Large Medium Small Negligible

A large change (of 50% or more, where applicable):

- in population / demographic balance (in-migrants/families) (age / sex) over a short timescale (< 5 years)
- in demand or supply for services and retail expenditure
- in number or type of jobs for local people
- to crime rate
- in the cultural interests and skill /training base of the population.

A medium change (of between 25% and 50%, where applicable):

- in population / demographic balance (inmigrants/families) (age / sex) over a medium timescale (between 5 and 10 years)
- in demand or supply for services and retail expenditure
- in number or type of jobs for local people
- to crime rate
- in the cultural interests and skill/ training base of the population

Professional judgement can be used to moderate the magnitude category if the sensitivity of the receptor to the particular type of change proposed, or its capacity to absorb it, so warrants. For example, in some areas even a very small increase in population could have significant effects on the existing community as a result of its sensitivity or its capacity to absorb this change. Where this is the case, the assessment will highlight how and why any moderation was used

A small change (of between 5% and 25%, where applicable):

- in population / demographic balance (in-migrants/families) (age / sex) over a long timescale (>10 years)
- in demand or supply for services and retail expenditure
- in number or type of jobs for local people
- to crime rate
- in the cultural interests and skill/ training base of the population

There will be a negligible change
(of less than 5%, where applicable) in population /
demographic balance, demand for
services / retail, crime rate
and employment