

Gateshead

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Related subject: All the Council area.

The resident population of Gateshead is almost static having fallen from 200,200 in 2011 census to 196,100 in 2021 census, a fall of 2%.

The total electorate has also fallen. Eligible electorate for May 2014 local election was 148,714. For May2023 election it was 141,999, a fall of 4.5%.

There are at present 22 wards in Gateshead so the average electorate is 6,455. Only 4 wards have a greater than 10% deviance from the average. They are Lamesley +11%, Crawcrook and Greenside +11%, Felling -14% and Bridges -13%. The boundaries of the 2 with the largest electorate do not adjoin with the 2 with the smallest electorate.

Lamesley and Crawcrook & Greenside are very likely to hardly increase their electorate before the mid 2030's. They have no substantial housing land which has not been built out in the last 8 years as allocated in The Gateshead Plan 2010-2030. All other substantial undeveloped land in these Wards is in the Tyne & Wear Greenbelt under The Plan. No work has started on a plan for the years after 2030.

However the electorate of Felling and Bridges will certainly increase in the next 10 years. They are both within the traditional urban core. Here housing development is encouraged by the Gateshead Plan and is ongoing. They both have substantial brown field land. They are not near the Tyne & Wear Greenbelt.

WE THEREFORE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT NO CHANGES ARE MADE IN THE NAMES, BOUNDARIES OR NUMBER OF WARDS WITHIN GATESHEAD BOROUGH.

Attached Documents:

None attached