

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION  
WRITTEN SUBMISSION BY CPRE KENT &  
MAIDSTONE DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF CPRE KENT**

**SESSION 1B -HOUSING NEEDS (1)**

*Issue (vii) Effect of the 2014 based household projections*

**Qn1.25 What are the implications for Maidstone of the latest Household projections?**

The DCLG Household Projections 2014-based Methodological Report, published July 2016, in Section 2a. Population estimates and projections at page 8 states:

*'The population of England is projected to grow at a slightly faster rate in the 2014-based projections than in the 2012-based projections. The higher projected growth rate is due to the change in assumptions made for the 2014-based projections, with the assumptions for net migration being higher and those for fertility and life expectancy being lower.'*

The National Population Projections: 2014-based Statistical Bulletin (29 October 2015) sets out the long-term net international migration for the United Kingdom as +185,000 up 20,000 from the +165,000 assumed in the 2012-based assumption [see Appendix A].

The methodology used to produce the 2012-based subnational population projections for England for international migration uses an average of 6 years historic trend data from year ending mid-2006 to year ending mid-2011 to give an average count of moves of international migrants into local authorities in England<sup>1</sup>.

The components of change used in the SNPP, set out in Table 1 below, indicate that for the 14 year period under a quarter of the population growth was due to natural growth (23.9%) and almost a third was due to international migration (29.3%). For the period 2006-2011 the average international migration was 747, and for 2009-2014 it was 960. Since 2012 annual international migration has continued rising from 1021 to 1187.

Ministers have pledged to reduce migration to below 100,000 by 2020. The Prime Minister Theresa May has said that she is sticking with her predecessor David Cameron's target of bringing the annual figure down to less than 100,000.

Reducing the UK net international migration to 100,000 post 2020 would reduce it to 61% of the 2012-based assumption (+165,000). If the Maidstone average net international migration mid-2006 to mid-2011 were reduced by 61% this would reduce net international migration over the period 2020-2031 by over 3,000. For the 2014-based SNPP this would result in a reduction of international migrants by over 4,000 for the period 2020-2031.

The decision to leave the European Union, the form that this will take and its impact on the economy, including housebuilding, international immigration and household formation could well result in differing assumptions for ONS population projections and household projections, which may well result in lower household projections.

ONS projections are not forecasts, rather they give an indication of what the future population size and age and sex might be if recent trends continue. And due to the inherent uncertainty of demographic behaviour projections become increasingly uncertain the further they are carried forward into the future.

Given the above it is CPRE Kent's view that the Maidstone Local Plan should not at this stage be required to provide any additional housing arising from the 2014-based projection. It is also our view that this could also affect the 2012-based projections and thus housing demand post. In which case brownfield sites should take priority over greenfield sites..

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<sup>1</sup> ONS Methodology: 2012-based Subnational Population Projections, 29 May 2014

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Table 1: Components of change 2011-2015 for Maidstone Borough

Year	Populati on	Annual Chang e	Natural Change			Internal Migration			International Migration			Other chang e
			birth s	death s	chang e	In	Out	Net	In	Out	Net	
200 1	139116		1523	1345	<b>178</b>	8014	7185	<b>829</b>	693	621	<b>72</b>	<b>143</b>
200 2	140338	1222	1605	1375	<b>230</b>	7843	7374	<b>469</b>	704	611	<b>93</b>	<b>116</b>
200 3	141246	908	1671	1353	<b>318</b>	7437	7160	<b>277</b>	802	499	<b>303</b>	<b>98</b>
200 4	142242	996	1652	1387	<b>265</b>	7316	6962	<b>354</b>	755	385	<b>370</b>	<b>122</b>
200 5	143353	1111	1671	1366	<b>305</b>	7709	6741	<b>968</b>	1053	491	<b>562</b>	<b>119</b>
200 6	145307	1954	1740	1257	<b>483</b>	8073	7363	<b>710</b>	1536	391	<b>1145</b>	<b>96</b>
200 7	147741	2434	1817	1281	<b>536</b>	8002	7478	<b>524</b>	1339	456	<b>883</b>	<b>39</b>
200 8	149723	1982	1760	1364	<b>396</b>	7276	6516	<b>760</b>	1078	504	<b>574</b>	<b>141</b>
200 9	151594	1871	1827	1353	<b>474</b>	7461	6706	<b>755</b>	1147	426	<b>721</b>	<b>195</b>
201 0	153739	2145	1965	1337	<b>628</b>	7702	6679	<b>1023</b>	1024	771	<b>253</b>	<b>121</b>
201 1	155764	2025	1988	1373	<b>615</b>	8210	7502	<b>708</b>	929	726	<b>203</b>	<b>7</b>
201 2	157297	1533	1965	1382	<b>583</b>	8215	7194	<b>1021</b>	962	511	<b>451</b>	<b>-27</b>
201 3	159325	2028	1887	1391	<b>496</b>	8805	7738	<b>1067</b>	1321	466	<b>855</b>	<b>76</b>
201 4	161819	2494	2039	1483	<b>556</b>	8663	7476	<b>1187</b>	1372	418	<b>954</b>	<b>-17</b>
201 5	164499	2680										

Source: Population Estimates for England and Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland Mid 2015 - table MYE3B Components of Change Series UK (2015)  
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The 2014-based household projections do not result in an increase in households as shown in Table 2 below. The points raised above in CPRE Kent's view remain pertinent.

Table 2: ONS Household Projections 2012-based and 2014-based

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	Households (thousands)									
	1991	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031	2036
<b>2012-based</b>	53	55	57	59	64	68	73	77	81	85
<b>2014-based</b>	53	55	57	59	64	68	73	77	81	
<b>Census</b>			56		63					

Sources:

ONS 2012-based Household projections for England and local authority districts Table 6: Household projections by district, England, 1991- 2037

ONS 2014 based Household projections for England and local authority districts Table 406: Household projections by district, England, 1991- 2039

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**Appendix A: Extracts from National Population Projections: 2014-based Statistical Bulletin. Release date: 29 October 2015**

**10. Assumptions underlying the 2014-based projections**

The 2014-based national population projections are based on the estimated population at the middle of 2014 and a set of demographic assumptions about future fertility, mortality and migration based on analysis of trends and expert advice. The assumptions underlying the 2014-based national population projections are compared with those used for the 2012-based projections in Table 5.

**Table 5: Long-term principal assumptions for the 2014-based national population projections compared with assumptions for the 2012-based projections**

	United Kingdom	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Net international migration † - Annual long-term assumption					
2014-based	+185,000	+170,500	+4,000	+9,500	+1,000
2012-based	+165,000	+150,000	+3,000	+12,000	0

Source: Office for National Statistics

Notes:

1. \* Expectations of life for 25 years ahead given as specimen year. Note these are period expectations of life based on the mid-year mortality rates assumed for the year 2039 and do not take account of the continuing improvement in mortality projected beyond 2039.

2. † Net international migration does not include cross-border migration between the countries of the UK.