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

The once a decade model is preferable. It provides a unique snapshot of British society which is incredibly rich in scope. I do not feel the latter option can match this.

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

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.

There is no other reliable data at this level of society. The richness of this data offers countless opportunities for comparison and varied applications. The lack of this level of detail would damage our ability to use the data to discover new things and innovate in our use of it, not to mention the impact on policy and service planning.

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?

Medium

If medium or high please give further information.

It would provide a more up-to-date and reliable picture of changes and trends that enable councils and other services to provide and tailor their offerings better. That said, as with all such data, the lag between collecting it and presenting the data would still exist ie policymakers etc would remain unable to keep up with changes in real time. However, arguably it would still provide a more current and dynamic picture of society than the 10 year model provides.

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?