

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Are you content with the proposed 2011 Data Zones?

Yes No

If you wish to make suggestions for change to a small number of draft Data Zones please provide the Data Zone code together with an explanation of its design limitations and the statistical benefits that would result from altering its boundary. Any accompanying maps and future supporting details would also be useful; preferably, a list of Census Output Areas with their current draft Data Zone assignment, along with the proposed new Data Zone assignment should be included.

Comments

Do you agree that 2011 Data Zones should use the median methodology for the calculation of centroids?

Please see page 17 for further information.

Yes No

The median methodology would have been preferable were it not for a wish to be able to compare with 2001 data zone data wherever possible. It would not be helpful if areas which did not change at all between the 2001 and 2011 censuses changed their allocated geographies due solely to this change of methodology. However, it is recognised that the impact of this change would be very small overall.

Are you content with the proposed best fit 2011 Intermediate Zones? If changes occur to the proposed 2011 Data Zones post consultation, these changes will be reflected in the Intermediate Zones.

Yes No

If you wish to make suggestions for change to a small number of best fit Intermediate Zones; please provide the Intermediate Zone code together with an explanation of its design limitations and the statistical benefits that would result from altering its boundary. Any accompanying maps and future supporting details would also be useful; preferably, a list of Draft 2011 Data Zones with their current draft 2001

Intermediate Zone assignment, along with the proposed new Intermediate Zone assignment should be included.

The description of the methodology for data zones explicitly states that the first cut for the 2011 data zone would be aggregation of 2011 census output areas to the 2001 data zones. It would be helpful if a similar approach to the intermediate geographies was taken such that the default would be aggregation to the 2001 intermediate geographies wherever practical.

The consultation document suggests in Section 13 that the coding of the new data zone codes would continue consecutively from the previous range of codes (i.e. from S01006506). We believe that this is potentially confusing as it would not be possible to tell at a glance whether a particular code was part of the new or old set of data zone codes. It would also increase the likelihood of a mistyped code being inappropriately accepted as a valid code. We therefore believe that it would be helpful (if it is possible) to precede the code with an alpha character (e.g. S01X00001) to make the distinction more obvious. If this is not possible, it would be preferable for the range of new codes to be very different from the old range rather than following directly on from the old codes (e.g. from S012000001).