

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.

We understand the rationale for redrawing data zones and agree in principle with the approach. There has been considerable population change since the current data zones were designed, leading to some becoming much larger in terms of population and others losing substantial proportions of their population - in some cases all their population. For example, there are now three data zones in Glasgow which according to the 2012 version of SIMD have no population. This is thought to be principally due to demolitions.

We cannot comment on the technical and localised aspects of the proposals but understand the need to redesign data zones.

The redefinition of data zones does, however, raise issues in relation to historical data (e.g. SAPE population estimates, SIMD). We understand that the Scottish Government does not plan to provide revised historical data aligned to the new data zone boundaries. This is unfortunate because it will impact on the ability to create local trend data for a range of health and socio-ecological indicators at the level of neighbourhoods and other local geographies.

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

N.A.

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.

N.A.