

The Output

Ward and Parish/Community
boundaries

Introduction

- OAs nest within statutory areas, including wards and parishes/communities
- Census database contains fully grid referenced records
- GIS systems developed for collection geography and OA creation

Background

provided:

- the confidentiality of data is not comprised
- minimum thresholds are respected
- accurate digital boundaries are available

Current Plans

authority

- Use *GIS* point-in-polygon routine to assign area codes to census data
- Produce population and households counts for postcodes (including split postcodes)
- Create Output Areas (only a single set will be created)

Current Plans

parish/community totals

- Select new/different reference date for a local authority
- Again use GIS point-in-polygon routine to assign area codes to census data
- Aggregate data to produce counts for wards and parishes/communities

Current Plans

- Available from OS via Boundary-Line but possible problems with timing of supply
- Possibility of earlier supply for specific LAs
- Obtain boundaries from
 - Parliamentary Boundary Commission
 - direct from LAs (if available)
 - digitise in-house from Deposited Order Maps

Output Area Thresholds

persons and/or 40 households

- Where counts for small statutory areas fail this threshold it will be necessary to merge them with an adjoining area
- ONS will come up with a first cut of how small areas should be merged and will be contacting LAs with these proposals

Output Area Thresholds

suggesting an alternative and providing they meet the threshold constraints they will usually be accepted

- A response deadline will be set to ensure that work is not delayed

Summary

- LAs given opportunity to comment on below threshold areas to be merged
- A single set of OAs will be created
- Systems in place to allow statistics to be produced for different geographies