

## Northern Ireland Census User Needs Consultation Questionnaire

This consultation run by Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) is designed to seek user feedback on past use of census data, determine future user need for census topics and understand users' views on the use of alternative data sources to support a census in 2031.

There are seven main topics covered in the consultation, each of which contain subtopics as outlined in part 5.1 of the [consultation document](#). You can respond about all subtopics or just about the individual subtopic(s) of interest to you. The questionnaire is split into five sections:

- **Section 1: About you**  
Asks questions about you, such as your contact details.
- **Section 2: Census 2021 review**  
Asks about your past use of census data to inform a Census 2021 benefits realisation report.
- **Section 3: Future need for existing census subtopics**  
Asks about your future need for existing census subtopics, to feed into content development for Census 2031.
- **Section 4: Future need for additional topics**  
Asks about any new topics you would like us to consider including in Census 2031.
- **Section 5: Public acceptability of the use of alternative data sources to support the census**  
Asks your views about the use of alternative data sources to support Census 2031.

The time to complete the consultation questionnaire will vary depending on how many subtopics/additional topics you choose to respond about. Each should take under 10 minutes to complete.

This document caters for up to five subtopics in Section 3 and two additional topics in Section 4. If you would like to respond about more, please download additional

copies of the Census User Needs Consultation Questionnaire (PDF version or MS Word version) as required. Return the completed questionnaire(s) to:

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If responding as an individual, you may choose whether your name is published. Contact details will remain confidential and handled in accordance with the [NISRA Privacy Notice](#).

All responses will be read individually. Multiple responses from the same respondent will be counted as one response. Responses that are identical or nearly identical will be grouped and treated as part of a single campaign response. This approach helps maintain the integrity of the consultation process, since the assessment focuses on the content of responses, not the number received.

## Section 1: About you

Please note, for your response to be fully considered, you must answer all questions marked with a star (\*).

**Are you responding to this consultation as an individual or on behalf of an organisation? \***

- Individual
- Organisation

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please name the organisation:

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

**Please provide your contact details.**

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**Which of the following best describes the sector you work in or your area of interest? \***

*This will assist us in monitoring the range of users the consultation has reached.*

- Central government
- Local government
- Statutory body (for example, health, education, transport, housing, etc.)
- Private sector
- Social/ Academic research
- Market research/ Data analytics
- Charity/ Community/ Voluntary
- Utility provider
- Press/ media

Genealogist/ Family historian

Other – please specify:

**We may need to clarify some aspects of your response. May we contact you to discuss your response to this consultation? \***

Yes

No

**Would you like to subscribe to receive future updates about Census 2031? \***

*For example, a link to the results of this consultation, information on future consultations or updated information about Census 2031.*

Yes

No

### **Consent \***

To support transparency in our decision-making process, all responses to this consultation will be made public (subject to our [Moderation Policy](#)). This will include the name of the responding organisation (if applicable). However, names of individuals will only be published if you give consent below. Please note that we will not publish your contact details.

Yes, I consent to my name being published with my response

No, please remove my name before publishing my response

All responses will be treated in line with the [NISRA privacy notice](#). Please be aware that any information provided in response to this consultation could be made publicly available if requested under a Freedom of Information request.

## Section 2: Census 2021 Review

Questions in this section ask about your **past use of census data** and will help us to understand whether the Census 2021 outputs met your needs.

Please note, for your response to be fully considered, you must answer all questions marked with a star (\*).

Census 2021 information is available for a range of topics, including:

1. Housing, Accommodation and Communal Establishments
2. Demography, Household Structure and Migration
3. Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion
4. Health and Care
5. Sexual Orientation
6. Education/qualifications
7. Labour Market and Travel to work

A reminder of the [Census 2021 questions](#) is available on the NISRA website.

### **Would you like to tell us about your past use of Census 2021 data? \***

*Responses to these questions will help us to understand whether the Census 2021 outputs met your needs.*

- Yes (go to question 1)
- No ([go to Section 3](#))

### **1. For which topics have you used Census 2021 information? \***

*Tick all that apply.*

- Housing, Accommodation and Communal Establishments
- Demography, Household Structure and Migration
- Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion
- Health and Care
- Sexual Orientation
- Education/qualifications

- Labour Market and Travel to work

## 2. What have you used Census 2021 information for? \*

*Tick all that apply.*

- Resource allocation
- Service planning and delivery
- Targeting investment
- Policy development and monitoring
- Research requirement
- Financial planning/ funding bids
- Regional/ local comparisons
- Equality and diversity assessments
- Benchmark for other data sources
- Other purposes – please specify:

The Local Development Plan (LDP) provides land use proposals and policies that influence delivery by others, eg NI Water, Development Industry. It can also influence funding programmes. Therefore, accurate information to inform the LDP is necessary to support decision making by multiple organisations.

### 3. Please tell us more about how you used Census 2021 information.

*Please be specific. Consider:*

- *important subtopics used*
- *the level of geography used*
- *requirement for multivariate analysis*
- *requirement for UK/ ROI/ other international comparability*
- *requirement for comparison with previous censuses, etc.*

Councils are legally required to produce Local Development Plans (LDPs), in line with the Planning (NI) Act 2011. 2021 Census data has been used, along with 2011 and 2001 data if relevant, in the preparation of background information to support the council's preparation of its Local Development Plan. We have referred to most of Housing Accommodation & Communal Establishments; and Demography, Household Structure and Migration, Health and Care, Education/Qualifications; and Labour Market and Travel to Work in our research. The main geographies used are NI, LGD, ED, SDZ and DZ. We also use Census Table CT0046: Person and Household Estimates for Settlements.

#### 4(a) Did the Census 2021 information meet your needs? \*

- Yes, fully
- Yes, partially
- No

#### 4(b) If you selected 'Yes, partially' or 'No', please detail any additional information you required.

The 2011 Census included a question relating to Household Space and Accommodation Types, and whether Household Spaces have residents and, if not, whether the space was vacant or used as a second home/holiday accommodation. This information is the only source that we are aware of that provides accurate information on the issue of second homes/holiday accommodation, which is an important housing issue in the Borough's coastal settlements. This housing pressure is evident in other council areas also.

### Section 3: Future need for existing census subtopics

This section asks questions about your **future data needs** based on subtopics collected in the previous census (see part 5.2 of the [Census User Needs Consultation document](#)).

Initially, you will state a subtopic of interest and answer questions relating to your future user needs. Your responses will be used to inform the content development of Census 2031, including question design and testing.

Please complete the questionnaire for every subtopic of interest to you. This questionnaire caters for up to five subtopics. If you would like to respond about more, please download additional copies of the Census User Needs Consultation Questionnaire as required. We kindly ask you to enter the same contact information to allow us to link your responses.

Please note, for your response to be fully considered, you must answer all questions marked with a star (\*).

If you have a future need for additional topics (i.e., those not covered in the previous census) you can let us know about them in Section 4.

#### 1. Would you like to tell us about your future data needs for your subtopics of interest for Census 2031? \*

*Responses to these questions will feed into the content development of Census 2031, including question design and testing.*

- Yes (go to question 2)
- No (go to [Section 4](#))

#### 2. Please state your first subtopic of interest. \*

Housing, Accommodation and Communal Establishments

#### 3. What do you need information about this subtopic for? \*

*Tick all that apply.*

- Resource allocation

- Service planning and delivery
- Targeting investment
- Policy development and monitoring
- Research requirement
- Other purposes – please specify

Legislation requires the LDP evidence to be robust, and is subject to public scrutiny. The Planning Act (NI) 2011 requires a 'Survey of the District'.

**4. Specifically, how do you intend to why is it important?**

LDPs are required to take account of regional policies and programmes, for example the DfC: A New Housing Supply Strategy, Housing Needs Assessments, DfI's Housing Growth Indicators. This information helps us understand the nature of the Borough's existing housing stock, and along with demographic information, the nature of household composition, to help inform the potential nature of future housing provision, e.g by tenure, size and type.

**5(a) At what geographical level do you need information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick all that apply.*

- Northern Ireland
- Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)
- Local Government District
- Assembly Area/ Parliamentary Constituency
- District Electoral Area
- Electoral Ward
- Super Data Zone
- Data Zone
- Other – please specify:

By Settlement Development Limit – Census Table CT0046.

**5(b) Which of these geographical levels are most important to you?**

The NI & LGD for comparison purposes, and the more local level for settlement specific information. The Settlement Development Limit information (Census Table CT0046) allows us to state that the associated statistics relate solely to our named settlements, and these figures are removed from the Borough figure for the countryside element. The ability to provide settlement information helps us in demonstrating that we are meeting regionally determined DfI/DfC policies in our Plan-making. Information at DEA level is helpful to demonstrate information to elected members.

**6. Do you need information about this subtopic for population sub-groups?  
Please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example, add the name(s) of specific ethnic groups, specific religions, children, pensioners, specific occupation groups, etc.*

Yes, the subgroup information is helpful, as we can show the demographic profile of the area, e.g the numbers of children, working age residents, and the elderly. As an example, we are able to demonstrate that certain parts of towns have more of a youthful population which supports the provision of public open space, or we can demonstrate that coastal towns have an older population where, along with the presence of second homes/holiday accommodation, issues of social isolation can arise.

**7. Do you need information about this subtopic for multivariate analysis? \***

*Multivariate analysis involves examining two or more variables simultaneously to explore relationships, patterns, or effects between them. It allows users to understand how different factors interact and influence outcomes.*

Yes

No

**8. If yes, which topics would you use information about in combination with this subtopic?**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Housing, Accommodation and Communal Establishments
- Demography, Household Structure and Migration
- Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion
- Health and Care
- Sexual Orientation
- Education/qualifications
- Labour Market and Travel to work
- Other – please specify:

**9(a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**9(b) If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you would be making.**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)
- Other – please specify:

**10(a) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**10(b) If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you would be making.**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)
- Other – please specify:

**11. Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**12(a) For this subtopic, do you intend to compare the Census 2031 outputs with: \***

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Census 2021 outputs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other earlier census outputs

**12(b) For this subtopic, have you compared Census 2021 outputs with earlier censuses? \***

- Yes
- No

**13. Are you aware of other non-census sources of information about this subtopic? \***

No (go to question 15)

Yes – please specify:

**14(a) If yes, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current needs.**

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, fully
- Yes, partially
- No

**14(b) If you selected 'Yes partially' or 'No', please tell us what more information you would require.**

**15. If NISRA did not collect information about this subtopic in Census 2031, what would be the adverse impact on you/your work? (0 = no impact, 10 = highest possible impact) \***

*Tick one box.*

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**16. Do you have another subtopic of interest? \***

- Yes (go to next page)
- No (go to [Section 4](#))

**1. This question is not applicable.**

**2. Please state your second subtopic of interest. \***

Demography, Household Structure and Migration

**3. What do you need information about this subtopic for? \***

*Tick all that apply.*

- Resource allocation
- Service planning and delivery
- Targeting investment
- Policy development and monitoring
- Research requirement
- Other purposes – please specify:

To meet legal requirements in the Planning Act (NI) 2011 of producing a LDP.

**4. Specifically, how do you intend to use this information and why is it important?**

The LDPs are required to prepare a survey of the District, and to take account of regional policies and programmes as set out in the Planning Act (NI) 2011, and this information forms part of the fundamental background research, and is linked with other census data also, e.g housing, as outlined above. We mainly use the Age, Sex, Household & Family Relationships, but may also refer to In Full-Time Education, and Address One Year Ago. It is part of the robust evidence base required to prepare LDP proposals and policies and demonstrate the legal requirement of 'soundness'.

**5(a) At what geographical level do you need information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick all that apply.*

- Northern Ireland
- Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)
- Local Government District

- Assembly Area/ Parliamentary Constituency
- District Electoral Area
- Electoral Ward
- Super Data Zone
- Data Zone
- Other – please specify:

**5(b) Which of these geographical levels are most important to you?**

LGD & DEA, SDZ & DZ.

**6. Do you need information about this subtopic for population sub-groups?  
Please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example, add the name(s) of specific ethnic groups, specific religions, children, pensioners, specific occupation groups, etc.*

Yes, in particular Age, and Household & Family Relationships which, for example links to the Type of Accommodation and Number of Rooms; and to Long-Term Health or disability; and Economic Activity and Employment Status.

**7. Do you need information about this subtopic for multivariate analysis? \***

*Multivariate analysis involves examining two or more variables simultaneously to explore relationships, patterns, or effects between them. It allows users to understand how different factors interact and influence outcomes.*

- Yes
- No

**8. If yes, which topics would you use information about in combination with this subtopic?**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Housing, Accommodation and Communal Establishments
- Demography, Household Structure and Migration
- Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion
- Health and Care
- Sexual Orientation
- Education/qualifications
- Labour Market and Travel to work
- Other – please specify:

**9(a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**9(b) If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you would be making.**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)
- Other – please specify:

**10(a) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**10(b) If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you would be making.**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)
- Other – please specify:

**11. Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**12(a) For this subtopic, do you intend to compare the Census 2031 outputs with: \***

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Census 2021 outputs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other earlier census outputs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**12(b) For this subtopic, have you compared Census 2021 outputs with earlier censuses? \***

- Yes
- No

**13. Are you aware of other non-census sources of information about this subtopic? \***

No (go to question 15)

Yes – please specify:

**14(a) If yes, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current needs.**

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, fully
- Yes, partially
- No

**14(b) If you selected 'Yes partially' or 'No', please tell us what more information you would require.**

**15. If NISRA did not collect information about this subtopic in Census 2031, what would be the adverse impact on you/your work? (0 = no impact, 10 = highest possible impact) \***

*Tick one box.*

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**16. Do you have another subtopic of interest? \***

- Yes (go to next page)
- No (go to [Section 4](#))

**1. This question is not applicable.**

**2. Please state your third subtopic of interest. \***

Health and Care

**3. What do you need information about this subtopic for? \***

*Tick all that apply.*

- Resource allocation
- Service planning and delivery
- Targeting investment
- Policy development and monitoring
- Research requirement
- Other purposes – please specify:

To meet the legal requirements set out in the Planning Act (NI) 2011.

**4. Specifically, how do you intend to use information about this subtopic and why is it important?**

This is further background information that helps inform planning policy development both at the strategic Plan Strategy stage and at the local level for settlements. It connects with other topics, e.g Housing, and Demography. It is part of the robust evidence base required to prepare LDP proposals and policies.

**5(a) At what geographical level do you need information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick all that apply.*

- Northern Ireland
- Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)
- Local Government District
- Assembly Area/ Parliamentary Constituency
- District Electoral Area

Electoral Ward

Super Data Zone

Data Zone

Other – please specify: LDP SDLs as applied to Census Table CT0046.

**5(b) Which of these geographical levels are most important to you?**

SDZ, DZ, and SDL

**6. Do you need information about this subtopic for population sub-groups?**

**Please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example, add the name(s) of specific ethnic groups, specific religions, children, pensioners, specific occupation groups, etc.*

Age is helpful, e.g to indicate if the long-term health problem relates principally to the older generation which can influence policy formulation on housing types, or special educational needs school physical provision, e.g new accommodation.

**7. Do you need information about this subtopic for multivariate analysis? \***

*Multivariate analysis involves examining two or more variables simultaneously to explore relationships, patterns, or effects between them. It allows users to understand how different factors interact and influence outcomes.*

Yes

No

**8. If yes, which topics would you use information about in combination with this subtopic?**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Housing, Accommodation and Communal Establishments
- Demography, Household Structure and Migration
- Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion
- Health and Care
- Sexual Orientation
- Education/ qualifications
- Labour Market and Travel to work
- Other – please specify:

**9(a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**9(b) If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you would be making.**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)
- Other – please specify:

**10(a) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**10(b) If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you would be making.**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)
- Other – please specify:

**11. Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**12(a) For this subtopic, do you intend to compare the Census 2031 outputs with: \***

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Census 2021 outputs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other earlier census outputs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**12(b) For this subtopic, have you compared Census 2021 outputs with earlier censuses? \***

- Yes
- No

**13. Are you aware of other non-census sources of information about this subtopic? \***

No (go to question 15)

Yes – please specify:

**14(a) If yes, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current needs.**

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, fully
- Yes, partially
- No

**14(b) If you selected 'Yes partially' or 'No', please tell us what more information you would require.**

**15. If NISRA did not collect information about this subtopic in Census 2031, what would be the adverse impact on you/your work? (0 = no impact, 10 = highest possible impact) \***

*Tick one box.*

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**16. Do you have another subtopic of interest? \***

- Yes (go to next page)
- No (go to [Section 4](#))

**1. This question is not applicable.**

**2. Please state your fourth subtopic of interest. \***

Labour Market and Travel to Work

**3. What do you need information about this subtopic for? \***

*Tick all that apply.*

- Resource allocation
- Service planning and delivery
- Targeting investment
- Policy development and monitoring
- Research requirement
- Other purposes – please specify:

The meet legal requirements of the Planning Act (NI) 2011.

**4. Specifically, how do you intend to use information about this subtopic and why is it important?**

This information helps us meet our legislative requirements and strategic planning policy to provide sufficient economic development lands in the Borough. It helps us understand existing levels of economic activity and also its nature and, along with other data, e.g Age, Education, what might be the projected need over the plan period. When used with other research commissioned by the council, it helps inform the probable land use requirements, e.g if new land should be zoned, or if more vacant town centre lands are likely to come available for reuse/redevelopment. The Travel to Work data helps us understand the geographical spread of workers and the level of the out commuting from the Borough, which can help frame policy direction. It is part of the robust evidence base required to prepare LDP proposals and policies.

**5(a) At what geographical level do you need information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick all that apply.*

- Northern Ireland
- Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)
- Local Government District
- Assembly Area/ Parliamentary Constituency
- District Electoral Area
- Electoral Ward
- Super Data Zone
- Data Zone
- Other – please specify:

**5(b) Which of these geographical levels are most important to you?**

LGD, DEA, SDZ, DZ

**6. Do you need information about this subtopic for population sub-groups?  
Please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example, add the name(s) of specific ethnic groups, specific religions, children, pensioners, specific occupation groups, etc.*

Education and Qualifications – can help understand commuting pattern, e.g if those with higher qualifications are more likely to travel out of the Borough compared to those with less.

**7. Do you need information about this subtopic for multivariate analysis? \***

*Multivariate analysis involves examining two or more variables simultaneously to explore relationships, patterns, or effects between them. It allows users to understand how different factors interact and influence outcomes.*

- Yes
- No

**8. If yes, which topics would you use information about in combination with this subtopic?**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Housing, Accommodation and Communal Establishments
- Demography, Household Structure and Migration
- Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion
- Health and Care
- Sexual Orientation
- Education/ qualifications
- Labour Market and Travel to work
- Other – please specify:

**9(a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**9(b) If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you would be making.**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)
- Other – please specify:

**10(a) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**10(b) If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you would be making.**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)
- Other – please specify:

**11. Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need

No

**12(a) For this subtopic, do you intend to compare the Census 2031 outputs with: \***

	Yes	No
Census 2021 outputs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other earlier census outputs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**12(b) For this subtopic, have you compared Census 2021 outputs with earlier censuses? \***

Yes

No

**13. Are you aware of other non-census sources of information about this subtopic? \***

No (go to question 15)

Yes – please specify:

**14(a) If yes, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current needs.**

*Tick one option.*

Yes, fully

Yes, partially

No

**14(b) If you selected 'Yes partially' or 'No', please tell us what more information you would require.**

**15. If NISRA did not collect information about this subtopic in Census 2031, what would be the adverse impact on you/your work? (0 = no impact, 10 = highest possible impact) \***

*Tick one box.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**16. Do you have another subtopic of interest? \***

- Yes (go to next page)
- No (go to [Section 4](#))

**1. This question is not applicable.**

**2. Please state your fifth subtopic of interest. \***

**3. What do you need information about this subtopic for? \***

*Tick all that apply.*

- Resource allocation
- Service planning and delivery
- Targeting investment
- Policy development and monitoring
- Research requirement
- Other purposes – please specify:

**4. Specifically, how do you intend to use information about this subtopic and why is it important?**

**5(a) At what geographical level do you need information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick all that apply.*

- Northern Ireland
- Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)
- Local Government District
- Assembly Area/ Parliamentary Constituency
- District Electoral Area

Electoral Ward

Super Data Zone

Data Zone

Other – please specify:

**5(b) Which of these geographical levels are most important to you?**

**6. Do you need information about this subtopic for population sub-groups?**

**Please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example, add the name(s) of specific ethnic groups, specific religions, children, pensioners, specific occupation groups, etc.*

**7. Do you need information about this subtopic for multivariate analysis? \***

*Multivariate analysis involves examining two or more variables simultaneously to explore relationships, patterns, or effects between them. It allows users to understand how different factors interact and influence outcomes.*

Yes

No

**8. If yes, which topics would you use information about in combination with this subtopic?**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Housing, Accommodation and Communal Establishments
- Demography, Household Structure and Migration
- Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion
- Health and Care
- Sexual Orientation
- Education/ qualifications
- Labour Market and Travel to work
- Other – please specify:

**9(a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**9(b) If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you would be making.**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)

Other – please specify:

**10(a) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**10(b) If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you would be making.**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)
- Other – please specify:

**11. Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this subtopic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**12(a) For this subtopic, do you intend to compare the Census 2031 outputs with: \***

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Census 2021 outputs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other earlier census outputs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**12(b) For this subtopic, have you compared Census 2021 outputs with earlier censuses? \***

- Yes
- No

**13. Are you aware of other non-census sources of information about this subtopic? \***

No (go to question 15)

Yes – please specify:

**14(a) If yes, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current needs.**

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, fully
- Yes, partially
- No

**14(b) If you selected 'Yes partially' or 'No', please tell us what more information you would require.**

**15. If NISRA did not collect information about this subtopic in Census 2031, what would be the adverse impact on you/your work? (0 = no impact, 10 = highest possible impact) \***

*Tick one box.*

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**16. Do you have another subtopic of interest? \***

- Yes (see note below)
- No (go to [Section 4](#))

*This is the end of Section 3. If you would like to respond about more subtopics, you can do so by downloading additional copies of this questionnaire as required.*

## Section 4: Future need for additional topics

In this section, you can let us know about **additional topics you have a future user need for** inclusion on a census.

You can respond about any additional topic of interest to you, including those discussed in part 5.3 of the [Census User Needs Consultation document](#). This questionnaire caters for up to two additional topics. If you would like to respond about more, please download additional copies of the Census User Needs Consultation Questionnaire as required. We kindly ask you to enter the same contact information to allow us to link your responses. You can skip this section if you do not have a future need for additional topics.

Please note, for your response to be fully considered, you must answer all questions marked with a star (\*).

### 1. Would you like to tell us about your future data needs for additional topics for Census 2031? \*

*This section should be used to discuss topics not covered in Section 3.*

*Responses to these questions will feed into the content development of Census 2031, including question design and testing.*

- Yes (go to question 2)
- No (go to [Section 5](#))

### 2. Please state your first additional topic of interest. \*

Inclusion of Issue of identification of Second Homes/Holiday Accommodation.
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### 3. What do you need information about this topic for? \*

*Tick all that apply.*

- Resource allocation
- Service planning and delivery
- Targeting investment
- Policy development and monitoring

Research requirement

Other purposes – please specify: To meet legal requirements of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 and the Survey of the District.

**4. Specifically, how do you intend to use information about this topic and why is it important?**

The council is legally required under the Planning Act (NI) 2011 to make adequate provision for new housing requirements, with Housing Growth Indicators provided by Dfl. The Second Homes/Holiday Accommodation market in the Borough's coastal areas primarily can distort the local housing market – a settlement may have an adequate housing allocation numerically, but there is no guarantee these will meet local housing needs. Accurate information on the numbers and distribution of second homes/holiday accommodation in affected settlements would help the council make informed decisions on appropriate housing allocations by numbers and, along with other information e.g from the housing needs assessments, by housing tenure. Reliance on providing the 'right' number of housing units (only) has a potential knock-on effect on services and facilities in affected settlements, e.g on school enrolment numbers as there is no demand from second homes.

**5(a) At what geographical level do you need information about this topic? \***

*Tick all that apply.*

Northern Ireland

Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)

Local Government District

Assembly Area/ Parliamentary Constituency

District Electoral Area

Electoral Ward

Super Data Zone

Data Zone

- Other – please specify: As per the LDP SDL & Census Table CT0046

**5(b) Which of these geographical levels would be most important to you?**

The higher NI and LGD levels provide context and comparison, but the SDZ and DZ are important to help inform decisions on where to promote new development to help create more balanced communities.

**6. Do you need information about this topic for population sub-groups? Please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example, add the name(s) of specific ethnic groups, specific religions, children, pensioners, specific occupation groups, etc.*

Specific information is helpful to build up a more robust and meaningful evidence base for Plan preparation, for example, there is a perception that most second homes are owned by retirees or those close to retirement, although anecdotal evidence indicates ownership includes a wider range including young families. Also, the previous census question helped demonstrate that second homes were across housing types and geographical areas in settlements, rather than being limited to apartments overlooking the sea, as had been assumed by some.

**7. Do you need information about this topic for multivariate analysis? \***

*Multivariate analysis involves examining two or more variables simultaneously to explore relationships, patterns, or effects between them. It allows users to understand how different factors interact and influence outcomes.*

- Yes  
 No

**8. If yes, which topics would you use information about in combination with this topic?**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Housing, Accommodation and Communal Establishments
- Demography, Household Structure and Migration
- Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion
- Health and Care
- Sexual Orientation
- Education/ qualifications
- Labour Market and Travel to work
- Other – please specify:

**9(a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this topic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**9(b) If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you would be making.**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)
- Other – please specify:

Some parts of the UK, e.g National Parks, AONBs have policies limiting second homes, which is a useful source to help inform policy development and potential unforeseen consequences.

**10(a) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this topic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**10(b) If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you would be making.**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)
- Other – please specify:

Have stated No as different legal framework, and not a requirement, but information on societal impacts are relevant due to proximity.
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**11. Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this topic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**12. Are you aware of other non-census sources of information about this topic? \***

- No (go to question 14)

Yes – please specify:

**13(a) If yes, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current needs.**

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, fully
- Yes, partially
- No

**13(b) If you selected ‘Yes partially’ or ‘No’, please tell us what more information you would require.**

**14. If NISRA did not collect information about this topic in Census 2031, what would be the adverse impact on you/your work? (0 = no impact, 10 = highest possible impact) \***

*Tick one box.*

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**15. Would you like to tell us about another additional topic you have a future need for? \***

- Yes (go to next page)
- No (go to [Section 5](#))

**1. This question is not applicable.**

**2. Please state your second additional topic of interest. \***

**3. What do you need information about this topic for? \***

*Tick all that apply.*

- Resource allocation
- Service planning and delivery
- Targeting investment
- Policy development and monitoring
- Research requirement
- Other purposes – please specify:

**4. Specifically, how do you intend to use information about this topic and why is it important?**

**5(a) At what geographical level do you need information about this topic? \***

*Tick all that apply.*

- Northern Ireland
- Regional level (for example, Health and Social Care Trust)
- Local Government District
- Assembly Area/ Parliamentary Constituency

- District Electoral Area
- Electoral Ward
- Super Data Zone
- Data Zone
- Other – please specify:

**5(b) Which of these geographical levels would be most important to you?**

**6. Do you need information about this topic for population sub-groups? Please tell us which sub-groups.**

*For example, add the name(s) of specific ethnic groups, specific religions, children, pensioners, specific occupation groups, etc.*

**7. Do you need information about this topic for multivariate analysis? \***

*Multivariate analysis involves examining two or more variables simultaneously to explore relationships, patterns, or effects between them. It allows users to understand how different factors interact and influence outcomes.*

- Yes
- No

**8. If yes, which topics would you use information about in combination with this topic?**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Housing, Accommodation and Communal Establishments
- Demography, Household Structure and Migration
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- Health and Care
- Sexual Orientation
- Education/ qualifications
- Labour Market and Travel to work
- Other – please specify:

**9(a) Is UK comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this topic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**9(b) If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you would be making.**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the UK)
- Other – please specify:

**10(a) Is Republic of Ireland comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this topic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**10(b) If yes, please indicate the type of comparisons you would be making.**

*Tick all that apply.*

- Comparisons at similar levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts across countries)
- Comparisons at different levels (for example, comparing Local Government Districts with the Republic of Ireland)
- Other – please specify:

**11. Is other international comparability a requirement for you/your work for information about this topic? \***

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, essential
- Yes, strong need
- Yes, some need
- No

**12. Are you aware of other non-census sources of information about this topic? \***

- No (go to question 14)
- Yes – please specify:

**13(a) If yes, please tell us whether the alternative source(s) meet your current needs.**

*Tick one option.*

- Yes, fully
- Yes, partially
- No

**13(b) If you selected 'Yes partially' or 'No', please tell us what more information you would require.**

**14. If NISRA did not collect information about this topic in Census 2031, what would be the adverse impact on you/your work? (0 = no impact, 10 = highest possible impact) \***

*Tick one box.*

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**15. Would you like to tell us about another additional topic you have a future need for? \***

- Yes (see note below)
- No (go to [Section 5](#))

*This is the end of Section 4. If you would like to respond about more topics, you can do so by downloading additional copies of this questionnaire as required.*

## Section 5: Public acceptability of the use of alternative data sources to support the census

NISRA has used alternative data sources in the past to support census processes, reduce respondent burden and enhance census outputs. For example, in 2021, alternative data sources were used to:

- enhance the 2021 Census Address Register and field operations by identifying households that might need particular support and/or may prefer paper to an online questionnaire (e.g., in areas of limited broadband activity or households with elderly people only living in them);
- support census data processing (e.g., to place students at their term-time address when they were recorded at their home address);
- quality assure census results; and
- remove the need to ask certain questions (i.e., NISRA produced statistics on the number of rooms in each household using information available from the Land and Property Services databases)

Further detail on the use of alternative data sources is available in section 9 of the [Census 2021 General Report](#).

**1. Considering the ways that alternative data sources could be used to support the census, would you please indicate to what degree you see them as important or valuable? (0 = not important, 10 = very important)**

**a) Supporting the public to respond?**

*Supplementing the census address register with indicators that identify household needs. Tick one option.*

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I don't know

Please give details for your score.

Do you have any other ideas for how alternative data sources could be used to support the public to respond? Please give details.

**b) Reducing respondent burden?**

*Using alternative data held by government to remove the need to ask certain questions. Tick one option.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> |

I don't know

Please give details for your score.

Do you have any other ideas for how alternative data sources could be used to reduce respondent burden? Please give details.

**c) To support census data processing?**

*Using alternative data held by government to assist in the processing of census data to fill gaps in missing information. Tick one option.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> |

I don't know

Please give details for your score.

Do you have any other ideas for how alternative data sources could be used to support census data processing? Please give details.

**d) To support quality assuring the census results?**

*Using alternative data held by government to help quality assure the accuracy of census results. Tick one option.*

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I don't know

Please give details for your score.

Do you have any other ideas for how alternative data sources could be used to quality assure census results? Please give details.

## Trust and Privacy

**2(a) How comfortable are you with public bodies sharing anonymised data for statistical purposes?**

*Tick one option.*

- Very comfortable
- Somewhat comfortable
- Not comfortable
- I'm not sure

Please explain.

**2(b) What concerns, if any, would you have about your data being used in this way?**

**2(c) What would help you feel more confident that your data is being used responsibly?**

## Transparency and Control

### 3. Do you think people should be informed when their data is used to support the collection and production of statistics?

*Tick one option.*

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

### 4. When considering the use of alternative data sources to support the delivery of a census or the production of census outputs, what are your top three priorities?

*Please use the boxes provided to rank your priorities 1 to 3, with 1 being the most important to you. You may write/type directly into the box.*

Minimising respondent burden

Supporting people to respond

Accuracy and quality of statistics

Increasing the range of statistical outputs

Data security

Trust and privacy

Transparency

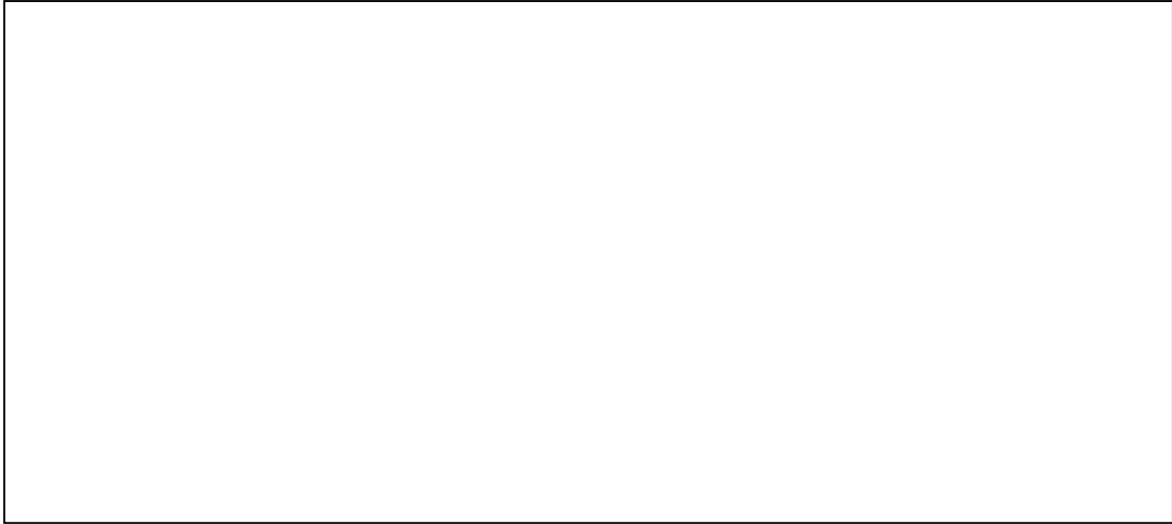
Please expand on your priorities.

**5. Do you have any other comments about NISRA's use of alternative data sources to support Census 2031?**

- No
- Yes – please specify:

**Additional information**

**Do you have any further comments relevant to this consultation?**

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