

Durham County Council

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In 2009 Durham City Council was disbanded against the wishes of many of the City Residents; frankly the word gerrymandering comes to mind. The new Labour dominated Council was an absolute disaster for the City causing huge overdevelopment to generate a 'cash cow' income for the Unitary Authority. I think it is reasonable to say that many Residents would share that view to a degree. For this reason it is essential that the new ward boundaries reflect the boundaries of what can be considered "the city" so that the voices of the Residents muted, even silenced, by the old County Council can still be heard by 'dedicated' Councillors. No doubt there are other areas of the Unitary Authority which are fundamentally different from the 'City' who would have a similar view. I think it is reasonable to say that while not as great as at the height of 'carboniferous capitalism', County Durham is probably one of the most diverse 'Counties' in the country and stuck as we are with the Unitary Authority, and with the prospect of an 'imposed mayor, so clearly rejected in 2004 your job to reduce the admittedly excessive number of Councillors is very challenging!

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