

Tandridge

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Related subject: Tatsfield & Titsey (Tandridge DC)

I am writing in connection with your boundary review changes in Tandridge DC and specifically the proposed changes to the boundary in Tatsfield/Titsey. I wish the one member ward to remain and so I am writing to provide my objections.

In your proposals you have identified a number of considerations including :

1. Improving electoral equality by equalising the number of electors that each councillor represents

Tatsfield and Titsey ward are adequately represented at present and representation would in my view markedly decline if a 3 Councillor ward went ahead.

2. Ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity

Tatsfield is a unique area, distinct from other areas, in a remote part of the district which makes it especially important for maintaining long established community identity under CURRENT (not the new proposed) arrangements. Merging Tatsfield/Titsey with other wards significantly diminishes the community identity

- our remoteness and distance from other areas confirms our identity (and provides for very specific needs and representation to highlight many local needs - eg expressing and fighting for these specific needs/identity - examples include transport, health/medical, links to other areas, etc).

We are a smaller electorate with specific needs that require local representation to reflect our specific local requirements Tatsfield need arrangements that support effective and convenient local government . The proposed changes would not allow for this.

Tatsfield's needs and interests are best served by a local councillor, representing a one member ward. These are more convenient for being local and more effective as they know and are fully of the intricacies and problems first hand and would be part of the local community.

Linking to a distant community like Limpsfield will not achieve this will remove our identity and the chance to be represented by someone who lives in Tatsfield - a councillor who is part of the community. This has been the practice for at least the past 20 years.

Attached Documents:

None attached