

# Annex 2

## Housing and Homelessness Statistics User Engagement

### Products

| Title of Product   | Designation*               | Sources of Data   |
|--|----------------------------|---|
| House Building Statistics  | <b>National Statistics</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quarterly 'P2' lower-tier Local Authority returns</li> <li>Monthly data feed from the National House-building Council</li> <li>Quarterly 'AIR' data returns from private sector independent Approved Building Inspectors</li> </ul>  |
| Dwelling Stock Estimates   | <b>National Statistics</b> | A range of secondary sources, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ONS's decennial Population Census</li> <li>DCLG's Net Supply of Housing (below)</li> <li>(From 2012) DCLG's Local Authority Housing Statistics (LAHS) return</li> <li>(From 2012) the Homes and Community Agency (HCA) Statistical Data Return (SDR)</li> <li>ONS's Labour Force Survey (LFS)</li> <li>DCLG's English Housing Survey (EHS)</li> </ul> |
| Net Supply of Housing Statistics   | <b>National Statistics</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual 'Housing Flows Reconciliation (HFR)' data return from lower-tier Local Authorities</li> <li>Data for London from Greater London Authority</li> </ul>  |
| English Housing Survey (EHS) - Headline Report   | <b>National Statistics</b> | English Housing Survey (EHS)  |
| EHS - Annual Report - Household Report   | <b>National Statistics</b> | English Housing Survey (EHS)  |
| EHS - Annual Report - Profile of English Housing   | <b>National Statistics</b> | English Housing Survey (EHS)  |
| EHS - Annual Report - Energy Efficiency of English Housing   | <b>National Statistics</b> | English Housing Survey (EHS)  |
| EHS - Annual Report - Fire and Fire Safety   | <b>National Statistics</b> | English Housing Survey (EHS)  |
| EHS Bulletin   | <b>National Statistics</b> | English Housing Survey (EHS)  |
| EHS Live Tables  | <b>National Statistics</b> | English Housing Survey (EHS)  |
| Projections of Households in England   | <b>National Statistics</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ONS data (population projections)</li> <li>ONS Census data (1971 to 2011)</li> <li>Labour Force Survey data from 2001</li> </ul>   |
| Affordable Housing Supply  | <b>National Statistics</b> | LAHS, HCA and GLA administrative data   |
| Local Authority Housing Statistics: LA-owned Stock; LA Waiting Lists; LA Lettings; Non-decent Social Homes | <b>National Statistics</b> | LAHS Return, HCA/GLA data   |
| Statutory Homelessness Statistics  | <b>National Statistics</b> | P1E Returns from local Authorities  |
| Social Housing Sales   | <b>National Statistics</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LAHS</li> </ul>  |

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|   |                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LOGASnet</li> <li>• CORE</li> <li>• HCA's SDR</li> </ul>                                |
| Social Housing Lettings   | <b>National Statistics</b> | LAHS, CORE (Continuous Recording)  |
| CORE Datasets (Lettings and Sales)  | Official Statistics        | CORE   |
| Help to Buy (Equity Loan) Scheme and Help to Buy: New Buy Statistics                  | Official Statistics        | HCA's Investment Management System (IMS)   |
| Help to Buy (Equity Loan) Scheme – Quarterly and Cumulative Data                      | Official Statistics        | Ditto  |
| Quarterly Right to Buy Sales  | Official Statistics        | LOGASnet   |
| Affordable Housing Starts and Completions funded by the HCA and GLA – Live Table 1012 | Official Statistics        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homes and Communities Agency (HCA)</li> <li>• Greater London Authority (GLA)</li> </ul> |
| Homelessness Prevention and Relief  | Official Statistics        | P1E Returns from Local Authorities   |
| Rough Sleeping Statistics   | Official Statistics        | RS Returns from Local Authorities  |
| Count of Traveller Caravans   | Official Statistics        | Local Authority Returns  |
| Live Table 615 - Vacant Dwellings by Local Authority District                         | Official Statistics        | LAHS, HCA's SDR, LGF data  |
| Live Tables 701-705 – Average Weekly Social Rents (LA and HA)                         | Official Statistics        | LAHS, HCA's SDR  |
| Live Tables 1300-1302 – Repossession Activity   | Official Statistics        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council of Mortgage Lenders</li> <li>• Ministry of Justice</li> </ul>                   |
| Live Tables – Affordability / Affordability Ratios                                    | Official Statistics        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ONS's Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings</li> <li>• Land Registry</li> </ul>           |

\*Official statistics which are judged to be fully compliant with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics are designated as 'National Statistics', and carry the equivalent Logo.

## **Users and their Uses**

The products listed above are exploited by a wide range of users in a variety of ways:

| <b>User</b>  | <b>Uses</b>   |
|--|---|
| Ministers and officials in the Department for Communities and Local Government | The statistics are used internally in the formulation and monitoring of policy; for resource allocation; for performance monitoring; and in cost-benefit analyses |
| Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC)                                 | DECC use the EHS data to monitor and evaluate progress towards the achievement of energy efficiency and climate change targets                                    |

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|--|---|
| HM Treasury and the Bank of England  | The Bank uses house building statistics in their deliberations on monetary policy   |
| Department for Work and Pensions (DWP/ODI)   | Modelling - DWP and ODI use EHS data to provide information on housing conditions for private rented sector tenants and for those with disabilities   |
| Department for Transport (DfT)   | DfT use our Household Projections in their transport modelling work   |
| Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)   | DEFRA use data from the EHS to monitor rodent infestations  |
| Environment Agency   | The EA use our Household Projections to forecast water use, and our Traveller Caravan Count in their work on flood risk management  |
| Local Government   | Their main uses are: Service planning; performance monitoring; benchmarking against surrounding and similar authorities; resource allocation.<br>The household projections are used in the formulation of local housing plans |
| Professional Institutes, Academia (e.g. Building Research Establishment, Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors) | Modelling (e.g. of housing condition indicators); analysis and evaluation of housing supply/need; evaluating the impact of homelessness funding and intervention.   |
| House Building, Construction and Timber industry   | Evaluation of housing trends; Market Research (e.g. the market for double-glazing, DIY, etc)  |
| Voluntary Sector (e.g. Shelter, Joseph Rowntree)   | Promotion and analysis of housing and homelessness issues; campaigning and fundraising  |
| Media  | These statistics provide the raw material for articles in the Trade press (such as 'Inside Housing'; 'Construction News'; 'Building Magazine'; )  |
| Citizens   | The Traveller Movement have used our Count of Traveller Caravans within their research work   |

## Main Channels for User Engagement

**Public consultations** - A formal consultation took place in August 2010 seeking views on plans for the English Housing Survey (EHS). A further consultation was launched in November 2012 covering the dissemination strategy for the EHS. In March 2010 a technical consultation took place on Household Projections looking at proposed changes to the methodology.

**CLIP** – CLIP-Housing considers proposals for changes to collections and publications. CLIP-Planning discusses changes to household projections. Minutes from these meetings are published on the CLIP website<sup>1</sup>. CLIP-Population (chaired by the Office for National Statistics) deliberates on the household projections data.

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<sup>1</sup><http://clip.local.gov.uk/lgv/core/page.do?pagelid=31632>

**Housing Statistics Network<sup>2</sup>** – DCLG is represented on the steering group of the Housing Statistics Network which is working to improve dialogue between users and producers of housing statistics.

**Consultative Committee on Construction Industry Statistics (CCCIS)** - DCLG is a member of the CCCIS which includes representatives from the industry, other government departments, academia, and the analytical community.

**National House Building Council** - DCLG arranges frequent bilateral meetings with the NHBC.

**Homeless Link** – DCLG colleagues regularly attend Homeless Link meetings to discuss current research and publications to see how the homelessness data is being used and to seek feedback on recent publications.

**Contact points** – The statistical releases provide contact details for any queries or comments.

**Listening Events** - Homelessness specialist advisors carry out free training, road shows, regional seminars and conferences inviting Local Authorities to feed back their views on the P1E and publications. Advisors and statisticians also make individual visits to Councils. Open seminars are also held when the household projections are published in order to go through any changes and to promote understanding of the data. We also hold workshops with Local Authorities to discuss options for changes to the housing data collections.

**Contact lists** – Most business areas in DCLG maintain e-mail contact lists for each publication and will send out details of recent publications or related consultations to this list. Anyone can request to be added to these lists.

**The English Housing Survey (EHS)** - this survey is managed in accordance with its own User Engagement Strategy which lists the main channels for user engagement (dedicated and comprehensive website, EHS Bulletins, Advisory Group, launch events and the UK Data Archive). The dedicated EHS Strategy document can be found at the following address:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-housing-survey-user-engagement-strategy>

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<sup>2</sup><http://www.housingstatisticsnetwork.org/>