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North Essex Section 1 Plan - Response to consultation on 2018-based household projections

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on whether there is meaningful change in the housing situation, as a result of the publication of the 2018-based household projections.

I believe that there is a meaningful change for Braintree District, as the figures currently given are based on out-dated 2014 ONS projections. The latest ONS 2018 figures are over 40% down on previous projections used, which would mean an annual reduction of 249 households required per year in Braintree District. This is a material change to the planning assumptions, and so in order to make the Section 1 Plan sound, I believe that the housing numbers required for Braintree District should be reduced to reflect these lower 2018 ONS projections. The delays to agreeing the Local Plan have resulted in huge amounts of speculative development on greenfield sites in Braintree District over the last few years, and the many sites with outline planning permission agreed should also be taken into account when making the decision.

I would very much welcome the reduction in the housing numbers required for Braintree District, and the Local Plan then being agreed as soon as possible in order to help protect the district from even more speculative development on greenfield sites going forward, which is a top priority for local residents.

Thank you again for giving participants to the consultation the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Best wishes,
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