



20<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Carol Humphrey  
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Dear Carol

**The Guildford Society response to the Draft SHMA**

We have reviewed very carefully the context, content, methodology and findings of the draft SHMA and we have concluded that it is based on unexplained and/or unsound data.

The ONS figures do not seem to make sense in the context of Guildford's demographic profile and, in order to understand the anomalies we discovered, we have prepared a preliminary demographic analysis alongside our SHMA response.

You will note from both documents that we are calling on Guildford Borough Council to commission a careful forensic study of the data and the assumptions behind the ONS and CLG population and household projections which seem to be contaminated by statistical anomalies for the age-group 18 to 33 in particular.

We would be happy to discuss this response and these attached papers with you, your officers and any Councillors.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julian Lyon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.

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