

Lynette,

In relation to the Duty to Co-operate my Council has received the following response from Rother District Council following our letter dated 7th March. I would be grateful if you forward this to Mr Hollox for his consideration. We will place the letter on our website as an Examination document.

Before we proceed further with advertising our proposed main modification and the revocation of the South East Plan we would be grateful for Mr Hollox to confirm that he is content for us to proceed with such advertising now and not further delay until the outcome of the work proposed by Rother District Council, subject to the following points being clarified:

(1) I attach the draft proposed main modifications which includes a section on the revocation of the South East Plan, for Mr Hollox's consideration.

(2) Specifically, we are seeking Mr Hollox's guidance on changes required at paragraph 4.11 of the Planning Strategy (please see is modification list : HBC/MM/3). We previously confirmed that the trend based figure could be updated with a more recent figure (7,493) which was raised at the Examination. In the light of the planned joint work with Rother District Council and the County Council which will include looking specifically at www.HowManyHomes.org, this figure has the potential to change again. Should my Council wait until we have the new trend based figure and include it in the main modifications?

(3) Finally related to point 2 above, I understand Mr Hollox would also wish my Council to consult on the "latest census figures" and you have provided a link www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-household-projections . This is 2011-based household projections to 2021 for England and is not census statistics. The figures released are based on the 2011-based interim sub-national population projections, published by the Office for National Statistics in September 2012 and replace the 2008-based household projections released in November 2010. I would therefore be grateful for clarification on what we are consulting on?

We will await his guidance on these matters.

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The Duty to Co-operate letter can be found in the Examination Documents list as HBC/20

