

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.

Although I have indicated that I am 'content' with the proposed 2011 Data Zones, this is more an acceptance that we need to live with boundaries that have been predetermined by the methodology used in their creation than with a genuine satisfaction with where the boundaries lie.

The boundaries of the 2011 Census Output areas have obviously been a key determinant in forming the boundaries of the revised datazones, and we can do nothing to influence these. However, for example, the extent of COA S0009418, which includes both the edge of Helensburgh settlement and the edge of Cardross, means that it is likely that DZ350050 will likely be affected by growth in both settlements. This will make future interpretation of any data produced at the datazone level difficult.

Similarly, in Campbeltown, the way the COA boundaries have been drawn means that DZ350009 now has to include part of what was previously one of our 15% most deprived datazones within its boundaries in order for it to cover a contiguous area. This means that the new datazone lacks social homogeneity.

The way our islands are treated has always been problematic.

The only island in Argyll and Bute where the datazone boundaries coincide neatly is Bute. All other islands are either linked with other islands or with the mainland. Again, this makes understanding our communities difficult. For example, datazone S01000755 (DZ350045) includes part of Islay, the whole of Jura and Colonsay. There are minimal transport links between Islay and Colonsay (one ferry in each direction a week in the summer). The natural linkage here would be between Colonsay and Oban. (This does not, however, align with the political / administrative boundaries used by the council, which do, in fact, link Colonsay with Jura and Islay.)

Please note: the revised boundaries do bring with them some improvements. For example, DZ350090 (Garelochhead) helps to separate the settlement population of Garelochhead from the communal establishment population at the Faslane barracks. However, having communal establishment and residential populations separated out as a matter of course would help us

understand our local areas much better.

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

This seems reasonable.

**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 Whiskey Isles IG area makes little sense in terms of the communities in our area. There are no natural links between the islands of Luing, Easdale and Seil with Islay, Jura or Colonsay, and yet they form one IG area. Moreover, the IG area does not accord with the Administrative Areas that are used by both the Council and the NHS for service planning purposes, wherein Luing, Easdale and Seil are part of Oban, Lorn and the Isles and the other islands are part of Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands.

(Incidentally, if the names are going to be retained, could 'whiskey' be spelled 'whisky' for future IG areas?)

To align with our Administrative Areas, it would be helpful if the datazone containing Inveraray (DZ35099 / S01000807) could be included as part of the Mid Argyll IG area.

Similarly, an IG area where in DZ350015 (S01000725), DZ350029 (S01000739) and DZ350028 (S01000738) were also part of Mid Argyll would be more useful to us; this would align with the operational areas used by both social work and the NHS, and would make any data published at this scale more useful to us.