

## Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

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### Comment text:

Southborough & High Brooms I wish to strongly support the existing organisation in Southborough and High Brooms and the number of councillors allocated to the wards there. I live in Culverden which is disjointed and separated without a sense of centre identity in contrast to Southborough and High Brooms where my daughter and family live and where I stay frequently to support the family. The cohesion of borough councillors' strategic direction with their Town Council in common purpose appears to work extremely effectively and despite Covid lockdowns, I have seen growing success with a community being drawn together and extremely well managed. More shops, more planned housing, linked with social activities for children and managed events are growing evidence of its success and the links between councillors, schools churches and businesses are admirable. My daughter who is not political nevertheless knows her councillors' names how to contact them for local issues and that a response will be speedy and effective. This may be part people but also clear boundaries to the area, walkable distances to public services, a clear sense of identity among its residents and loyalty and responsibility for their area. I would hate to see this growing success lost and strongly urge it does not change. Culverden My husband and I have lived in Culverden for 10 years. In contrast to my above comments, Culverden is the exact opposite with a number of resident groupings that have little or no contact or common identity and are not helped by the huge traffic jams on the A 26 acting as a divider. My part of London Road relates to its roads off and to the town centre. Areas such as Bishop's Down and Rylands Roads are another world and representation is notable only by its absence. Our public realm issues such as lighting, speeding HGVs and parking seem irrelevant to residents in the more leafy areas and there is little response from elected members of the council to concerns we raise. Such a wide area would in my view benefit by dividing a part of the ward to link up with Rusthall or Langton Green. Thank you.

### Uploaded Documents:

None Uploaded