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Dear LGBCE

HILDENBOROUGH AND TONBRIDGE WEST PROPOSED NEW WARD IN TONBRIDGE

We agree with the boundaries for this proposed new three-member ward which has been submitted by The Conservative Group on Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council.

We do not intend to repeat the comments made in that submission by The Conservative Group on Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council because they are extremely detailed and cover all the necessary points.

We are really excited at the suggestion that Hildenborough should join with part of Castle Ward. Hildenborough is a linear village and the two wards really do flow into each other on the B245 making a natural fit. There is no boundary between them. Also, on the playing fields side Hilden Park Road meets Stacey Road – again, one flows into the other.

We feel that the Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground and the Tonbridge Farm Sportsground should remain in one ward. There is the natural boundary of the river at the south end of the ward. They have significant synergies such as the Senior and Junior Park Runs; they both have children's play areas and skate parks as well as huge playing areas for Cricket and Football; therefore, the Borough Councillors have significant expertise to deal with both sportsgrounds. Also, the two sportsgrounds are linked by an easy walk from North Tonbridge though open ground most of the way other than the very pretty and petite Slade Area.

This ward would extend from Hildenborough east as far as A227 Shipbourne Road, as well as the cul-de-sacs of Elm Lane, Portman Park and Keswick Close to the east of Shipbourne Road. The cul-de-sacs would remain in Castle as their egress is onto the Shipbourne Road. It would extend as far south as the existing boundary between Castle Ward and Judd Ward on the waterway/canal of the River Medway, and north to The Pinnacles roundabout.

In addition, the inclusion of A227 Shipbourne Road from The Pinnacles roundabout in the north to its boundary of the High Street ensure that a community is kept together. There are many issues that residents on both sides of Shipbourne Road share, especially around parking concerns and traffic speed in what in some parts are extremely narrow roads. The Pinnacles to the north is a natural break to Shipbourne Road as north of The Pinnacles Roundabout the Shipbourne Road is wider and the houses more spread out than in the Southern portion. Interestingly, the pressures of parking, speed and safe road crossing in The Slade area are very similar to the Shipbourne Road area south of the Pinnacles roundabout.

Yours Sincerely

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