Cardiff Council response on 24th October to press release.

A Cardiff Council spokesperson said: "It would be incorrect to say that unnecessary houses could be built on greenfield sites because the council has not taken into account the findings of the census.

"The census will play a part in a considered evaluation of projected population growth figures to 2036 for Cardiff's Replacement LDP. Right now there is a housing crisis in Cardiff with more than 8,000 people on the council's waiting list for homes so it's very clear we need more homes, and more affordable homes, for people to live in - even before population increases are considered.

"In determining what's required the council will take into account the latest evidence on household growth and need, including the first set of census findings issued in June, together with the need for affordable homes and the amount of new homes with planning consent that can contribute to the supply of new homes in the Replacement LDP.

"It will also consider the planning policy context set out in Welsh Government guidance and Future Wales 2040: The National Plan, which identifies the city within a National Growth Area in terms of homes and jobs. This will ensure the plan is founded on a robust evidence base, which will be tested during the forthcoming examination of the Replacement LDP by the Independent Planning Inspector."