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Submitted to 2021 Census Outputs Consultation Questionnaire

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Section 1.1: About you

Please provide your contact details.

Your name: Anonymous 10

Are you answering this questionnaire on behalf of an organisation or as an individual?

Organisation - please specify:

Organisation:

Lisburn and Castlereagh City council

Consent

No, please remove my name before publishing my response

Section 1.2: Your usage of census data

Usage of Census data

1 Have you or your organisation used data or analysis produced by NISRA from previous censuses?

Yes

2 Which topic areas would you access 2021 Census data or analysis products on?

Demography (including aging),

Communal establishments,

Ethnic group, national identity, language, and religion,

Sexual orientation,

Health, disability and unpaid care,

Housing,

Education,

Labour market,

UK Armed Forces veterans,

Travel to work/place of study,

Migration,

None, I would not access Census analysis products

3 Are there any specific topics, areas or population groups you need data for?

Yes, topics (e.g. ethnic group),

Yes, areas (e.g. Causeway Coast and Glens),

Yes, population groups (e.g. a specific country of birth)

If you selected 'Yes', please list the topics, areas and/or population groups in priority order:

topics - all of the above

Areas - Lisburn and Castlereagh, DEAs, Wards, SOAs, SAs

Population groups - for example young men by mental health issues

Section 2.1: Methods of dissemination

Two main methods of dissemination

- 4 Do you plan to access 2021 Census results via the 'ready-made' tables system and/or the 'build-your-own' tables system?

Ready-made tables,

Build-your-own tables,

Other means of accessing 2021 Census data (such as the NISRA Research Support Unit)

- 5 Does the plan to release the 2021 Census results via "flat files" of information meet your requirements?

No

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

The Council needs to be able to easily access the Census statistics without needing an expert to help navigate around 'flat files' or PxStat systems.

- 6 Into which analysis software do you plan to import 2021 Census results?

Excel

If you selected 'Other', please tell us which analysis software you plan to use:

The Council may use other software, for example with GIS.

Section 2.2: Release schedule

Pre-defined tables

- 7 Does the proposed list of ready-made tables for releases one, two and three meet your requirements?

No

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

The Council would like access to all the statistics as soon as possible.

8 Does the proposal to publish all topics in the second and third releases simultaneously meet your data user needs?

No

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

The Council would like access to all the statistics as soon as possible.

9 Does the list of topics that will be included in the second and third releases meet your data user needs?

No

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

The Council would like access to all the statistics as soon as possible.

10 Do the proposed release dates for releases one, two and three meet your requirements?

No

If you selected 'No', please explain why and provide your requirements:

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Flexible table builder

11 Do the proposals for the release of data in the flexible table builder meet your data user needs?

No

If you selected 'No', please explain why and provide your requirements:

The Council would like access to all the statistics as soon as possible.

Final staged releases

12 Does the proposed list of multivariate, ready-made tables meet your requirements?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Commissioned table service

13 Have you or your organisation used the commissioned table service from previous censuses?

Yes

If you selected 'Yes', please tell us what information you have previously requested via this service:

The Council has requested many pieces of information which were not available online. The service is usually quick and efficient, with informative responses from NISRA officers.

14 Do the proposals for the 2021 Census commissioned table service meet your data user needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please explain why, and provide your requirements:

N/A

Grid Square

15 Have you or your organisation used grid square statistics from previous censuses?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please tell us which grid square products you have used previously:

N/A

16 Do the proposals for a 2021 Grid Square product meet your data user needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information. Please also include any extra variables you require in addition to those available in 2011:

N/A

Workplace/Place of Study

17 Have you or your organisation used any of the microdata products from previous censuses?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please tell us which microdata products you have used previously:

N/A

18 Do the proposals for 2021 Census microdata products meet your data user needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Ireland and Northern Ireland microdata product

19 If available, would you use an Ireland and Northern Ireland microdata product?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please describe the additional analysis that you plan to do, and the value of undertaking this research. Please also indicate the sample size and which variable(s) you would like in this dataset:

N/A

Northern Ireland Longitudinal Study incorporation of Census 2021

20 Have you or your organisation used NILS data in the past?

Yes

21 Do the proposals for the NILS incorporation of Census 2021 data meet your needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Administrative Data Research Northern Ireland (ADR NI) - availability of 2021 data

22 Have you or your organisation used any ADR NI data in the past?

No

23 Do the proposals for the availability of 2021 data within ADR NI meet your data user needs?

N/A - no user need for ADR NI data

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Ireland and Northern Ireland census report

24 Have you or your organisation used data or analysis from the Census 2011 Ireland and Northern Ireland report?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please tell us which data from the Ireland and Northern Ireland report you have used previously:

N/A

25 Do you or your organisation have any needs for Ireland and Northern Ireland data for the 2021 and 2022 Censuses?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please tell us what information or key statistics you require and explain why you need this:

N/A

Section 2.3: Standard Variables

New variables in 2021

26 Do you require any additional output categories in the renewable energy systems classification?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Analysis of renewable energy systems

27 Do you require any additional cross-tabulations for renewable energy systems?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Sexual orientation

28 Do you require any additional output categories in the sexual orientation classification?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Collapsed output classification

29 Does the collapsed output classification for more detailed cross-tabulations on sexual orientation meet your needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please tell us why the collapsed output classification does not meet your needs:

N/A

Analysis of Sexual Orientation

30 Do you require any additional cross-tabulations for sexual orientation?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Frequency of speaking Irish and Ulster-Scots

31 Do you require any additional cross-tabulations for Irish and Ulster-Scots?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

UK Armed Forces veteran

32 Does the proposed output classification for UK Armed Forces veteran meet your needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please tell us why the output classification does not meet your needs:

N/A

Analysis of UK Armed Forces veterans

33 Do you require any additional cross-tabulations for UK Armed Forces veterans?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Other standard variables in 2021

34 Aside from 'current religion' and 'religion/religion brought up in', do you have any additional needs for further religion outputs?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Full-detail tables

35 Do the proposals to produce full-detail tables in the same way as in 2011 meet your needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

36 Do you have any data needs for a full-detail table on Sexual Orientation?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please describe the analysis you would undertake and why the analysis is needed:

N/A

Section 2.4: Proposals for new derived variables

Education and employment

37 If available, which of the proposed new variables on education and employment would you have data needs for?

Route to highest level of education,

Adult Students, Not in employment, education or training (NEETs),

Temporarily away from work,

Key/critical Worker,

Skills mismatch,

Economic risk created by the coronavirus pandemic indicator

If you indicated that you would use one or more of the new variables, please describe the additional analysis that you plan to do using the variable(s) and the value of undertaking this research:

Not Answered

Health and living arrangements

38 If available, which of the proposed new variables on health and living arrangements would you have data needs for?

COVID-19 health risk,

Houses in multiple occupation (HMO),

Multigenerational households,

Living together/apart

If you indicated that you would use one or more of the new variables, please describe the additional analysis that you plan to do using the variable(s) and the value of undertaking this research:

Not Answered

Accommodation type

39 If available, would you have any data needs for a "Care home resident" variable?

Yes

If you selected 'Yes', please describe the analysis you would undertake and why the analysis is needed:

Numbers of people living in care homes to ensure our services are focussed in the appropriate areas.

Additional data needs

40 Are there any new derived variables you require that have not been discussed in this consultation?

No

Specifics on additional derived variables required:

N/A

Section 2.5: Population base specifications

Workplace population

41 Do the proposals for workplace population outputs meet your data user needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Daytime population

42 Do the proposals for daytime population outputs meet your data user needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Out-of-term population

43 Do the proposals for out-of-term population outputs meet your data user needs?

Yes

If you selected 'No', please provide your requirements and explain why you need this information:

N/A

Small populations

44 Do you have any requirement for census information for a small population group?

Yes

Specific requirements for census information for a small population group:

We need ways to identify our minority populations so that we can focus on providing the right services.

Section 2.6: Taking a census during a period of change

Place of residence

45 Do you anticipate needing any additional data on place of residence to supplement 2021 Census data?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please detail your requirements and how the data would be used:

N/A

46 Are there any existing data sources that may meet your needs for place of residence data, either separately or in combination?

No

If you selected 'Yes, fully' or 'Yes, partially', please list the data sources and describe how they could meet your needs:

N/A

47 Is there any new analysis of place of residence you are planning to use census data for due to the current period of social and economic change?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please describe the planned analysis and how it would be used:

N/A

Economic activity and employment

48 Do you anticipate needing any additional data on economic activity and employment to supplement 2021 Census data?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please detail your requirements and how the data would be used:

N/A

49 Are there any existing data sources that may meet your needs for economic activity and employment data, either separately or in combination?

No

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N/A

50 Is there any new analysis of economic activity and employment you are planning to use census data for due to the current period of social and economic change?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please describe the planned analysis and how it would be used:

N/A

Travel to work/school

51 Do you anticipate needing any additional data on travel to work/school to supplement 2021 Census data?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please detail your requirements and how the data would be used:

N/A

52 Are there any existing data sources that may meet your needs for travel-to-work/school data, either separately or in combination?

No

If you selected 'Yes, fully' or 'Yes, partially', please list the data sources and describe how they could meet your needs:

N/A

53 Is there any new analysis of travel to work you are planning to use census data for due to the current period of social and economic change?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please describe the planned analysis and how it would be used:

N/A

Workplace zones

54 Do you require data published using the workplace zone geography?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please detail your requirements and how the data would be used:

N/A

Impacts on other outputs

55 Do you anticipate needing any additional data to supplement 2021 Census data?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please detail your requirements and how the data would be used:

N/A

Section 2.7: Paradata

Paradata refer to information about how we collected the census.

56 If available, which of the proposed paradata for the 2021 Census would you use?

Household return rate,

Mode of completion (online, paper, telephone),

Language of completion (English, Irish, Ulster-Scots)

If you indicated that you would use one or more of the paradata, please describe the additional analysis that you plan to do using the variable(s) and the value of undertaking this research:

Not Answered

Section 2.8: Statistical Output Geography

Revision of statistical output geography

57 Other than the current local government districts, do you have any requirements for census statistical outputs aligned with any other geographies?

No

If you selected 'Yes', please tell us which additional geographies you need census statistical outputs to align with. Please also explain why you need this, including the analysis that you plan to do and the value of undertaking this research:

N/A

Section 3: Any other comments

58 Do you have any data or analysis needs related to any of the areas listed below that will not be met and you have not been able to note elsewhere in this consultation?

Methods of dissemination

If you selected "Other", please provide more information about the topic area for which you have unmet data needs:

The Council welcomes that the Census Office intends to provide the data in different ways. It intends to provide pre-defined tables which will be similar to those already available from previous census programmes. The Council refers to this data frequently and keenly awaits the updated information.

It is also proposed to have an interactive table builder that will allow users to define their own tables, with the flexibility to select the geography, population base, and variables required. This is an exciting new addition to the census statistics outputs, which the Council welcomes.

The Census Office has stated it will be using a new PxStat system which will allow users to export the data into other software packages. The Council urges the Census Office to ensure this is easily achievable and if required will provide training for non-experts on how to get the best results from the system.

The Council would also request that the Census Office formats the statistics in a way which does not require the use of a 'lookup table'.

59 Describe your unmet data needs

Please provide your requirements and explain why you require this. For example, what policy or planning decisions would the results effect? Please make it clear what variables and geographies you would need in relation to each of your additional unmet needs:

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60 If you have any further comments on the content of this consultation, please provide these below.

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The Consultation Response

The census information should be accessible to a range of audiences and therefore should be in a format that is easy to use and understand. The documents are in part technical and use jargon which immediately creates a barrier to full and open consultation. However, there are a number of issues which will impact on the Council's use of future census data.

Geography and boundaries

The consultation documents show that the Census 2021 data will be released by current local government district boundaries. The Council welcomes this as Members are very aware of the challenges of accessing appropriate statistics since the change in LGD boundaries in 2015 and the lack of co-terminosity with other public sector bodies. The Council would also request that the Census Office facilitates the easy access to comparable statistics over years to enable the Council and Community Planning Partnership to show trends and improvements in wellbeing.

Dissemination of statistics

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Timetable for the release of the statistics

The Council would like this timetable to be as expeditious as possible as the Census statistics are important in all delivery and monitoring of projects and programmes.

Commissioning tables

The Census Office intends to have a commissioning service alongside the public access to the data, which the Council also supports. Council officers currently request information for specific reasons and this service will allow us to request information tailored to our needs. It is welcome that this service is to be formalised. However, it is not stated if this service will be free of charge as in the past NISRA has requested payment for accessing statistics not readily available through the public access website.

Small populations

The Census Office also intends to release information on population groups based on key characteristics of people, defined by a cultural background, for example:

- An ethnic group;
- A country of birth;
- A religion;
- A national identity; or
- A main language.

The Council welcomes this as it will aid the planning of the Good Relations and Peace Plus programmes as well as other services.

Summary

The suggested 2021 Census outputs, dissemination approach, release phases and content design are broadly supported by the Council with a few caveats such as a requirement to have technical expertise to extract relevant data and ensuring the timetable for release is as expeditious as possible.