

Gateshead

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Related subject: All the Council area.

The Party supports your proposals for the boundaries and names of our 22 wards in Gateshead. However we ask you you look again at the projected total electorate of 150,899 in 2029? This is an increase from the 2024 figure of 141,945. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE HAS BEEN, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE, A MEDIUM TERM SMALL DECLINE IN TOTAL ELECTORATE NUMBERS.

Evidence supporting this conclusion:

- 1) In 2014 the total electoral figure was 148,714 for the local election of 2014, now it is only 141,945.
- 2) Furthermore the 2011 National Census gave a total population of 200,200, but in the 2021 Census was 196,100.
- 3) There is a substantial percentage in the 18-30 age group who emigrate to the South of England. This has been a long term trend.
- 4) The small net increase in housing stock resulting mainly from the release of green belt land in 2017- 2022, will not continue as it is mainly built out.

There is little provision in the current 2010-2030 Plan for further green belt housing.

- 5) A small amount of brown field housing development will continue. This will be counterbalanced by the long term gradual decline in household size.

We want to see Gateshead continue to thrive.

HOWEVER PLEASE PROVIDE THE PARTY WITH THE STATISTICAL CALCULATIONS THAT JUSTIFY THE INCREASE IN ELECTORATE.

Attached Documents:

None attached