

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

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I TOTALLY object to your plans for Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and call upon you to throw them out and start again. The proposals you have made are APPALLING. They ignore Parish Council Boundaries and Responsibilities. They will destroy local identities. They will diminish local democracy and they will KILL Community Spirit. You - The Local Government Boundary Commision - will cause significant damage to local communities if you implement these plans. You lump rural communities with no common interest together, just playing a numbers game to create equal voter sized wards - and yet happy to create wards of 14 miles across to satisfy your stupid plans. I am particularly concerned for my own community of Southborough and High Brooms. A community with links back to a Saxon settlement. Called "South Borough" as we were for many centuries governed by the Saxon / Norman Borough of Tonbridge to the North. The in 1894 became an independent Urban District - only to be sucked into the new Tunbridge Wells District Council in 1974 - a Council created for Administrative Convenience rather than any community links - it sprawls along the Kent edge of the Sussex Border just to make it an appropriate size. Now - you come along chop up Southborough & high Brooms - plonking bits of the village of High Brooms into Sherwood Tunbridge Wells and a new ridiculous Ward called Tunbridge Wells North. You put St Matts Primary School in one Ward, St Matts Church in another and the catchment area in another. Our Councillors will no longer represent us as a distinct community but instead a mish mash of roads with no connection with each other. Your stupid plans will mean that voting for Town Council Elections and Borough Council Elections will require voters to attend different polling stations on the same day - I can only assume you look at TEXAS USA to see just how difficult you can make it for voters to take part in the democratic process. You need to start again - show respect for historic communities and natural boundaries - show respect for democracy and encourage it and not diminish it. Seeing your plans to destroy my community I have lost all faith in the democratic process in our Country. I suspect like many - I will no longer see any point in taking part by voting. Start Again and show respect.

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