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Public Examination into the Torbay Local Plan

I refer to paragraph 19 – 20 of the Inspectors pre-hearing notes and submit the following additional written material on behalf of the Forum.

As required, three copies of this letter have been supplied to the above address, and an electronic version by email which I trust is satisfactory.

Population change

After making the Forum's submission on 31 March 2014, the Office of National Statistics (ONS) again revised downwards their projection of population change in Torbay for the proposed Local Plan period.

The attached schedule and graph bring into one place projections issued by ONS of direct relevance to the Hearing issues that have been identified by the Inspector.

Sewer Capacity in Torbay

Document 88 listed in the Council's Schedule of Submission Documents, was not available at the time of the Forum's submission on 31 March 2014 and in July was listed as 'on-going' work.

The document, is entitled "Torbay 2032 – An Assessment of future Sewer Capacity in Torbay". It raises matters of direct relevance to issues identified by the Inspector for the Hearing.

Attention in particular is drawn to the following:

The report conclusions (page 3) confirm that:

- the modeling excluded treatment capacity at the Brokenbury treatment works *"and will need to be considered as a separate exercise."*

- Reliance on water usage reducing will be – *“a substantial challenge”*
- Climate change & urban creep are - *“highly likely to cause significant detriment”*
- In relation to the capacity problem of reliance on the combined sewer network in Torbay:

“A robust strategy for removing surface water from the existing sewer system will be required in order to maintain the current level of service; to both the public sewerage network and for surface water management.”

No indication is given of how this can be achieved realistically by the Council, yet is clearly fundamental to the development constraint that exists.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure:
Table & Graph of ONS Subnational Population Projections Torbay