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Mr David Turver
Via WDTK.com

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Dear Mr Turver

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004
- 1495766**

Thank you for contacting us on 12 October 2015 requesting 1) *Can you provide an analysis of all SHMAs created under the current NPPF (or past five years) to show:*

- a. *The starting point dwelling building rate that would be required to meet housing need using the DCLG population projections.*
- b. *The changes made to the housing requirements as a result of adjusting the baseline DCLG projections for*
 - i. *Changes to migration in and out of the local authority area*
 - ii. *Changes to expected household size*
 - iii. *Jobs forecasts*
- c. *The end result dwelling building rate as a result of the changes in b above. I would be grateful if this could be broken down into local authority area or housing market area. By way of example, The Hart, Surrey Heath and Rushmoor SHMA started at 790 dwellings p.a. using the DCLG population projections and then as a result of the adjustments above ended up with a rate of 1,180 dwelling per annum (http://www.hart.gov.uk/sites/default/files/4_The_Council/Policies_and_published_documents/Planning_policy/HRS%20SHMA%20Final%20Report%20141219.pdf).*

2) *Can you answer some questions about the way the DCLG population projections are put together:*

- a. *What underlying assumptions are made about inward and outward migration into an area? Is there a national formula, or do you rely upon projected forwards the past 5 years migration?*
- b. *What underlying assumptions are made about average household size? Do you use either the 2008 or 2011 average household size projections and incorporate them into the population projections or do you use another method, if so, what other method?*
- c. *What underlying assumptions are made on jobs growth and the impact that will have on population by local authority area?*

3) *Thinking now specifically about my local area, can you answer questions 2a, b & c, specifically for Hart, Rushmoor and Surrey Heath please; that is to say what specific assumptions about migration, household size and jobs growth were made in the 2011-based DCLG population projections for these three local authorities?*

4) *What changes have been made for the 2012-based projections?*

I am dealing with your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and aim to send you a response by 9 November 2015.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this request.

Yours sincerely

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