Meeting housing needs

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2.22 The scale of unmet need of approximately 3,000 5,115 dwellings over the Plan period is fully acknowledged and has been discussed with neighbouring authorities in a constructive and effective manner, including across the Gatwick Diamond and Coastal West Sussex.

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Objectively Assessed Housing Needs

- 6.11 The Crawley Locally Generated Housing Needs Assessment 2011 (LGHNA 2011) provides a key piece of evidence for the Local Plan. This assessment considered a wide range of scenarios about the level of housing that would be required depending upon differing assumptions on migration, economic growth, commuting patterns and affordable housing needs. The assessment confirmed that high levels of natural change, with births projected to exceed deaths, will be the key driver in growth in the number of households and in the labour force. Unlike many locations in the South East, where the ageing structure of the population means the number of economically active people is projected to fall, in Crawley, the younger structure of the population means natural growth is set to drive increases in the indigenous labour force.
- 6.12 The demographic baseline scenario, which has been calculated to ensure it meets household and population projections and takes account of migration and demographic change, is considered to be the key determinant of the objectively assessed housing needs of the borough. The LGHNA 2011 identified a requirement for 542 dwellings per

annum over the Plan period under a demographic baseline scenario equalling a total of approximately 8,100 dwellings over the period to 2030.

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6.13 Additional work was undertaken in early 2014 to determine the objectively assessed demographic housing needs of the borough over the Plan period using the latest