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Dear Christine,

I am writing in response to the Committee's request, on the 23 October, for me to explain the Welsh Government's policy relating to the use of household projections in the planning system.

In February 2014 a new set of household projections for Wales, based on 2011 census data, were published by the Welsh Government's Knowledge and Analytical Service. Planning Policy Wales (PPW) sets out how these projections should be used when planning for new homes. PPW states that the latest Welsh Government local authority level household projections should form the starting point for assessing housing requirements and are therefore not an end in themselves. PPW is clear that local planning authorities should consider the appropriateness of the projections for their area, based on all sources of local evidence.

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act requires that Local Development Plans (LDPs) are sound, and integral to this is their coherency and consistency. It is essential that LDP policies and allocations are informed by evidence and are mutually supportive of the Plan's strategy. Therefore, local planning authorities should seek to provide for the level of housing required as the result of the analysis of all relevant sources of evidence rather than relying solely on the Welsh Government household projections.

Yours sincerely



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