

Technical Appendix

Selected Settlement Populations.

From the 1991 Census, populations for each of the settlements having Residential Development Boundaries (RDBs) in the Stafford Borough Local Plan 2001 have been calculated. The total population of all selected settlements is 101859, representing 86% of the Borough's population.

Methodology

The settlement boundaries are compared with Census Enumeration District (ED) boundaries. If a whole ED lies within the RDB then its population is taken directly from the Small Area Statistics (SAS). Where only part of an ED is included, the number of dwellings lying within both ED and RDB are counted from an OS map base. From the SAS, the vacancy rate of dwellings is calculated, and then applied to a total number of dwellings first counted, to obtain an estimate of occupied dwellings in the area. Average household density for the ED is obtained from the SAS, and this figure is multiplied by the "occupied dwellings" figure to derive the population within both ED and RDB. Where the settlement comprises more than one ED the above process is repeated as necessary.

The Settlements

Adbaston	156	Barlaston	1357
Aston by Stone	107	Barlaston Park	766
Blythe Bridge	1605	Bradley`	231
Brocton	566	Brocton A34	273
Church Eaton	326	Clayton	517
Cotes Heath	159	Creswell	317
Croxton & Croxton Bank	151	Derrington	666
Eccleshall	2578	Fulford	660
Gnosall	3934	Great Bridgeford	608
Great Haywood	1471	Haughton	718
Hilderstone	243	Hixon	1071
Hopton	208	Hyde Lea	273
Little Haywood & Colwich	2390	Meir Heath & Rough Close	2688
Milford	223	Milwich	152
Norbury	154	Oulton	456
Ranton	246	Salt	179
Seighford	206	Stafford	59680
Stone	12648	Swynnerton	507
Tittensor	635	Trentham	408
Weston	587	Woodseaves	565
Yarnfield	904		
		Total	101589

The population above should only be considered to be 'best guesses'. It is to be expected that dwelling characteristics will differ for settlements and the surrounding rural areas, yet where these fall within the same ED, they are treated similarly. Whilst every effort has been made to accurately count dwellings from the OS base maps, it is

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not always possible to distinguish dwellings from other types of properties comprising more than one dwelling e.g. flats.