

## Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the new proposed wards across the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council area. I live in Langton Green and I very much agree the Speldhurst Parish area should be combined with the Rusthall Parish area. Both communities share community interests such as a Doctors Surgery, a Pharmacy and local buses into Tunbridge Wells. We have nothing in common with the Bidborough Parish area. There will be no doubt attempts to convince the Commission to alter other boundaries by the local political parties with their own vested interests. I have carefully examined the Report and the Maps associated with the proposals and having been born in Tunbridge Wells 78 years ago, know the TWBC area very well. The country area to the east of Tunbridge Wells is very rural and I can understand the issue of drawing the boundaries to balance the number of electors in the new areas. I fully support the downsizing of the TWBC from 48 to 39 Councillors. It would have been sensible to have an election every four years to say on election costs but I understand several of the political parties would find it very difficult to find 39 candidates! The tail wagging the dog methinks. The new Ward structure in the Town of Tunbridge Wells is an improvement on the existing Wards. Possibly one day the unelected Tunbridge Wells Town Forum which exists at present, will be replaced by an elected tier one Town Council. This has taken place in Bexhill on Sea in the past two years and is working well I understand. Southborough and High Brooms are both part of the Southborough Town Council. The new wards appear to cross the boundaries of the Southborough Town Council and the town of Tunbridge Wells. No doubt the Southborough Town Council will be making representations to the Commission as to how this issue can be squared. I look forward to the confirmed decision in due course. Thank you for dealing with the need to down size the number of Councillors on the TWBC.

### Uploaded Documents:

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