

Tandridge District Council Conservative Councillors Group Submission to Boundary Commission March 2023

General Comments:

The Council elected to retain an electoral cycle of thirds and had consequently been given a model to achieve of 3 councillor wards, each with an electorate range of between 4,500 and 5,500 for each ward. This resulted in a reduction in the number of wards in Tandridge to 14, each with 3 Councillors. See Conservative Group Ward map and electorate totals table as part of this submission.

The Process:

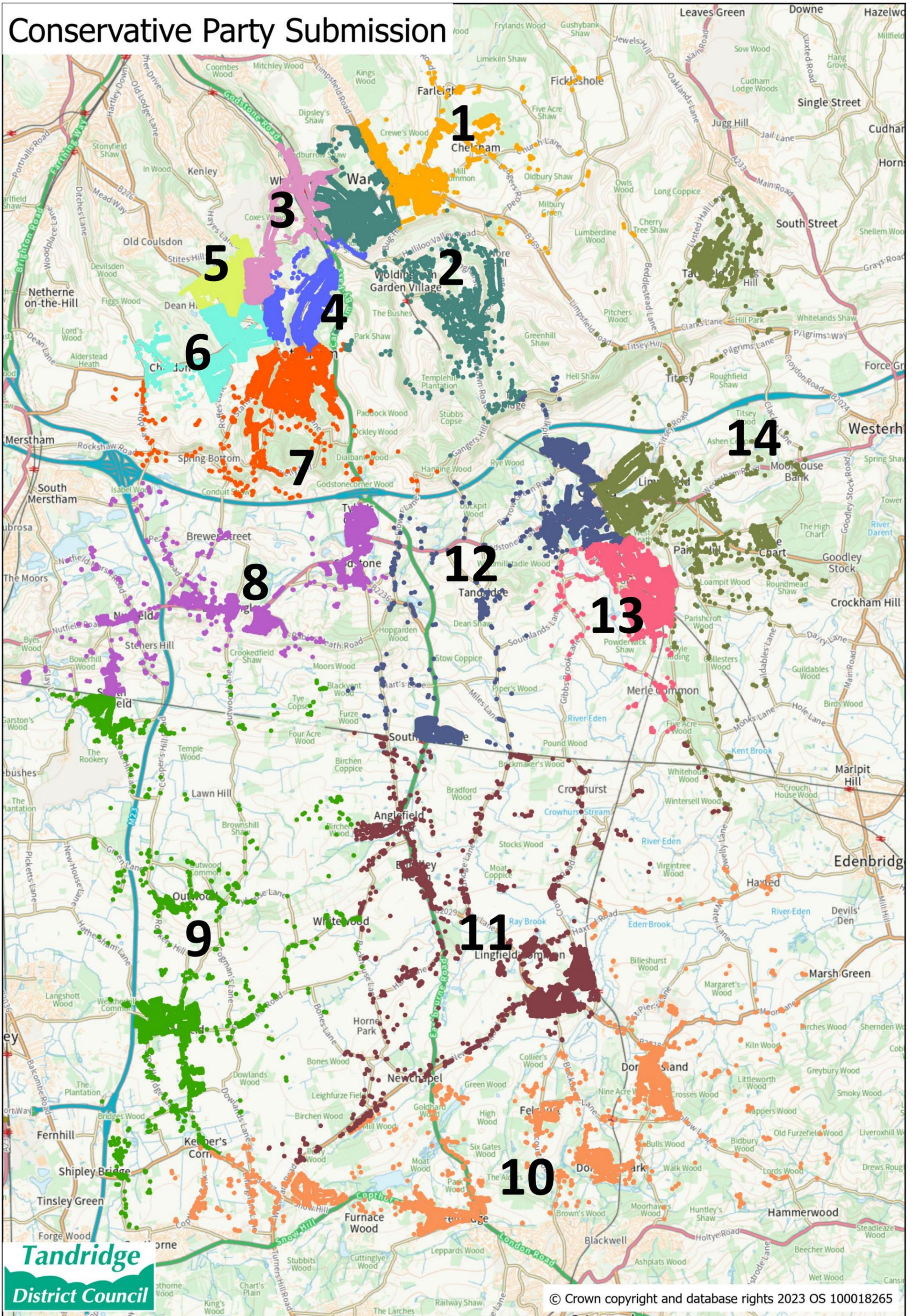
The process itself was problematic requiring several attempts to reach the 'model' ward structure. The Group's first and second attempts at creating 3 councillor wards resulted in the district wards cutting across parish boundaries, creating new parish wards and, in some cases, parish wards with electorates of less than 100. The Group had not used a parish boundary overlay when initially designing the new district wards. Consequently, a third review was required to rearrange the district boundaries, such that the disruption to parish boundaries was minimised and there were no parishes with less than 100 electors.

Our final submission therefore comes with the caveat that, in creating the 42 x 3 councillor ward structure, there has been some disruption to parish boundaries, and by association potentially some community links, which may not align with the expectation of the parish councils or electors themselves.

Recommendation:

Having now worked through this process three times, it is the view of the Conservative Group that a bottom-up, more granular, process would be more beneficial; one that builds on the submissions of the parishes themselves as a template on which to build the district ward structure. The parishes are more able to identify the community ties, shared facilities and interests of the electorate and should be the starting point for the Council in this process.

Conservative Party Submission



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Comment text:

This is the submission of the Tandridge District Council Conservative Group. Documents attached:-
1. Conservative Group Submission 2. Copy of Parish Council Submission (referred to in Item 1) 3. Conservative Submission - Data Set 4. Conservative Submission - Map

Uploaded Documents:

[https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download_document?file=draft%2F1679313346 Conservative submission.pdf](https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download_document?file=draft%2F1679313346%20Conservative%20submission.pdf)

Code	Original	Electors	Potential	Total	Seats
D_BLTCH_NUTF	4,464	5,623	0	5,623	3
D_BRSTW_H_O	4,887	5,599	41	5,640	3
D_CHALDON	1,425	0	0	0	3
D_DORMANSL_F	3,036	5,638	0	5,638	3
D_FELBRIDGE	1,775	0	0	0	0
D_GODSTONE	4,476	0	0	0	0
D_HARESTONE	3,176	4,609	47	4,656	3
D_LIMPSFIELD	2,856	5,390	194	5,584	3
D_LNGF_CROWH	3,313	5,592	0	5,592	3
D_OXTED_N_T	4,590	5,591	47	5,638	3
D_OXTED_STH	4,715	5,130	0	5,130	3
D_PORTLEY	3,443	4,636	0	4,636	3
D_QUEENS_PK	2,904	4,626	0	4,626	3
D_TATSF_T	1,535	0	0	0	0
D_VALLEY	3,203	4,451	120	4,571	3
D_WARLNG_ECF	4,307	4,686	0	4,686	3
D_WARLNG_W	2,806	4,774	0	4,774	3
D_WESTWAY	3,417	0	0	0	0
D_WHYTELEAFE	3,248	4,549	234	4,783	3
D_WOLDINGHAM	1,584	0	0	0	0
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#/seat	Var	Area
1,874	110%	BLETCHINGLEY & NUTFIELD
1,880	110%	BURSTOW, HORNE & OUTWOOD CHALDON
1,879	110%	DORMANSLAND & FELCOURT FELBRIDGE GODSTONE
1,552	91%	HARESTONE
1,861	109%	LIMPSFIELD
1,864	109%	LINGFIELD & CROWHURST
1,879	110%	OXTED NORTH & TANDRIDGE
1,710	100%	OXTED SOUTH
1,545	91%	PORTLEY
1,542	90%	QUEENS PARK TATSFIELD & TITSEY
1,523	89%	VALLEY
1,562	92%	WARLINGHAM EAST, CHELSHAM & FARLEIGH
1,591	93%	WARLINGHAM WEST WESTWAY
1,594	94%	WHYTELEAFE WOLDINGHAM (Unassigned)