

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

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I am a long-standing and active member of St Matt's church in High Brooms. Two years ago, with a colleague I helped establish St Matt's Community Larder which is based in the Bethel hall in High Brooms Road. I am a co-manager of the larder. Although I am not a resident, I spend a large proportion of my week in High Brooms and have, I believe, a good understanding of the community. High Brooms is a distinct community with a strong identity. It feels itself to be closely knitted to Southborough, and there is ample historical reason for this. High Brooms residents do not consider themselves to be part of Tunbridge Wells. To drive a line through the existing ward thereby severing High Brooms from Southborough and disregarding centuries of community links is deeply disrespectful to the residents of both Southborough and High Brooms. To artificially merge High Brooms into a Tunbridge Wells North area, where no common community has ever existed, adds insult to injury. The community larder works closely with St Matthew's school - a mere few hundred metres up the road, but under these proposals in different wards. The school is a Church of England school named after and linked to St Matthew's church. It makes no sense for a church school to be in a different ward to its parent church. Again this rides roughshod over deep historic ties and links which are valued and important to the community. It is completely inappropriate to override community identity and values for reasons of administration. Please reconsider.

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