

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

Comments

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.

Comments

Additional comments

We do not have specific comments on the proposed changes and can understand the logic applied. We are concerned though as whether the impact of changes has been fully considered. In the consultation document it states that the statistical output most directly effected is the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. This is used for eligibility for Energy Company Obligation (ECO) which results in funding being available to fund insulation measures to housing. Currently the bottom 15% SIMD areas (shortly to be changed to the bottom 25% area) are eligible.

Although it is likely that the access to overall funding in Scotland will not change there will be communities that benefit and suffer as a result of the changes.

Has there been any discussion with DECC as to the impact on ECO?

Has there been any discussion with the Housing - Sustainability and Innovative Finance Division, which is of particular relevance to the Home Energy Efficiency Programme Scotland – Area Based Schemes (HEEPS-ABS)?

Can the postcodes be identified which are moving in and out of the bottom 25% be identified and the Home Energy Scotland, local authorities, other delivery bodies and the insulation industry be notified so that activity can be planned to target those areas moving out of the bottom 25% can be prioritised now and those moving in delayed until the new datazone boundaries have been adopted by DECC?

This is a non-devolved matter and there may well be other areas where the changes will have an impact.