

South East Plan EiP

DATA MEETING ON DEMOGRAPHIC FORECASTS (relevant to sub matter 1B (question 1B.3) & 1H)

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER

10.30 AM

Reading Town Hall, *unless an alternative venue in Reading is necessary subject to numbers wishing to attend. Please check website after 6 October.*

SUGGESTED AGENDA

1 The differences between the demographic and household projections used by SEERA (prepared by Anglia Ruskin University using the Chelmer model) and the latest Government projections¹:

- differences in the models;
 - differences in key assumptions, including fertility and mortality rates, marital status, international and inter/intra regional migration;
 - assumptions on headship rates and differences in resulting household size.
- SEERA to provide a briefing paper, and Prof Dave King to be invited.

2 The basis of any alternative projections (approach, assumptions and output), including the migration assumptions included in the latest GLA projections.

3a SEERA's assumptions relating to the conversion of projected household growth to future dwellings provision (newly arising demand and need) on:

- shared dwellings
- vacancy rates
- second homes, and
- any assumptions on replacement of demolished properties.

3b The basis of any alternative assumptions on these components, including Barton Willmore for the South East Consortium and others, Holmans for TCPA, Commission on Sustainable Development in the South East (approach, assumptions and output).

4a SEERA's assumptions on reducing the backlog² of unmet housing need (based on the work by Cambridge Centre for Housing and Planning Research):

- components covered/methodology;
- relationship to 2001 Census estimates;
- any evidence helping to update the draft RSS backlog estimates to the beginning of the Plan (2006).

¹ 2003-based household projections, and any trends/patterns arising from 2004-based national populations projections (and 2004-based sub-national population projections if published before the meeting)

² 29,000 covering B&B/hostels/refugees, concealed, and sharing households (draft RSS, section C, para 1.5.3)

4b The basis of any alternative assumptions on backlog, including the parties in item 3b.

5 The basis and results of additional work (if any) undertaken by SEERA since the Technical Note 5 (revised) on Demography (March 2005) and the draft RSS were finalised.

Background Notes

Purpose of these data meetings:

- i. To understand the basis of the background data sources and measurement/modelling techniques (including methodology and input assumptions) that underpin the draft SE Plan;
- ii. To identify the differences with any alternative sources of information/forecasts and the reasons for these;
- iii. To identify where there is agreement or disagreement between participants on background data and measurement/modelling techniques;
- iv. To understand the results of new work since the submission draft SE Plan.

This will ensure that valuable discussion time at the EiP itself can be devoted to discussing the implications of the data and modelling.

Not to discuss: issues of principle, the implications of the data, or the adequacy of the proposed policy approach – these should be left for the EIP debate.

Invitees: All participants for the relevant sub matter. Open to any other participant and the public, subject to space availability. Full meeting notes will be available (circulated to the relevant participants and published on the web).

Format: would include a briefing note from SEERA identifying an index of the most relevant reference material on that topic to be circulated in advance. Where alternative evidence is put forward by other participants, they would be asked to do likewise. In some cases, e.g. where studies are ongoing or particularly complicated, a brief opening presentation could usefully precede the question and answer session.

SEERA's index of their reference material, and explanatory notes by other parties covering the alternative data sources on which they rely, should be provided to the Secretariat by Monday 2 October so that they can be circulated in advance and posted on the EiP website.