

Harlow Local Development Plan Examination

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Dear Mr Bramidge

HARLOW LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN EXAMINATION: 2018-BASED HOUSEHOLD PROJECTIONS

Thank you for your letter dated 4 September enclosing a copy of the Opinion Research Services Report 'Updating overall housing need using the 2018-based projections'.

The report concludes in the light of the new projections that the full objectively assessed need for housing in Harlow over the plan period is 6,822 compared to 7,409 in the equivalent ORS report based on the 2014-based projections which informed the local plan. ORS conclude that this does not represent a meaningful change in the housing situation.

I note from your covering letter that the Council agrees with this and considers that the housing requirement set by the plan for wider strategic reasons, 9,200 dwellings, does not need to be adjusted.

Given the ORS report is a substantive piece of work which concludes the objectively assessed housing need figure should be revised downwards it is necessary to give other examination participants an opportunity to make representations should they so wish. Could you therefore arrange for this letter, your letter and the ORS report to be circulated to all participants on the mailing list giving fourteen days for any responses. This is a firm deadline in order to minimise any further delays in progressing the plan towards adoption.

A copy of this letter should be put on the examination website together with your letter, the ORS report and the deadline for any comments.

Yours sincerely

David Reed

INSPECTOR