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Hi Ms Copsey

Please find below my responses to the questions posed.

**(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.

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

For the Braintree area the projections are clearly showing that estimates are on a downward trend. Whilst I believe the “garden communities” idea has now been shelved (thankfully if so, though this communication suggests maybe not?), this to me lends more weight to them being inappropriate solutions to a problem that is far from clear.

The data for Colchester and Tendring is obviously less conclusive and much more consistent. So for those areas the impact of the 2018 figure is less/negligible.

On the whole I'd like to see much better presented data on this front. As time progresses I would like to see how accurate prior projections were. I do not think large scale development in rural areas should proceed until such data exists/is presented.

I continue to be an advocate of brown field site regeneration and utilisation, and am comfortable with the expansion of certain areas through small pockets of development, in the meantime.

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