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Dear Sir, Madam,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed changes to the electoral voting system in Tunbridge Wells. It is undemocratic at a local parish level to split Goudhurst and Kilndown into different wards and to lump them together with other villages that have different local issues.

Historically and religiously Kilndown and Goudhurst have functioned as a single parish served by elected residents who understand the issues affecting their community at a local level. The proposal is an exercise in numbers, not local democracy.

Why encourage the formulation of Neighbourhood Development Plans which take many years of local consultation to achieve only to negate this by lumping Goudhurst and Kilndown with other villages as a ward of rural Tunbridge Wells? It makes no sense at all. With the continuing growth of Tunbridge Wells local representation will become more remote and less local community based.

I urge a rethink of this damaging proposal.

Yours faithfully

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