

# Focus

on Birtley, Lamesley, Kibblesworth  
and Eighton Banks



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Cameron Wallace and Abbie Batey

Autumn 2025



●Local Lib Dem campaigners  
Cameron Wallace and Abbie Batey  
overlooking the A1 where the  
Allerdene Bridge completion has  
been delayed.

It was meant to be open by now. But the new A1 Allerdene road bridge is now not due to open until next spring.

The new bridge was installed in September 2023 and the old Allerdene Bridge was demolished.

But in January this year, faults in welding joints were found in the new bridge. As a result, lane closures are in place and there are restrictions on vehicles with abnormal loads.

“Unfortunately the welding faults need time to be fixed, therefore causing a delay to the completion of the A1 upgrade,” said **Cameron Wallace**, Lib Dem campaigner for Birtley North.

“We will continue to press for the work to be carried out swiftly,” said Lib Dem campaigner in Birtley North **Abbie Batey**.

## Allerdene Bridge delayed

## Still no decision on Kibblesworth house plan



●Lib Dem campaigners Cameron Wallace  
and Abbie Batey are calling for an end to  
the uncertainty over house building plans.

Plans to build 270 houses in Kibblesworth are still waiting for a decision after 3 years.

The application, to build 270 houses at West Farm on Kibblesworth Bank, were submitted to Gateshead Council in August 2022. The demolition of the farm buildings is also part of the application.

Three years on and a decision is still awaited. There have however been three amendments to the original application. But as of the start of October, a decision by Gateshead Council's planning committee has still not been taken.

Local Lib Dem campaigner **Abbie Batey** said, “The lack of a decision on this planning application is leaving Kibblesworth in limbo. Gateshead Council needs to redouble efforts to reach a decision to end the uncertainty that residents are having to endure.”

# Lib Dem action all year round

## Local roads resurfacing plans

During the autumn and winter the following roads in the Birtley area will be resurfaced:

- Birtley Lane, Birtley (already completed)
- Prospect Terrace, Kibblesworth
- North Dene, Birtley
- West Row, (back lane) Birtley

## Birtley football transfer



●Lib Dem campaigners Cameron Wallace and Abbie Batey outside Birtley Football Club. Local Lib Dems have welcomed the transfer of the football field to the Club.

We are pleased to inform you that Birtley Town Football club have obtained the asset transfer of the playing fields used by the Club.

Your local Focus team would like to congratulate the Club for getting the deal over the line. It will mean the club rather than the council will run and look after the grounds.

## Your Birtley North and Lamesley Liberal Democrat Focus Team



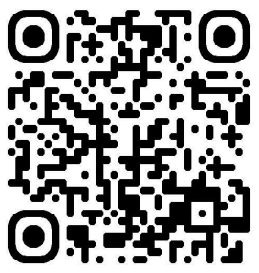
●Lib Dem campaigners Abbie Batey and Cameron Wallace out and about in Birtley North and Lamesley ward.

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Your local Lib Dem Focus Team have expressed their concerns about and hopes for the future of the Venator plant in Birtley.

Venator Materials PLC have three plants in the North East (including the plant at Birtley) which employ 520 people. The company was put into administration at the start of September. It is now up for sale.

Birtley North Lib Dem campaigner **Abbie Batey** said, "We are concerned about the jobs at Venator but we remain hopeful that a buyer for the company will be found."

## Only 1 in 5 are satisfied with Council

Shocking figures released in October show that only 1 in every five residents are satisfied with Labour run Gateshead Council.

Lib Dem Leader of the Opposition in Gateshead, Cllr **Ron Beadle**, said, "Labour have run Gateshead since the Council was created 51 years ago.

"They have been there for far too long. The figures on satisfaction show it is time for Labour to go. Next year, residents will have the chance to get rid of Labour. Only the Lib Dems can beat Labour in Gateshead."

## Parking problems on Birtley High Street

Lib Dem councillors and campaigners across Birtley are working together to improve parking on the High Street.

Many residents have been in touch with us about the difficulties of parking. We are taking up issues with the Council's highways officers. We will keep you informed on any progress.



## Only the Lib Dems can beat Labour in Gateshead

In May next year, all 66 seats on Gateshead Council are up for election. The Lib Dems are best placed to beat Labour here.

- The local Lib Dem group on the council have the experience to run Gateshead.
- The Lib Dems have the policies to turn Gateshead around after 50 years of Labour rule.

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There are no Reform, Green or Conservative Councillors in Gateshead.

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