

## **Barrow Borough Council Response to Inspector's Query of 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

### **Inspectors Query:**

The latest (2016-based) household projections were published by ONS on 20 September 2018. The objectively assessed need (OAN) figure was re-based in 2017 (Updating the demographic evidence) using the 2016 mid-year population estimates. Having regard to the latest household projections does the Council consider that there would be any meaningful change in the OAN figure promoted in the submitted Local Plan?

### **Barrow Borough Council's Response:**

When predicting population change over the plan period at the time of the Submission Draft, the 2014 projections were the most up-to-date projections available. Edge Analytics used these projections alongside the 2016 mid-year population estimates to give a picture of the Borough's population at the start and end of the plan period (based on past trends). As shown by the table below this resulted in a projected population loss of 6.6% over the plan period.

Using the latest (2016-based) population projections results in a slightly greater population loss of 6.8% over the plan period. This is because they project a slightly higher population at the start of the plan period.

The table also shows the number of households predicted over the plan period under the 2014 and 2016 household projections. Again the difference between the two sets of projections is not significant.

<b>Population (SNPP)</b>				
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2031</b>	<b>Population Change</b>	<b>% change</b>
<b>2014-based<sup>1</sup> projections</b>	66,900	62,900	-4000	-6%
<b>2016-based projections<sup>2</sup></b>	67,500	62,900	-4600	-6.8%
<b>2016 Mid-year estimates<sup>3</sup></b>	67,321	62,900 (2014 SNPP)	-4421	-6.6%
<b>Households</b>				
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2031</b>	<b>Household Change</b>	<b>% change</b>
<b>2014-based projections<sup>4</sup></b>	30,769	29,802	-1065	-3.5%
<b>2016-based projections<sup>5</sup></b>	31,090	29,907	-1183	-3.8%

Given the above, the Council do not consider any amendment is necessary to the OAN figure promoted in the Local Plan, particularly as the Council based its OAN on an employment-led rather than a demographic-led scenario.

<sup>1</sup> ONS SNPP 2014 Table

<sup>5</sup><https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationprojections/datasets/componentsofchangebirthsdeathsandmigrationforregionsandlocalauthoritiesinenglandtable5>

<sup>2</sup> ONS SNPP 2016 Table 5

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<sup>3</sup> Para 2.1 Updating the Demographic Evidence, Edge Analytics

<sup>4</sup> Table 2 Updating the Demographic Evidence, Edge Analytics

<sup>5</sup><https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationprojections/datasets/householdprojectionsforengland>