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Q1 - What are your views of the different census approaches described in the consultation document?

The existing census can be used to verify the accuracy (approx.) of data collected by other means. If the two are very different, questions need to be asked. The existing census uses door to door representatives, who can check whether a household appears occupied and if so, by roughly how many people. False info. might be given by other methods. Other methods will provide useful year by year stats, as 10 years is a long time to wait for results, given our rapidly expanding population (despite the fact that the native birthrate is low)

Q2 - Please specify any significant uses of population and housing statistics that we have not already identified.

I can't remember what questions were asked in the last census, but I remember thinking that they would be useful.

Q3 - Please specify any significant additional benefits of population and housing statistics that we have not already identified.

Q4 - What would the impact be if the most detailed statistics for very small geographic areas and small population groups were no longer available? High, medium, low or no impact?

High

If medium or high, please give further information.

It would be a pity to lose these for family research purposes. Some communities might feel abandoned, especially in the face of development.

Q5 - What would the additional benefit be if more frequent (i.e. annual) statistics about population characteristics were available for areas like local authorities and electoral wards? High, medium, low or no additional benefit?

High

If medium or high please give further information.

Useful for planning matters. In Mid Sussex, the number of inhabitants was found to be far higher in the last census than MSDC had estimated. We have taken far more than our fair share of houses.

Q6 - Please specify any significant uses of census information for historical research that we have not already identified.

Q7 - What advantages or disadvantages for genealogical or historical research can you see from a move to a solution based on archiving administrative data sources?

Q8 - What are your views of the risks of each census approach and how they might

be managed?

Q9 - Are there any other issues that you believe we should be taking into account?