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| **From:** David Usher <[David.Usher@durham.gov.uk](mailto:David.Usher@durham.gov.uk)> **Date:** 24 November 2015 at 11:31:32 GMT **To:** "[eileen.hall8@btinternet.com](mailto:eileen.hall8@btinternet.com)" <[eileen.hall8@btinternet.com](mailto:eileen.hall8@btinternet.com)> **Cc:** Michael Lowe <[Michael.Lowe@durham.gov.uk](mailto:Michael.Lowe@durham.gov.uk)> **Subject:** **RE: Witton Gilbert Neighbourhood Plan**  Eileen Good Morning    Thank you for your phone call yesterday. As we discussed, we have undertaken modelling work, using ONS Sub National Population Projections and DCLG household projection data, at the County Durham level. The outputs from this work were published at the following link:    file:///C:/Users/David.Usher/Downloads/Integrating%20Demographic%20and%20Economic%20Forecasts%20(1).pdf    Population, household and economic projections are based upon the latest statistical releases from ONS and DCLG.    The most recent official subnational population projection is the ONS 2012 2012-based SNPP, released in May 2014. These projections are based upon the 2012MYE and use demographic assumptions derived from a 5-6 year historical period in combination with national assumptions on fertility, mortality (components of natural change) and international migration. Under the latest, 2012-based SNPP, the population of County Durham is expected to increase by 42,405 over the full 25-year projection period (2012-37), an increase of 8.2%.    The corresponding 2012-based household projection model, which is underpinned by the 2012-based SNPP, was released by DCLG in February 2015. Only the Stage 1 projections have been released to date which show the total number of households by age-group and relationship status over the projection period. Stage 2 will provide the detailed household type breakdown by age. The 2012-nased DCLG data suggests that the number of households will increase by 30,309 over the 2012-37 projection period, equivalent to an additional 1,212 households per year at the County level.    It is also possible to set out this data over the original 19 year planning period (2011-30) as in the context of the County Durham Plan:     |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Population 2014 ONS Mid Year Estimate** | **Projected Population Growth by 2030** | **Population total by 2030** | **Population change % 2011-30** | **Household change 2011-30** | **Net annual migration** | | 517,800 | 35,518 | 553,318 | 6.9% | 24,854 | 1,486 |   The data presented above provides the starting point estimate for population and household change at the County wide level.    As we discussed, the County Council has published projections and forecasts exclusively at the County level. Whilst sub-county projections could be modelled with some degree of reliability, the development of projections at the level of an individual settlement (there are upwards of 270 settlements across the County) becomes more complex.    The guidance which Michael has forwarded under separate cover points toward the use of a local household survey. It would also be possible to apportion population change using local Census 2011 data for Witton Gilbert in conjunction with household change data. I’d be happy to discuss this process if you think that this might help.    Kind Regards    David Usher    David Usher  Principal Research and Intelligence Officer  Regeneration and Economic Development Service  Durham County Council  County Hall  DURHAM  DH1 5UF    DD 03000 263429 |