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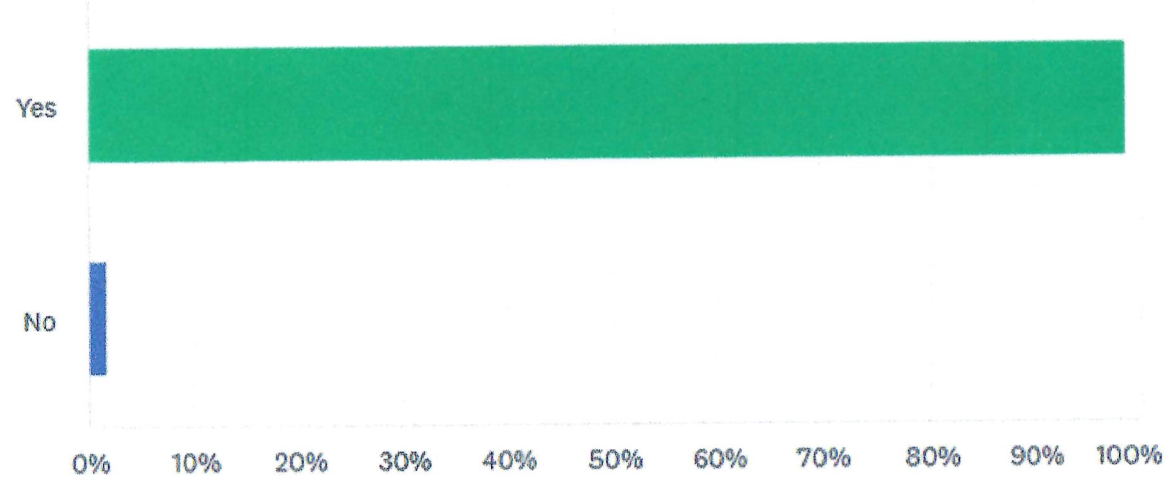
I agree that Kilndown should remain in the same ward as Goudhurst and Curtisden Green for borough elections. I oppose the splitting of the Parish of Goudhurst.

Answered: 362 Skipped: 0

Appendix 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	98.62%	357
No	1.66%	6

Total Respondents: 362

Claire Reed

From: ann hanish <ann1.hanish@gmail.com>
Sent: 30 September 2022 11:41
To: Jane.clark@tunbridgewells.gov.uk; Parish Council Claire Reed; reviews@lgbce.org.uk
Subject: Tunbridge Wells Electoral Review

Dear Sir, Madam,

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed changes to the electoral voting system in Tunbridge Wells. It is undemocratic at a local parish level to split Goudhurst and Kilndown into different wards and to lump them together with other villages that have different local issues.
Historically and religiously Kilndown and Goudhurst have functioned as a single parish served by elected residents who understand the issues affecting their community at a local level. The proposal is an exercise in numbers, not local democracy.
Why encourage the formulation of Neighbourhood Development Plans which take many years of local consultation to achieve only to negate this by lumping Goudhurst and Kilndown with other villages as a ward of rural Tunbridge Wells? It makes no sense at all. With the continuing growth of Tunbridge Wells local representation will become more remote and less local community based.
I urge a rethink of this damaging proposal.
Yours faithfully
Ann Hanish
Longview
North Road
Goudhurst
Kent TN171JJ
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Sent from Gmail Mobile

Claire Reed

From: Brian Henley <brianhenley18@gmail.com>
Sent: 25 September 2022 16:49
To: Claire Reed
Subject: Fwd: Tun.Wells Electoral Review regards the splitting of Kilndown from Goudhurst

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Brian Henley** <brianhenley18@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Sep 23, 2022 at 8:39 AM
Subject: Tun.Wells Electoral Review regards the splitting of Kilndown from Goudhurst
To: <Reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Cc: <Jane.clarke@tunbridgewells.gov.uk>

I ,Brian Henley have farmed Spelmonden ,Pattenden & Bell Farms with land in Goudhurst & Kilndown since I left Agricultural College in 1960 . I live on the Bedgebury road (TN17 2QX) which is in Kilndown but shop daily in Goudhurst which is nearer & has many more shops.
It is absolute madness to even think about putting Killndown with Hawkhusrt, Benenden & Sandhurst & then Goudhurst with Lamberhurst (nearer to Kilndown) Horsmonden, Brenchley, & Matfield just to achieve more equal numbers on three large Borough Council wards. If anyone parish has not got a representative on the BC then nothing will ever get done in that parish . Goudhurst & Kilndown with one Councillor might get things done . But Kilndown alone with possibly their nearest representative as far away as Sandhurst have no chance.
It is imperative that Goudhurst & Kilndown stay together with one Council representative living in either village.
Why do we need equal numbers in wards ? Reduce the number of Borough Councillors if you like but make sure they live in different areas so as residents get equal representation.
In short with respect please see common sense.
Kind Regards Brian Henley

Claire Reed

From: Colin Willis <colin@taywell.plus.com>
Sent: 26 September 2022 09:57
To: 'Claire Reed'
Subject: FW: Proposed new electoral arrangements for Tunbridge Wells

Morning Claire,

As promised my email re new electoral arrangements for you to forward to your TW contact.

Happy to help you with the distribution of the printed NDP booklets when you have them.

Kind regards

Colin

From: Colin Willis [mailto:colin@taywell.plus.com]
Sent: 17 September 2022 11:24
To: 'reviews@lgbce.org.uk' <reviews@lgbce.org.uk>
Cc: 'antony.harris@goudhurst-pc.gov.uk' <antony.harris@goudhurst-pc.gov.uk>
Subject: Proposed new electoral arrangements for Tunbridge Wells

As the ex-Chairman of the Goudhurst Neighbourhood Development Plan which was finally made last February after 5 ½ years' work, I would like to add the following critique of the proposed new electoral arrangements.

It was very noticeable how the bonds between the 2 satellite communities of Curtisden Green and Kilndown to Goudhurst have developed historically and have today forged a strong identity as a unified parish – one of the largest in the South East albeit with a population of only some 3,500. The topography of the parish, its position in an AONB and the routes of the A21 and A262 have given us quite a different set of concerns to those of even our nearest neighbouring communites such as Horsmonden and these are reflected in great detail in our NDP document. Todate our Borough councillors have been able to speak solely for our interests without their message being diluted by the differing concerns of neighbouring villages.

Moreover I believe Horsmonden and Brenchley have yet to complete their NDP's. So under the proposed new ward 'Rural Tunbridge Wells' the councillors may have to tailor their representations according to the legal mandates given by Goudhurst and Lamberhurst and the divined wishes of the rest of the ward instead of being able to speak authoritatively with one voice as at present.

I am therefore in favour of an arrangement which links each community with their own dedicated councillor.

Finally the proposed new name is more appropriate to Rusthall or Southborough. Better "Goudhurst, Lamberhurst & Horsmonden' or 'Central High Weald' if we have to accept the current proposal.

Yours Sincerely

Colin Willis

Claire Reed

From: robertskilndown <robertskilndown@btinternet.com>
Sent: 05 August 2022 22:25
To: reviews@lgbce.org.uk
Cc: clerk@goudhurst-pc.gov.uk; david.knight@goudhurst-pc.gov.uk
Subject: PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGES

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I live in Kilndown therefore my comments in general relate to the proposed new ward of Hawkhurst, Benenden & South Goudhurst. - I have never heard of an area called South Goudhurst and it certainly has no relationship to our village of Kilndown. A made up name in the effort to create a solution to a problem perhaps. I have read the draft proposals with interest and make the following comments.

In principal I am in favour of a reduction in Councillors **IF** this will improve and make local government more efficient. I would highlight 'more efficient' as I personally do not believe the proposals will meet the criteria as you are trying to implement a one size fits all when you are dealing with two distinct and widely differing communities. Urban and Rural. All the proposals work well in the Urban areas but fail miserably in the Rural areas and in essence you are proposing ideas to disadvantage our Rural communities that have worked well for many years and have created local areas that work together and interact efficiently - especially I might point out to our wider Parish Council of Goudhurst that includes Kilndown. Our church is also a benefice of both villages. GPC were instrumental in getting our village a new Village hall and recently their efforts brought Fibre Broad Band (overnight my speed went from 0.8 to 350.) Your proposals are to remove Kilndown from its working neighbour of Goudhurst and include us with Benenden, Hawkhurst and Sandhurst all villages which are I am sure are worthy partners but have no connection with our village other than I think one village is passed through by one of our one a day buses.

Para 149 says they should -

• Reflect community interests and identities and include evidence of community links. • Be based on strong, easily identifiable boundaries - perhaps someone from the council could explain what these are in relationship between Kilndown and the other villages mentioned.

I also understand how the average of electors per representative is calculated. Here we have a major problem. The average spread over an Urban area compared to the same average calculation over a Rural area disadvantages those in a rural location and is at odds with good electoral equality (para149) Would a single elected member have the time or knowledge to cover the needs of such a rural area (HBSG) as proposed.

The average is based on electorate rather than area and electorate. To have a meaningful average you need to take rural location into account due to the diversity of needs in a rural environment over those of an urban conurbation.

Further for efficiency here in Kilndown we are part of Goudhurst Parish Council who liaise with the local TWBC members where we have a need or help. I am assuming we will continue to be part of Goudhurst Parish Council. GPC will now have to deal with SIX ward members to cover the needs of the Parish - I

question that all six will have the knowledge our current two councillors have to our needs within our two villages. This does not bode well for delivering 'effective Local Government' and is at odds 'to Improving electoral equality' Para 4

Under Para 135 your draft report states there are good road transport links between the parts of each of the wards. I have searched for transport links between the villages of Benenden, Sandhurst and Hawkhurst and find very little to substantiate this statement for our proposed ward. Yes there are road links but it is quicker to drive to TWells than Benenden or Sandhurst from Kilndown and we do have a bus that goes to TWells!!! Not very frequently though.

I have struggled to find any community interests that links which is stated in Para 149 perhaps you could enlighten me with the evidence that Para 149 eludes to regarding community links - we did share with St Mary's Goudhurst the services of the Benenden School chaplain but that was not the present but in the past.

I have also struggled to find any proposals of how these new wards will be served by the new members and how they propose to cover their much wider area. How are they proposing to deal with current issues. Our current councillors are involved with our village activities and serve on our various .village amenities - village hall, Quarry Centre etc.. Will the members covering such a wide area still be prepared to be involved on a village basis as they will have a greater number of villages under their remit. Until I read to the opposite I have to assume will will no longer receive such a good service- Does this comply with Para 149 - Help the council deliver effective and convenient local government. - short answer - NO

I strongly believe you should rethink how the small local areas will be better served by your council. TWells is fine you will have plenty of councillors covering small areas as against the new members covering much wider areas with a much more diversified community.

Regarding the name of the Ward we in Kilndown have no recognition in it as South Goudhurst does not exist and Kilndown is definitely not South Goudhurst. By creating this new huge ward covering an area that has no relationship to our productive village you are creating something that will put of your electors in Kilndown from being interested or involved with TWBC. A terrible shame and a great disappointment and a major failure by TWBC to deliver what it currently delivers.

Good ideas but in trying to resolve them a major failure - please think again.

Clive Roberts

Kilndown

retired Parish Councillor

Boundary Changes Petition

Keep Goudhurst and Kilndown Together

We Request

A. that Goudhurst and Kilndown are kept in the same Borough Council ward
B. that the Borough adopts a community based warding for local representation

Name	Address	Post Code
John Leavers	The Knowle, West Rd. Goudhurst. TN17 1AA.	TN17 1AA
Mary Therese Leavers	The Knowle West Rd, Goudhurst TN17 1AA	
Ian Agnew	Oaklands View, Mount Rd Goudhurst, TN17 1JR	
Sue Donkin	Jarvis House Jarvis Lane	
David Donkin	Goudhurst TN17 2NP	
Anne Cooper	5 Morebreddis Cottages. TN17 1DG	
Jean Mayhew	Pump Hill, Kilndown TN17 2SG	
David Nichol	Timbers Bedgebury Rd TN17 2QR	
Sue Nichol	" "	
Jason Garstang	Fir Bank, Tattlesbury Lane, Goudhurst	TN17 1BU
Colin Silvi	Old Tagwell, TN17 1LY	
Carol Buckland	Smugley Farmhouse	TN17 2QU.

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Name	Address	Post Code
Geoff Mason	Brays Cottage Claghill Goudhurst	TN17 1AJ
Cheryl Mason	Brays Cottage Claghill Goudhurst	TN17 1AJ.
Rachael Mason	Brays Cottage Claghill Goudhurst	TN17 1AJ
Jack Mason	Brays Cottage Claghill Goudhurst	TN17 1AJ.
EMILY O'NEILL	CHEQUER TREE FARM HOUSE MILL LANE, GOUDHURST	TN17 2NJ
SAM O'NEILL	"	TN17 2NJ

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Antony Harris	The Post House	TN17 1LL
Caroline Richards.	Cherry Gardens.	TN17 2NP.
Catherine Lloyd	Lambourne House	TN12 9NG.
Nick Seyer	Copse Lane	TN17 2PT
Alastair Lees	GOUD COTTAGE	TN17 1BN
D Fuller.	LURKING RISE.	TN17 1EE
G Wood	Appletree	TN17 1JL
	Sun Lane.	
Ed Bates	6 Harden Barn	TN17 2NJ
Michèle Found	1 Little Pattenden	TN17 2QU.
Tracy Shaw	19. Culpepers	TN17 1EA
Francesca Edmonston	26 Culpepers	TN17 1EA

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Joanna Bates	Great Morden Barn	TN17 2NJ
Rowena Berry	8 Mary Days	TN17 1BA.
John May	46 Sovereigns Way	TN12 9QF
Sarah May	46 Sovereigns Way	TN12 9QF
TOM Hicks	Pinehurst Goudhurst	TN12
Lynne Cone	1 Martingate Cottages Bedgebury Rd Goudhurst	TN17 2QY
Gill Dunstall	Moorfield Cranbrook Rd	TN17 1DL
Richard Burch	Lidwells Lane	TN17 1EP
Alison Bishop	Lidwells Lane	TN17 1EP
Joseph Champneys	Old Farm, Lamberhurst Qtr	TN3 8AS

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Christine Wood	Greentrees Cottage	TN17 1DY
Anne Williams	Russets, North Rd	TN17 1HZ
D Meyer	Russets, North Rd	TN17 1HZ
Jill Andrews	Garden House	TN17 1BS
Mary Champneys.	Old Farm	TN3 8AS.
	Gill House	TN17 2PA
Oliver Burns	Lidwells House	TN17 1JJ.
Adrienne Pottinger	Grove Cottage	TN17 1JP
Robert Pottinger	Grove Cottage	TN17 1JP.
ADRIAN SMITH	KINGFISHERS	TN17 1AT
Chris Smith	Kingfishers	TN17 1AT

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Irina Weston	1 Ivy Cottages	TN17 1LH
Jayne Gillespie	The Grange	TN17 1JG
JEN SUNDERLAND	TORVAGA	TN17 1AS
Charlotte Graikou	3 Marlpits	TN17 1LE
LUKE SHARMAN	"	"
PAMELA BONIFACE	Chestnuts	TN17 1DN.

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Robert + Carol Cooper	The Finesse Cranbrook Rd Goudhurst	TN17 1DP
Patricia Copplestone TOLLY	Hillside Cottage Kilndown	TN17 2SG
Christine Williams	old forge cottage North Road Goudhurst	TN17 1SR.
JOHN & JEAN McCAIG	The Coach House Gore Lane Goudhurst	TN17 1JP

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