

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

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I am a Borough and Parish Councillor in Tonbridge and Malling, and have lived in the Borough for the majority of my life. Some key points which I propose are as follows - Tonbridge, Snodland, Larkfield and Kings Hill are all very distinct and separate communities, and should not be paired with any of their neighbouring villages. I support that there should be 12 councillors for Tonbridge as a whole, but have no particular view on how it should be split. Larkfield should be one ward with three members. Snodland should be two separate wards with two members each. Kings Hill should be one ward with three members. I support the pairing of West Malling and East Malling. These two communities have a long history together, with many similarities and a number of roads joining them. For this to work as a three member ward, they would need to be joined with another smaller village. I would suggest one of the following wards: 1) West Malling, East Malling and Wateringbury. There is a highway link between Wateringbury and East Malling. 2) West Malling, East Malling and Offham. There are highway links between West Malling and Offham, with many local children from each community going to the schools. Residents from all three villages also use West Malling Group Practice, as well as using West Malling as their main shopping location. Leybourne should be joined with Ryarsh and Birling. This was how the ward was some years ago, and seems a probable fit. The three share many similarities including schools and doctors surgery. Whilst Leybourne Chase is a very new development, it is part of Leybourne Parish and should be included in this ward. This would be a two member ward. Wrotham, Ightham, Stansted, Addington and Trottiscliffe are smaller, similar villages and are an obvious match. This would be a two member ward. Ditton has much in common with South Aylesford, so I also support these two joining together.

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