

**Advice Note - Hastings and Rother Strategic Housing Market Assessment
– Update: Housing Needs Assessment June, 2013**

Following the partial revocation of the South East Plan and on the subsequent advice of the Local Plan Planning Strategy Inspector, Mr Richard Hollox, the Hastings Council in conjunction with the Rother District Council, has undertaken further work on the objective assessment of housing need across the Hastings and Rother housing market area.

This update work is called “The Hastings and Rother Strategic Housing Market Assessment Update: Housing Needs Assessment (SHMA) June 2013”. The Inspector considers that participants to the further Hearing scheduled for 10 September should be aware of this evidence and be given an opportunity to comment on it in the context of the proposed Main Modifications and other matters on the agenda for that Hearing.

The update considers not only the 2011-based interim household projections, which have been highlighted in the Hastings Council’s Proposed Main Modifications consultation (20 May – 1 July 2013), but the update has also been able to draw on the very latest revised mid-year population estimates 2002-2010 released by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) on 30 April 2013. This is fully set out in the update document.

A supplementary report entitled “Housing Delivery in Bexhill and Hastings, June 2013” to the SHMA 2013 Update looks at potential housing delivery in Bexhill and Hastings.

The new documents can be viewed or download from the Council’s website at: http://www.hastings.gov.uk/environment_planning/planning/localplan/evidence_base/shma/

Alternatively, you can make an appointment to view the documents at Aquila House between the hours of 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. Please contact Lara Bolch T: 01424 451781 to arrange a convenient time.

Paper copies of the documents can also be bought. There is a separate charge for each document and you will need to telephone or go in person to the Council’s Community Contact Centre, Town Hall, Queens Square, T: 01424 451111.

Administrative point:-

If anyone attending the Hearing on 10 September 2013 at the Town Hall requires any assistance to evacuate the building in an emergency, please let me know in advance so that appropriate arrangement may be made.

Lynette Duncan
Programme Officer

9 August 2013