

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

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Comment text:

I am the Vicar of St. Matthew's Church in High Brooms and a Governor of St. Matthew's High Brooms CE Primary School in Powder Mill Lane. I am also a resident of Tunbridge Wells. I wish to register my concern about the impact of the proposed changes on Southborough and High Brooms. This will divide the ancient community of Southborough and High Brooms which has existed in its present form for over 100 years. I am particularly concerned that under the proposed new boundaries St. Matthew's Church in High Brooms road where I am Vicar would be in a different ward to its Church school in Powder Mill Lane. This was discussed at the last meeting of the school governing body on Monday and all the Governors present expressed this concern over this. The effect of this would be that the school would have a different counsellor in a different ward to almost all of its catchment area. This means that the school and the parents of its pupils would find it very difficult to communicate concerns to their representative. We are also concerned that the new ward would have three schools in it with very different social and economic catchments. From a High Brooms perspective it would be easy to feel the poor relation. That the power and influence relation with would rest with the more wealthy and affluent end of the ward in Bidborough. I would wish to object as strongly as possible to these proposed changes.

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