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Stephanie Howarth
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(by email)

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Dear Stephanie

Estimates of additional housing need

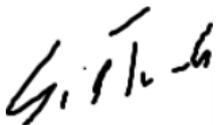
We have completed our review of Welsh Government's [Estimates of additional housing need](#). These statistics are currently published as official statistics. Our findings are summarised in a [separate report](#).

During our review we found the presentation of the estimates to be of a high standard. We commend the team for its leadership in taking a unique, open and transparent approach in developing these new official statistics based on the available official sources, in line with the Code of Practice for Statistics. We have also identified some areas where these estimates can be strengthened in line with the Code.

We have shared our findings with your analysts and appreciate their positive engagement during this process. We have agreed that the team will review and consider the recommendations as they develop future estimates of additional housing need. We will continue to engage with the analytical team responsible as they take forward the recommendations.

I am copying this letter to Rachel Dolman and Melanie Brown the lead analysts for these estimates.

Yours sincerely



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