
Eastleigh Local Plan 2036

Matter 4 – Meeting housing need, the housing requirement, housing land supply, five-year supply and affordable housing (Policies S2/S3/DM30)
ADDENDUM – post ONS 2018-based Population Projections released 21st October 2019

**CPRE Hampshire
(endorsed by ADD)**

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Addendum with update following ONS 2018-based Population Projections released 21st October 2019

CPRE Hampshire’s original statement on Matter 4 made the following point in Paragraph 11 (below):

11. This is a very significant difference of 3,150 between the two projections. Using the 2016-based projections could possibly nullify a requirement for any SGO at all. Currently the government has said it wishes to use the 2014-based numbers, but this may change in the next iteration, as the 2018-based ONS numbers could confirm the trend of the 2016-based projections. According to the ONS as at 23rd August 2019, “the UK population’s growth rate in mid-2017 and mid-2018, at 0.6%, was slower than any year since mid-2004.” (<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationestimates/articles/overviewoftheukpopulation/august2019>) We will know more on 21st October with the release of the 2018-based National Population Projections. Any significant outcome can hopefully be discussed in the oral sessions.

As at 21st October, we now have the benefit of those 2018-based projections for the whole of England and the critical relevant statements are as follows: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/populationandmigration/populationprojections/bulletins/nationalpopulationprojections/2018based>

- *There will be an increasing number of older people; the proportion aged 85 years and over is projected to almost double over the next 25 years.*
- *The UK population growth rate is slower than in the 2016-based projections; the projected population is 0.4 million less in mid 2028 and 0.9 million less in mid 2043.*

Note: National population projections do not attempt to predict the impact of political circumstances such as Brexit.

The 2016-based population projections show a marked decrease in Eastleigh compared with the 2014-based projections. With the 2018-based projections showing a similar trend at country-level, the 2016-based population projections should be a considered a material factor for the Eastleigh Local Plan.

