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

I strongly believe that we should continue to conduct a census every ten years. It is one of the most important sources for local and family history and any alternative methods would not fit the bill

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

It seems a pretty comprehensive list but I can't any specific reference to local historical research. Census analysis is one of the most powerful sources for recreating communities in the past and introduces lots of people who would not otherwise access higher/adult education to become involved in researching their community in the past.

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.

The census fits so many needs and other sources would be nowhere near as comprehensive. Researchers would have to access a number of different sources, rather than find all the information in one place.

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?

Low

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.

Recreation of communities at specific points in the past - looking at occupational structure, mobility, family reconstitution, etc

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

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?