

**Barrow Borough Council Response to the Inspector's query relating to Table 10.7, Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2016 (EL1 011): Matter 7, Question 1**

Table 10.7 identifies the net annual affordable housing requirement by sub-area between 2016/17 and 2020/21. Where a negative figure is shown this demonstrates a surplus of affordable dwellings in that area, for example -16 for 2 bedroomed housing in the Barrow Outer sub-area. The positive figures under the other sub-areas indicate a shortfall.

The methodology for calculating the figures within this table is included in Appendix C, in particular Table C1, page 126.

Paragraph 10.5 of the 2016 SHMA states that "*In addition to establishing the overall affordable housing requirements, analysis considers the supply/demand variations by sub-area, property designation (i.e. general needs and older person) and property size (number of bedrooms). Analysis provides a gross figure (absolute shortfalls in affordable provision) and a net figure (which takes into account supply of existing affordable accommodation)*".

The Ormsgill ward, within the Outer Barrow sub-area contains a large amount of council owned social housing. There have also been a number of affordable housing developments built in the Barrow Outer sub-area in recent years such as at Bradford St and Friars Lane. As existing supply is taken into account, these sites will have contributed to the negative figure shown for that particular sub-area.

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