

Appendix: correspondence with the Office for National Statistics

Re: 011/02/16/IN/IB Disclosure of number of dwellings in a village - Ref: CCC66297

From: **Ian Beattie** (ian.beattie@ons.gsi.gov.uk) on behalf of **Census CustomerServices**
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Sent: 05 February 2016 09:11:52
To: stogumberpc@outlook.com
Dear Julian

As previously stated, the data is already in the public domain. Any member of the public can access this information via the Nomis website, as referred to in my e-mail of the 4th February.

There is absolutely no issue in disclosing this data.

So to reconfirm, you may use the data that I have supplied, subject to the original caveats.

Regards

Ian Beattie

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To: Census CustomerServices@ONS, stogumberpc@outlook.com,
Date: 04/02/2016 18:43
Subject: Re: 011/02/16/IN/IB Disclosure of number of dwellings in a village - Ref: CCC66297

Dear Ian

Sorry to be such a nuisance, but I need to get it clear for the planning authority.

Can you confirm that where there are 100 people or 40 households, it is alright to publish the number of dwellings in a village?

Many thanks again

Julian

Sent from my mobile

Census CustomerServices <Census.CustomerServices@ons.gsi.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Julian

Parishes by their nature often contain quite small population numbers. For this reason statistical methods are employed to prevent the release of any data which could identify an individual or individuals within a small area. In addition, data may not actually be available for such a small area. The parish may fall within a larger statistical building block, or Output Area (OA).

Where a Parish or OA does not meet the threshold (100 people or 40 households for an OA) , no data will be available for that area.

Please contact us again if you require further assistance.

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Regards

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Cc: stogumberpc@outlook.com, james.shorten@geo-ltd.com
Date: 04/02/2016 10:55
Subject: RE: 011/02/16/IN/IB Disclosure of number of dwellings in a village - Ref: CCC66297

Dear Ian

Many thanks for your reply.

Please could you confirm that there is no problem (eg no data protection issue) about the number of dwellings in a village being publically disclosed.

That might seem an odd question to you, as you gave us the information with the expectation that we will disclose it.

However, the local planning authority has convinced itself that there is a problem with disclosing this level of detail, and so it would be really useful if you could say that disclosing the number of dwellings in a village is not a problem and that this information can be stated in a local plan.

Thank you again

Julian

From: Census.CustomerServices@ons.gsi.gov.uk
To: stogumberpc@outlook.com
Subject: Re: 011/02/16/IN/IB Disclosure of number of dwellings in a village - Ref: CCC66297
Date: Thu, 4 Feb 2016 09:35:01 +0000

Dear Julian

Thank you for your enquiry.

Stogumber is a civil parish (ref. E04008856). The output area (E00149427) is only a part of the parish.

You can view the boundary of both areas on Nomis by clicking on the GB map icons on this page:

<https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/query/construct/components/stdSearch.asp?menuopt=12&subcomp=101>

The actual table number is KS401EW. Please see the attached table extract, source 2011 Census for England and Wales.

2011 KS401EW showing both the parish and output area for Stogumber.

- E00149427
2011 output areas
- and
- E04008856 : Stogumber
(english parishes / welsh communities)

This table has been extracted from the Nomis website.

<http://www.nomisweb.co.uk/>

and these instructions will be useful should you wish to explore further.

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From: Customer Contact Centre
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Date: 02/02/2016 09:41
Subject: 011/02/16/IN/IB Disclosure of number of dwellings in a village - Ref: CCC66297
Sent by: Karen Evans

Dear colleague

Please see the email below, received by the Customer Contact Centre.

Could you please respond directly to the customer?

The customer email address is stogumberpc@outlook.com,

If I have forwarded this enquiry to you/your team in error, can you please let me know who the correct recipient should be? This will help improve our service to customers.

Thank you,

Karen Evans

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Hi

We are engaged with reviewing a draft Local Plan (as in town and country planning) and in that draft there is a policy that sets a limit for the growth of villages such as ours.

The proposed limit is 10% of the number of dwellings. However, the draft Local Plan uses as its baseline the number of dwellings in the parish. This is because the planning authority drafting the Local Plan thinks they would be in breach of data disclosure rules if they stated the number of dwellings in the village.

In many parishes such as ours, there are lots of dwellings outside the village, in hamlets and scattered across the country side. By using the number of dwellings in the parish to calculate the limit of growth of the village means that the 10% is turned into 16%.

Please can you tell us whether there is any problem with stating the number of dwellings in the village. We assume not, or you wouldn't make the data available.

In your data, the reference for Stogumber is village E00149427, and the number of dwellings, household spaces and accommodation is reference KS4001EW.

Many thanks

Julian Spicer

Chairman