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1. economies of scale can be (and often already are) achieved by co- operative association rather than amalgamation
2. In particular mega councils remove the link between the individual and government even more than is the case. it will no longer be 'local government'
3. megacouncils do not necessarily equate with efficiency through loss of accountability
4. in such a significant change there should be a referendum. Winning a general election is not a mandate for this change, and will only undermine further confidence in the institution of government. The widespread belief is this is being pushed to fast track more building.