

Gateshead

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The wards aren't evenly split and the smaller wards could easily be split into neighbouring wards to reduce the number, i was shocked to discover that gateshead has the most councillors per resident in the area when compared to its neighbours which are cities, what a waste of money that our apparently struggling council needs to use elsewhere. My opinion is that saltwell, deckham and the bridges ward could combined into different wards. I also feel that some wards that have been merged are not linked in terms of what they imagine their community to be. For example lobley hill and bensham. I do feel that lobley hill would be better suited to be with dunston hill where the communities of both areas share amenities and schools etc.. where bensham and saltwell would also share in common issues. Having one Councillor representing an area which has different needs and wants in itself will mean someone in that ward would miss out or won't have their voice heard.

Attached Documents:

None attached