

Gateshead

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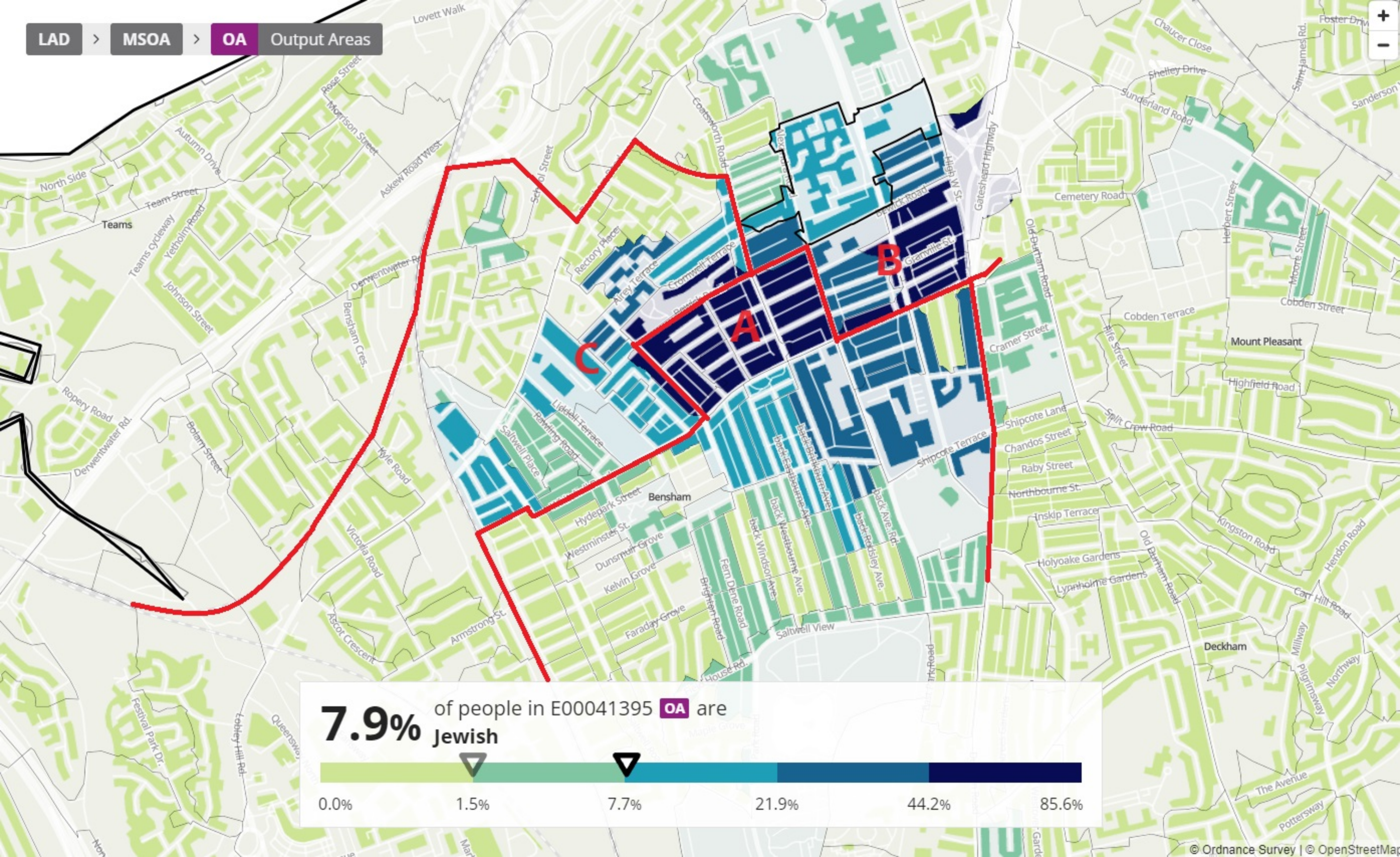
At 1.5% (2021 census), Gateshead has the highest Jewish population in the North east by some distance, Newcastle is 2nd at 0.2%. This also puts Gateshead just outside the top 10 Nationally of LAs.

The Jewish community is predominantly Charedi, a generally more pious and orthodox sub group of religious Jews and are heavily concentrated in a part of Bensham. Under the proposed boundaries, this community of interest would be split between Saltwell, Bridges and Lobley Hill & Bensham wards. By my rough calculation, the largest section would be in Saltwell, the second largest in Bridges and so on. I have attached a rough map using the information from the census website to show this.

I cannot draw an exact proposal without access to street level electorate data, which I do not believe is publicly available, but I can make rough suggestions. The area marked A is in Saltwell ward, B is in Bridges ward and C is in LH&B ward. Since Saltwell is currently projected to be -9% and Bridges +7% I would suggest moving as much of area B into Saltwell ward as possible to unite the community of interest. Then if possible making small adjustments to bring parts of area C from LH&B ward into Saltwell.

Attached Documents:

- bensham.jpg



7.9% of people in E00041395 **OA** are Jewish

