

2013 Datazone Redraw Consultation

About the consultation

A consultation on the redrawing of datazone boundaries in Scotland is taking place between 23 October 2013 and 12 February 2014. The Consultation document is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/10/2961>

Why is there a need for consultation?

Datazones are small geographical areas used for producing small area statistics such as the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). Datazones are groups of Census output areas which have populations of between 500 and 1,000 household residents.

Datazones need to be redrawn as the population of Scotland changes over time. The publication of detailed information from the 2011 Population Census provides us with the updated information we need to redraw datazones. A set of proposed draft 2011 datazones have been drawn, and views are invited on the proposal. Datazones will be reviewed once every ten years.

What is the scale of the change across Scotland?

Changes to the population across Scotland mean that datazones which have seen a substantial growth in population will be split, and other datazones which have seen a decline in population will be merged.

Overall, it is proposed that the number of datazones across Scotland will increase from 6505 to 6940 datazones.

What will this mean for datazone codes and names?

2011 datazones have been assigned a temporary code which will be finalised following the consultation. New codes will start from S01006506, and datazones within a local authority area will be numbered consecutively.

Where a datazone has been split into two or more new datazones, these datazones will need to be given new names. Draft names have been allocated to Fife datazones to inform the consultation process.

What might this mean for areas of multiple deprivation?

Across Scotland, 113 of the 976 datazones in the 15% most deprived in Scotland are affected by the redraw. 47 of these are in Glasgow, accounting for 41.6% of total changes to most deprived datazones. Datazones where there has been significant population decline (including as a result of large scale demolition) are proposed for merger with neighbouring datazones.

With the number of datazones across Scotland increasing, the current bands will widen, for example, the 15% most deprived in Scotland will be represented by the ranks 1-1041 instead of 1-976.

What are the changes for Fife?

There have been changes to 50 of Fife's 453 datazones, accounting for 11% within the Fife Council area, and 7.7% of the total change across Scotland. The proposed redraw would see the number of datazones in Fife increase from 453 to 488.

Fife's response to the 2010 consultation on the methodology for redrawing datazones highlighted a number of areas where change was expected:

Datazones with a population of between 1,000 and 1,499 (2009) that should be considered for split			
2001 dz	Dz name - 2009 population	2010 Response	2013 Proposal
S01002584	Rosyth Pease Hill West – 1,427 ¹	2	2
S01002598	Inverkeithing North - 927	1	2
S01002600	Dalgety Letham Hill North – 1,047	explore	2
S01002658	Abbey Parks & Brucefield North West – 1,145	explore	2
S01002662	Burntisland North & Orrock – 1,161	explore	2
S01002666	Torryburn & Newmills – 1,361	2	1
S01002669	Berrylaw– 1,024	explore	1
S01002671	Carnegie Drive – 1,021	explore	1
S01002687	Milesmark – 1,066	explore	2
S01002691	Bellyeoman North – 1,399	explore	2
S01002703	Townhill & Moncur – 1,184	explore	2
S01002734	Cowdenbeath North East – 1,058	explore	1
S01002735	Pathhead Sands – 1,076	explore	2
S01002767	Redcraigs – 1,010	explore	1
S01002783	Lochgelly Landward– 1,127	explore	2
S01002841	Southfield & East Finglassie – 1,118	explore	2
S01002846	Coaltown of Balgonie – 1,059	explore	1
S01002866	Auchmuty West – 1,041	explore	1
S01002883	Woodside North – 1,065	explore	1
S01002885	Cameron Bridge & Duniface – 1,290	2	2
S01002893	Queensway – 1,088	explore	2
S01002910	Broom North – 1,027	explore	1
S01002912	Whinnyknowe – 1,295	2	2
S01002925	Balbirnie – 1,279	2	2
S01002944	Kilrenny & Muiredge – 1,065	explore	2
S01002955	Monkston to Lathrisk – 1,033	explore	2
S01002968	Feddinch Landward – 1,404	2	2
S01002969	Cupar South South East – 1,130	explore	1
S01002971	Cupar South East – 1,213	2	2
S01002978	Cupar East – 1,027	explore	1
S01002974	Bow of Fife, Tarvit & Bargarvie – 1,017	explore	1
S0103008	Leuchars East – 1,077	explore	1
S01003022	Tayport Central – 1,009	explore	1
S01002648	Crossgates Southern and Annfield – 992 ¹	1	2

Proposals for splitting datazones are broadly in line with 2010 recommendations.

Areas to consider

1. Are proposals sufficient to support future development plans in these areas?
2. What names should these new datazones be given?

¹ Datazone not identified as candidate for split in 2010 response

Datazones with a population exceeding 1,500 (2009) that should be split			
2001 dz	Dz name - 2009 population	2010 Response	2013 Proposal
S01002622	Duloch & Pitreavie – 7,061	12	13
S01002623	Pitcorthie South East – 1,577	2	2
S01002686	Craigencalt & Pitteadie – 1,593	2	2
S01002792	Blairadam & Loch Glow – 1,652	3	2
S01002806	Cluny – 2,133	3	3
S01002996	North Haugh – 2,359	3	1

The proposals are broadly in line with 2010 recommendations for five of the six datazones that have shown substantial population growth.

North Haugh has not been split as the boundaries have been defined using the resident population (710 for this datazone) rather than the total population which includes communal establishments (2672 for this datazone), consistent with the method used for 2001 datazones. North Haugh will also be affected by the proposed Strategic Land Allocation to the West of St Andrews.

Areas to consider

1. Are proposals sufficient to support future development plans in these areas?
2. Blairadam and Loch Glow – is the proposal to split into two rather than three datazones sufficient to support future development plans for the area?
3. North Haugh – should our response ask for this area to be split to reflect the total population, and future development?
4. What names should these new datazones be given?

It had been expected that datazones in Fife would be split rather than merged. However, in a number of areas there has been a significant change in the output area geography resulting in multiple non-contiguous extents, where the individual parts did not have a high enough population to stand on their own.

Four datazones are affected by this, and are proposed for merger with a neighbouring datazone:

2001 datazone	Datazone name	2011 population	SIMD12
S01002586	Dalgety Preston and Letham Hill	555	
S01002616	Pitcorthie South	613	
S01002853	Kirkland South	521	10%
S01002942	North Pittenweem and Carnbee	588	

Areas to consider

1. Whether the proposed mergers are deemed appropriate
2. The implications of merged datazones for lookups and time series data.

What are the implications for Interzones?

Intermediate zones are groupings of datazones with a population of between 2,500 and 6,000.

The 2010 response suggested that any redraw of datazone boundaries in Fife would have little impact on interzone boundaries, except where a change may be needed to take account of the substantial growth in population in the Dunfermline Eastern Expansion.

It is likely that the existing interzone S02000493 Dunfermline East & Pitcorthie East (population of 12,038) will need to split to become two new interzones.

Interzones will be named and finalised after the consultation.

Areas to consider

1. What names should be given to the new/amended interzones?

How you can contribute to the consultation response

The proposed 2011 Datazones can be viewed through an interactive map in Local View: <http://arcgisweb.fife.gov.uk/LocalView/Sites/2011dataZoneConsultation/>

The map includes the facility to provide comments on individual datazones. This will generate an email which will be fed in to the consultation response.

Feedback is particularly invited on datazones that have been split.

Where a datazone is proposed for split, a draft name has been given to each of the new datazones. The area with the greatest number of new datazones is the Dunfermline Eastern Expansion.

Where there has been little or no change to the 2011 datazone boundary, the 2011 datazones have inherited the 2001 datazone names. This will help with continuity of data between 2001 and 2011.

Note, as part of the process of reviewing datazones, the names of some existing datazone have been queried, and comments are invited on whether these datazones should be renamed, or remain as they were in 2001 datazones.

Further information

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Comments on the proposals are invited by 20 December 2013 to inform a response to the Scottish Government by 12 February 2014.