

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

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Tunbridge Wells Borough Councillors decided that electing by thirds (ie almost an annual election) would be best for the area. Rural parishes were not aware for the cut to the number of councillors, and therefore the increased size and unwieldy nature of the new wards. The numerical voter size of 3 member wards make them geographically huge. This makes it almost impossible for an independent to get elected, as they will effectively have to be well known across a large swathe of sparsely populated countryside. This is a serious democratic deficit, disadvantaging rural wards. The only option is for the new TWBC administration to have a new vote for all out elections so that local electors can vote for a local candidate, not one from a community a substantial distance away.

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