District from Section 1, the change would now need to be delivered via the Section 2 Plan for Braintree District.**

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

**The Meaningful Change is particular to Braintree District but would need to be reflected within the Section 1 Plan numbers. The effect however in terms of specific site allocations would need to be considered in the Examination of Section 2 for Braintree District.**

Regards

Councillor James Abbott

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Green and Independent Group Leader