

## 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.

Whilst the Service accepts that change is required, the acknowledged impact of the change on the SIMD dataset is unfortunate, though unavoidable. The discontinuity of the SIMD classification boundaries between the old and the new will make historical comparisons more difficult.

In addition, the changes to the coding of datazones will mean that for the time being we may need to allocate and maintain two coding systems, one returning the 'old' datazone code for a given easting and northing for historical reasons, and one returning the 'new' coding for all future analysis purposes. The provision of an 'old' to 'new' datazone coding list will be a help, but it does not of itself avoid the need to use two coding systems and two sets of SIMD data.

### 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 Service has no strong view on this, as the change to the calculation of the centroid is in the main a technical matter relating to aggregation into the higher geographies, not of the datazones themselves.

### 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.

No comment.