

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

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I strongly object to breaking up of Southborough and High Brooms which you propose. Southborough North is to be merged with the village of Bidborough, which has very different issues from the Southborough/High Brooms urban area. High Brooms is to be split into two with southern areas linked to St Johns which is a very different area. Southborough and High Brooms is a distinct parish, with its own pre-cept and identity and Town Council. To unlink the Town Council boundary from the Borough Council representation is ridiculous. A much better plan would be to keep the current Southborough North (maybe slightly enlarged) with 2 councillors plus have "Southborough South and High Brooms" with 2 councillors for each ward. This would still allow the council to reduce the numbers of councillors as planned, as there are 5 councillors currently for the whole parish and this plan would cut the numbers to 4 for the Southborough and High Brooms town. This is roughly in line with the cut needed of roughly 20% in councillor numbers overall from 48 to 39. Southborough and High Brooms had nothing to do with Tunbridge Wells until 1974. For around 100 years it had its own Urban District Council and before that it was linked to Tonbridge (the south Borough of Tonbridge, while lies to the north). All out elections with 2 members per area (or one per area for village communities) would give much more meaningful local democracy and increase voter participation and "ownership" of the councillors they vote for.

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