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

I use a range of data - but the detail and coverage of the Census sets the benchmark against which all other data sets are compared for reliability - so reliability and benchmarking are one key reason for keeping the existing census. The personal data provides historical data with a continuity and reliability that will be lost with alternative methods.

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

I use data from the census for tracking travel patterns and behaviour over time and at different geographical levels. The data provides excellent historical comparison. Separately, the spread and use of different languages in families and society can be tracked with the new census questions which helps benchmark and plan service provision.

**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.**

I use information from the census to monitor travel behaviour - the census information allows me to plan and target services, and predict trends within small geographic areas and identify community groups with specific issues for transport planning. I commission separate follow up work but the base is the Census - it would be very expensive to replace this level of information and UK coverage for comparison for transport planning. The information on detailed geographic and population groups is also vital for language change, monitoring use and education 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.**

More frequent surveys would be useful - but these are commissioned for specific purposes already but always use the census as the benchmark for reliability.

**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?**

None

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

The main risks are loss of historical continuity and the reliability of the current system in terms of detail and coverage. The national census has an authority which ensures still relatively good completion rates whereas local surveys can have varying completion rates and it gets harder to get high rates of completion.

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