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Dear Mr Berkeley and Mr McCormack,

Thank you for your recent correspondence dated 9 July 2020 regarding the 2018 Sub-National Household Projections.

Firstly, we would like to update on progress made in relation to outstanding items we intend to submit in relation to our schedule of further work [EXCYC33]. The Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) is now complete, subject to formal sign off and we intend to consult with Natural England on this final report. When this consultation response is received and following our previous correspondence, we intend to submit this to you. In addition, we will contact the affected strategic sites in relation to the outcomes of the revised report for further discussion.

We have also progressed a clarification note regarding the plan period and the flexibility beyond the plan period for different land uses. We consider it prudent that we now consider this note in conjunction with the request for clarification regarding the 2018 based household projections. We therefore intend to submit the documents concurrently to ensure consistency and consideration of the new data.

Regarding your recent letter pertaining to the 2018 based Sub-National Household Projections [EXINS16], we have notified the Programme Officer, as requested, that we are unfortunately unable to respond by 31 July 2020. We have commissioned our consultants, G L Hearn, to produce a paper setting out their view on this matter. Given the interest in this data from many other local authorities, the capacity for GL Hearn to respond is limited before w/c 10 August 2020. Following receipt and our consideration of this evidence, we will of course submit our response to you as soon as practicable.



Our work and response pertaining to York's Green Belt is also progressing. It is our intention that we prepare a document setting out our clarifications and intentions of how to proceed in our next correspondence regarding the outcomes of the household projections.

Yours sincerely

**Neil Ferris** 

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