

# Gateshead

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**Related subject:** Gateshead/ Low Fell

I agree in the down sizing the amount of councillors in the Gateshead area. With this in mind will the council be able to increase its budget for public services instead of paying councillors 'money for old rope' and properly maintain the streets in the Low Fell area? Will that money be used to further renew pavements in Low Fell (like what has happened in Durham Road)? There are streets in Low Fell where tree roots are making walkways very uneven. Not good if you are a person who is unstable on their feet. With this in mind, will there be a substantial campaign to bring more businesses to Low Fell on Durham Road? In the 10 years or so years I have lived in Low Fell I have seen a rapid decline of standards in the area eg., a bus shelter that has been missing a roof for at least two years, dirty pavements (due to the lack of dog wardens), fly tipping, anti social behaviour in the park on Kells Lane. I only hear from Labour councillors when there is an election looming whereas the LibDem councillors proactively pursue and communicate what it is doing to try and solve the issues Low Fell has. These are the reasons why I would like to see a down size because the way I see it the system is broken and will never get better with the current status quo. We can all blame central Government for lack of funding but there seems to be nothing proactive in dealing with this that comes from the civic centre apart from closing down essential services and leisure centres. Is that the right thing to do when there is a social health / obesity crisis in the area.

## Attached Documents:

*None attached*