

Fife Response to 2013 Datzone Redraw Consultation

About the consultation

This paper provides an overview of the Fife changes arising from the Scottish Government's consultation on proposals for redrawing datazone boundaries in Scotland.

What are datazones and why do they need to be redrawn?

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 (COAs) which have populations of between 500 and 1,000 household residents. Datazones need to be redrawn as the population of Scotland changes over time and are reviewed every ten years. The publication of detailed information from the 2011 Population Census provides us with the updated information we need to redraw datazones.

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 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?

The Scottish Government consultation proposals show 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 number of Fife datazones is proposed to increase from 453 to 488.

The proposals for splitting datazones are broadly in line with the recommendations made in the 2010 response from Fife. Fife is in agreement with the Scottish Government on 405 of the proposed datazones, but has identified changes required to 88 datazones, and one query, bringing the total number of datazones for Fife to 494.

The datazone changes which Fife is putting forward reflect:

- a) a different configuration of Census Output Areas to form the new datazones.
- b) a number of further splits to take account of planned/committed housebuilding
- c) a minor change to the external boundary of selected datazones to form more meaningful local neighbourhoods and/or more meaningful interzones.

Where there has been little or no change to the 2011 datazone boundary, the 2011 datazones have inherited the 2001 datazone names. In a small number of cases, names have been changed to better reflect the local area. Where datazones are proposed for split, names have been given to each of the new Fife datazones.

South West Fife

The biggest changes in South West Fife area are seen in relation to Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay. The merger of Dalgety Preston and Letham Hill makes a clear distinction between Dalgety Bay and Inverkeithing datazones, and identifies Hillend as a neighbourhood in its own right. Significant housing development is expected at Inverkeithing Spencerfield, and Fife is proposing a different configuration of output areas to accommodate this. The opportunity has been taken to bring Fraser Avenue wholly in to a new datazone, Inverkeithing Spittalfield. Minor changes have been made to other Inverkeithing datazones to make the datazones more meaningful at a local level.

South West Fife sees minor changes in parts of Rosyth, and Kincardine. Changes to some Rosyth and Inverkeithing datazones have implications for the interzones to which they belong.

Torryburn and Newmills is now large enough to be two separate datazones. However, some of the housing attributed to Newmills is in High Valleyfield. We are recommending that this be brought into a new High Valleyfield West datazone, and Low Valleyfield will now be associated with Culross. We also recommend that Saline is large enough to be two separate datazones.

City of Dunfermline

The City of Dunfermline area sees a sizeable share of changes to Fife's datazones. This is not surprising given the growth in population in the Dunfermline Eastern expansion, with the Duloch and Pitreavie datazone seeing the biggest datazone drift between 2001 and 2011. This area sees the creation of 16 new datazones. The merger of Pitcorthie South is subsumed within these larger changes. Changes are proposed to the boundaries of some of these datazones to better reflect local communities - Pitcorthie, Masterton, Duloch - and to take account of planned housebuilding.

The 2010 response assumed 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. The existing interzone S02000493 Dunfermline East & Pitcorthie East (population of 12,038) should be split to become four new interzones:

- Dunfermline Pitcorthie East (3,461)
- Dunfermline Masterton (2,122)
- Dunfermline Duloch South (4,232)
- Dunfermline Duloch North and Lynebank (3,123)

Changes are recommended to the configuration of datazones around Queen Margaret, Bellyeoman and Townhill. It will be necessary to create a new merged interzone Dunfermline Bellyeoman and Townhill Interzone, to take account of changes to proposed datazones and be meaningful at a local level.

Minor changes to datazones are seen in the Headwell, Milesmark, Abbey Parks and Brucefield areas.

Cowdenbeath

The area previously known as Blairadam and Loch Glow becomes three datazones, Kelty Seafar, Kelty Oakfield, and Leuchatsbeath (where significant housebuilding is planned).

Changes in the area between Lochgelly and Cardenden see the creation of new datazones at Jamphlars and Dundonald, and the expansion of Lochgelly at New Farm Vale. Cluny will be associated with Cardenden landward, instead of the Chapel area of Kirkcaldy.

Minor changes to datazones are seen in the Crossgates area.

Kirkcaldy

Changes are proposed to Chapel datazones to accommodate recent development. This includes breaking the link with Cluny. Changes are made to neighbouring Fair Isle North and Capshard to ensure similar types of housing are grouped together.

Changes are proposed to Craigenalt and Pitteadie datazone as a result of developments at Seafield. A new Kinghorn datazone is recommended, together with two Seafield datazones to allow for future housebuilding in this area. Seafield datazones will now be associated with the Kirkcaldy Linktown and Seafield interzone instead of Kinghorn.

Significant housing development is expected in the Mitchelston and Randolph area in the future but changes now are minor, to include housing at Boreland, and redraw the boundary at the A92.

Minor changes are seen in the Pathhead area, and in Burntisland datazones.

Glenrothes

Glenrothes has seen significant development in and around the Town Park and Queensway area which will require boundaries to be redrawn. Changes are recommended to groupings of output areas to form Balgeddie, Foresters Lodge, and Beechwood datazones. A new Formonthills datazone has been created to keep this distinct from Collydean datazones. Tofthill and Balbirnie Park should be associated with Markinch and Star instead of Glenrothes Balfarg Pitcairn and Coul interzone. Auchmuty Dovecot should be associated with Glenrothes Auchmuty interzone.

Southfield and East Finglassie is to be split into two datazones, Pitteuchar Woods and Finglassie North and Southfield, with a minor change to Finglassie South. Changes to datazones in Woodside, Pitteuchar, and Lochty View are needed to accommodate output areas originally grouped as Eastfield.

Coaltown of Balgonie should be split into two datazones to take account of future development. The Strathore datazone crosses the Glenrothes and Kirkcaldy area committee boundary but should be redrawn at the A92 to take account of significant housebuilding expected in the Mitchelston and Randolph datazone.

Minor changes are required to Kinglassie and Star and Kirkforthar datazones.

Levenmouth

Changes around Windygates see new datazones at Windygates and Leven Castlefleurie. Cameron Bridge will be integrated into an existing Windygates datazone.

Changes are recommended to the boundaries of datazones in the Wemyss villages, including the creation of three East Wemyss datazones.

A number of boundary changes are recommended to Methil datazones to take account of the merger of Kirkland South, and improve the usefulness of the boundaries at a local level.

Minor changes are required to a datazone in Kennoway. Changes are required to the configuration of the interzones of Kennoway and Bonnybank, Leven North, Leven East, and Leven West.

North East Fife

Fife accepts the Scottish Government's recommendations for datazone splits in and around Anstruther and Kilrenny, Giffordtown and Ladybank, Cupar, and Feddinch.

North Haugh datazone has the potential to be split as it has a total population of 2672. However, 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. This will be queried with the Scottish Government.

Minor changes are required to interzone boundaries as a result of the merger of North Pittenweem and Carnbee.

What happens next?

The Scottish Government will finalise the 2011 datazones. New codes will be assigned (starting from S01006506). Datazones within a local authority area will be numbered consecutively. The 2011 datazones will form the basis for the publication of small area statistics in the future, and become the new building block for Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics, Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation and KnowFife Dataset.

Further Information

The spreadsheet with details of Fife changes, and annotated maps explaining the rationale for the changes can be downloaded from KnowFife Dataset Resources, KnowFife User Guides and Resources, Datazone Redraw:

<http://knowfife.fife.gov.uk/IAS/explorer/resources/>

Consultation document on datazone boundaries, 23 October 2013 to 12 February 2014.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2013/10/2961>

Contact

Coryn Barclay, Policy Coordinator, Planning, Performance and Diagnostics, Fife Council:

coryn.barclay@fife.gov.uk