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

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

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

None

**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 difficult to government agencies, councils, etc to get worthwhile & accurate information on small geographic & population areas without census every decade as general information gathered by other means would NOT provide this information reliably.

**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?**

No Additional Benefit

**If medium or high please give further information.**

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

The important thing to remember is that if a decade census is not done, all information & benefits, won't be able to repeated or gathered & hence lost forever.

**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?**

None compared with the census every decade.

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

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