

# Tandridge

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## Comment text:

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I completely disagree with the proposal to merge Tatsfield with Titsey and Limpsfield. Tatsfield's interests are best served by a one member ward councillor who will be more effective by understanding the unique situation of our rural community.

1. Tatsfield is a geographically remote village that gets most of its services from Biggin Hill because that is the closest and most accessible town. This includes GP/NHS services, Fire Brigade, Library, shops, swimming pool & other community services. In contrast, Limpsfield is virtually an annex of Oxted hence that is where the local amenities are. In other words, Tatsfield is closely affiliated to Kent whereas Limpsfield is undeniably a Surrey town. Consequently we are in a distinctly different position to Limpsfield and our representatives need to reflect those different situations.
2. Public transport between Tatsfield & Limpsfield is very poor hence the 2 communities are isolated from each other. It would take a very fit & able person to walk or cycle between the two communities.
3. Tatsfield is undeniably rural in character whereas Limpsfield is urban - it has pavements & streetlights & a main A road running through it. Not to mention decent public transport including a short walk to a main-line train station. Tatsfield has none of these luxuries such that the community identities are distinctly different.
4. Under the proposal Tatsfield would be a minority of the electorate and would not have an equal voice representing the entirely different needs and concerns of the community.
5. Limpsfield is an affluent area with plenty of local resources & amenities and consequently the community is probably quite content. In contrast, Tatsfield is a neglected outreach of Surrey without even a GP or supermarket let alone a leisure centre or train station. We do not even have safe accessible pavements around our family homes. The 2 communities deserve different representation else Tatsfield will become even more neglected if the proposal turns it into a voiceless minority.

## **Attached Documents:**

*None attached*