Local Authority Insight Feedback Form

Thank you for taking part in reviewing early indicative population and household figures from the 2021 Census. Below is an opportunity to comment on the data supplied, should you wish to. Please avoid quoting specific census figures on the feedback form: this will make it easier to ensure the confidentiality of the figures being provided.

Please note we ask that one representative from your local authority returns the feedback form to us to maximise time for us to review your comments. Please keep your response to 1,000 words max and do not add reports or tables to this feedback form. Should you have any additional data you wish to share with us, please contact the Census Quality Assurance @ons.gov.uk.

<u>Dataset</u>	Comments – West Oxfordshire
LA Population	The overall total 2021 Census (indicative) population seems plausible.
	The Census estimates have been reviewed and discussed with Oxfordshire County Council staff (those signing the non-disclosure agreement) who concur that at a District level the results appear reasonable.
	It is noted that the 2021 Census (indicative) total population is reasonably close to the population level for 2021 shown in Oxfordshire County Council's Housing led population forecasts update (2019-2029) (released June 2021) and is consistent with the trajectory 2020/2021/2022 shown in those forecasts. These County level population forecasts include population change arising from new house building in the Local Plan.
Country of Birth	
LSOA Population	

	It would be worth reviewing the position for the attribution of the RAF Brize Norton community for the current Census and in comparison with the treatment accorded in previous Censuses. The Council's own Census leaflet (2011) gives a population by parish summary for the 2001 and 2011 Censuses. A footnote to the relevant table comments: "Communal establishment residents of RAF Brize Norton were counted in the parish of Brize Norton in 2001 and are now counted in Carterton parish. This change mainly affected the population in the age range 18 to 45 and will affect the population base in many tables when making comparisons between 2001 and 2011 for these parishes".
	The Council's current understanding is that the RAF housing is predominantly in Carterton LSOAs (information/ comment from Strategic Housing and Development Officer/ Principal Planning Policy Officer). The housing is distributed across all of the Carterton wards – Carterton South and Carterton North East and North West. It follows that a number of Carterton LSOAs are involved: E01028774; E01032951; E01032953; and E01028771. In reviewing the Census outcome for the area it would be worthwhile encompassing a re-look at these areas and the treatment of the communal establishment count.
MSOA Population	The suggested checking of the Carterton / Brize Norton population attribution and the classification of communal establishment MoD staff (Brize Norton Air Base) as outlined in the LSOA Population comment applies here.
Ward Population	
	It is noted that the household count for LSOA changed substantially from the first Census estimates QA release to the revised position now shown in the replacement second release. The revised household count is now much more aligned with the Council Tax count for April 2021 for this LSOA. What is the explanation for the significant shift and does it relate to the issue highlighted earlier about how communal establishment residents are counted?
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A question posed regarding the location of the population count for the communal establishment of RAF Brize Norton – see earlier comments on the LSOA section raising this point for review.

I/we can confirm that all representatives who received early 2021 census data from ONS as part of this quality assurance process have deleted the data (please list names below).

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