

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

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I would like to fully support the Conservative Group proposals for warding arrangements in the Borough as a whole, but as one of the Borough councillors for Snodland West & Holborough Lakes, I particularly wanted to refer to the warding pattern in Snodland. After reducing the council from 54 members to 43, I think it is appropriate for Snodland to have 4 borough councillors. My strong preference is to have 2 x two-member wards, rather than a three-member ward and single member ward, as I believe this makes for better governance arrangements if one councillor is ill, or unable to perform their duties, and also gives residents a choice of who to approach, and also encourages a more collegiate atmosphere on the council. I believe that this can be achieved by retaining the East/West split in the wards and adjusting where the boundary sits. The current use of the centre of the Malling Road as a boundary is arbitrary and there is no reason that residents on one side of the road should be in a different ward from residents on the other side of the road. Therefore, I would support moving the following roads from Snodland West to Snodland East in order to retain electoral parity: Electors Cumulative electors Malling Road 213 213 Bramley Road 109 322 Chapel Road 28 350 Bullfields 13 363 Recreation Ave 30 393 St Katherine's Lane 59 452 Wyvern Close 20 472 Orchard Way 63 535 Meadow Walk 21 556 Portland Place 49 605 High Street 22 627 Each of these roads is directly accessed from the Malling Road and if they were not moved into the eastern ward, along with the western side of Malling Road, then they would retain no road link into the eastern ward. Not only does this make sense geographically, it also achieves electoral parity by moving 627 electors from West to East.

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