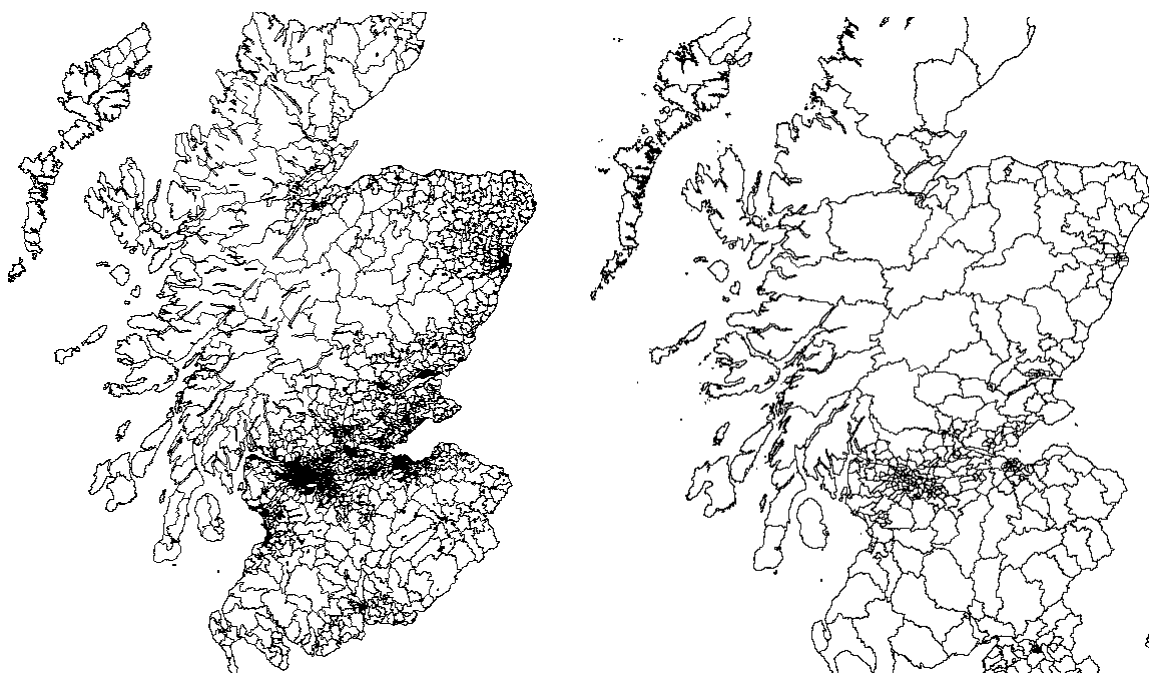


From: Customer Services <CustomerServices@ordnancesurvey.co.uk>
To: 'Owen Boswarva' <owen.boswarva@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: query re licensing of Scottish Data Zone boundaries GV-87370
Date: Thu, 10 Jan 2013 14:13:30 +0000

Dear Owen,

Thank you for your email of 9th January 2013. Due to the frustration you express in your email, it was passed to me in the Customer Complaints Team for investigation and response.

Thank you for all the detailed information you have supplied both to my colleague Steve and myself on this matter. I have spent considerable time examine the website, to try and establish which mapping data has been used and whether it would qualify for free use under the terms of our OpenData Licence. I have extracted the data from the website, which is available from the Download Geography section and compared it to our latest OS Boundary-Line dataset (which is available for free under our OpenData initiative). By comparing the two datasets, it would appear that there is a strong similarity between them and we have determined that it is likely that, at least some of the data was created using Boundary-Line (or at least, the 2004 equivalent). As you can see below, there is more detail present on the SNS dataset than our Boundary-Line data. This is due to the fact that the SNS created their own Data Zones using 2001 Census output areas, which have then been added to our data to produce the map.



SNS Data Zones

Current OS BoundaryLine dataset

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I hope this helps to clarify our position with regards to this data. As previously stated, we would always recommend you seek permission of the map owner (SNS) before use, but as in this case, they have referred you to us for permission, we can find no reason to impose any licensing terms on it (apart from that covered by the Open Government Licence).

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. If you have any further questions regarding this enquiry, please let me know.

Kind Regards,

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