

Gateshead

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Hello,

I am responding to the Local Government Boundary Review for Gateshead. I have a number of observations. Firstly I believe that there should be greater equality in the number of electors per ward. For example, it is forecast that Ryton, Crookhill & Stella will have 7,832 electors, while Felling will have 5,983, thats almost 2,000 difference between the largest and the smallest wards. Secondly, I believe that where possible major roads should be used to differentiate between wards, such as the A1, Durham Road, Old durham road, etc. Thirdly, I believe that there should be a greater locality in terms of names, for example High Fell doesn't have much local association, however a more suitable name such as Beacon Lough and Wrekenton, would have greater resonance with local residents. On the point of wrekonton, I believe that breaking wrekonton up in the way it currently is isn't useful/helpful. Removing Eighton Banks from Lamesly and adding it to the exisiting ward of High Fell, wouldn't move that many electors but would keep together an area that people view as one.

Thanks for taking consideration on my views and I look forward to following closely the review

Alistair Bassett

Attached Documents:

None attached