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## TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

### GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 13th July, 2021

**Present:** Cllr Mrs F A Kemp (Chairman), Cllr L J O'Toole (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Mrs P A Bates, Cllr Mrs S Bell, Cllr M D Boughton, Cllr M A Coffin, Cllr D J Cooper, Cllr D A S Davis, Cllr M A J Hood, Cllr B J Luker, Cllr W E Palmer, Cllr R V Roud and Cllr Mrs M Tatton

Councillors Mrs J A Anderson, M C Base, R P Betts, T Bishop, N Foyle, V M C Branson, G C Bridge, R I B Cannon, A E Clark, R W Dalton, M O Davis, Mrs T Dean, H S Rogers, S M Hammond, P M Hickmott, F A Hoskins, S A Hudson, A P J Keeley, D Keers, A Kennedy, D W King, K King, J R S Lark, D Lettington, Mrs R F Lettington, P J Montague, Mrs A S Oakley, M R Rhodes, J L Botten, J L Sergison, T B Shaw and K B Tanner were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

(Note: As Councillor K King was unable to attend in person and participated via MS Teams, she was unable to vote on any matter).

### PART 1 - PUBLIC

#### **GP 21/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

### MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNCIL

#### **GP 21/23 BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW - WARDING PATTERNS SUBMISSION**

The report of the Chief Executive provided an overview of the recommendations of the Electoral Review Working Group meetings held on 10 and 28 June 2021. The recommendation of the Electoral Review Working Group to Council was the adoption of 'Option 1' as set out in Appendix 1.

It was proposed by Councillor M Boughton and seconded by Councillor M Coffin that an amendment to the recommendation be made as set out in the appendix to the Minutes. Members gave careful consideration to the options set out, giving due regard to the Boundary Commission criteria - the need to secure electoral quality, ensure that the identities of local communities are reflected and enable effective and convenient local government.

**RECOMMENDED:** That

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) the amended recommendation, as appended to the minutes, be recommended to Council.

**\*Referred to Council**

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE**

**GP 21/24 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 8.32 pm

## AYLESFORD (3)

Name of ward	Number of Cllrs	Electorate 2021	Variance 2021	Electorate 2027	Variance 2027
Aylesford	3	7,062	3%	7,607	2%

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Proposed ward	Existing ward	Electorate 2021	Electorate 2027
CAA	Aylesford Parish	North Ward	Aylesford	Aylesford North and Walderslade	586	621
CAB	Aylesford Parish	Blue Bell Hill Ward	Aylesford	Aylesford North and Walderslade	1090	1160
CAD	Aylesford Parish	Walderslade Ward	Aylesford	Aylesford North and Walderslade	2084	2268
CBA (part)	Aylesford Parish	South Ward	Aylesford	Aylesford South	3302	3558

The part of CBA included within this ward is the whole Polling District, apart from those roads included in Ditton and Holtwood.

**BURHAM, ECCLES AND WOULDHAM (2)**

<b>Name of ward</b>	<b>Number of Cllrs</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Variance 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>	<b>Variance 2027</b>
<b>Burham, Eccles and Wouldham</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4,171</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>5,388</b>	<b>8%</b>

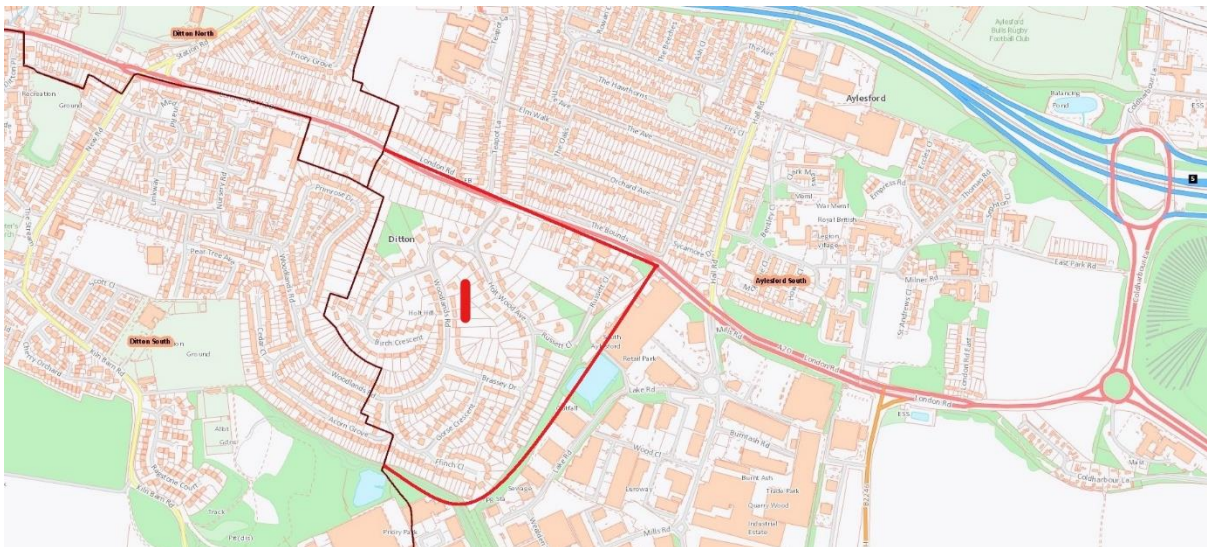
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CAC	Aylesford Parish	Eccles Ward	Burham, Eccles and Wouldham	Aylesford North and Walderslade	1330	1425
CCA	Burham		Burham, Eccles and Wouldham	Burham and Wouldham	1050	1122
CCB	Wouldham		Burham, Eccles and Wouldham	Burham and Wouldham	1791	2841

## DITTON AND HOLTWOOD (2)

Name of ward	Number of Cllrs	Electorate 2021	Variance 2021	Electorate 2027	Variance 2027
Ditton and Holtwood	2	4,379	-4%	4,683	-6%

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Proposed ward	Existing ward	Electorate 2021	Electorate 2027
CBA (part)	Aylesford Parish	Holtwood	Ditton and Holtwood	Aylesford South	536	577
CDA	Ditton		Ditton and Holtwood	Ditton	1330	1415
CDB	Ditton		Ditton and Holtwood	Ditton	2513	2691

The part of CBA in this ward includes the area marked 1 in the following map:



**LARKFIELD (3)**

<b>Name of ward</b>	<b>Number of Cllrs</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Variance 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>	<b>Variance 2027</b>
<b>Larkfield</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6,715</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>7,163</b>	<b>-4%</b>

<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Parish ward</b>	<b>Proposed ward</b>	<b>Existing ward</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>
CEA	East Malling & Larkfield	Larkfield North Ward	Larkfield	Larkfield North	3558	3798
CFA (part)	East Malling & Larkfield	Larkfield South Ward	Larkfield	Larkfield South	3157	3365

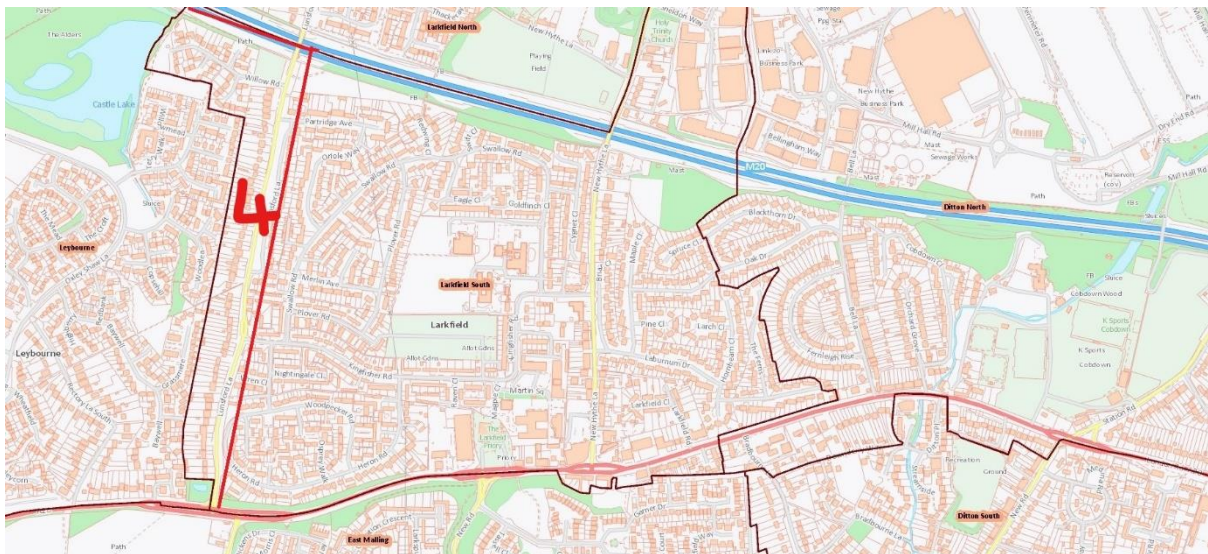
The part of CFA included within this ward includes the whole of the Polling District, apart from those roads contained within the East Malling and Lunsford Ward.

### EAST MALLING AND LUNSFORD (2)

Name of ward	Number of Cllrs	Electorate 2021	Variance 2021	Electorate 2027	Variance 2027
<b>East Malling and Lunsford</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4,121</b>	<b>-10%</b>	<b>4,464</b>	<b>-10%</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Proposed ward	Existing ward	Electorate 2021	Electorate 2027
TEA	East Malling & Larkfield	East Malling Ward	East Malling and Lunsford	East Malling	3870	4197
CFA (part)	East Malling & Larkfield	Larkfield South Ward	East Malling and Lunsford	Larkfield South	251	267

The part of CFA in this ward includes Lunsford Lane, south of M20, and Willow Road, marked with 4 on the following map:



**SNODLAND EAST AND HAM HILL (2)**

<b>Name of ward</b>	<b>Number of Cllrs</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Variance 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>	<b>Variance 2027</b>
Snodland East and Ham Hill	2	4,276	-6%	4,564	-8%

<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Parish ward</b>	<b>Proposed ward</b>	<b>Existing ward</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>
CGA	Snodland	Snodland East and Ham Hill	Snodland East and Ham Hill	Snodland East and Ham Hill	2274	2421
CGB	Snodland	Snodland East and Ham Hill	Snodland East and Ham Hill	Snodland East and Ham Hill	1375	1473
CHA (part)	Snodland	Snodland West and Holborough Lakes	Snodland East and Ham Hill	Snodland West and Holborough Lakes	627	670

CHA (part) includes Malling Road, Bramley Road, Chapel Road, Bullfields, Recreation Avenue, St Katherine's Lane, Wyvern Close, Orchard Way, Meadow Walk, Portland Place and High Street

**SNODLAND WEST AND HOLBOROUGH LAKES (2)**

<b>Name of ward</b>	<b>Number of Cllrs</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Variance 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>	<b>Variance 2027</b>
Snodland West and Holborough Lakes	2	4,302	-6%	4,482	-10%

<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Parish ward</b>	<b>Proposed ward</b>	<b>Existing ward</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>
CHA (part)	Snodland	Snodland West and Holborough Lakes	Snodland West and Holborough Lakes	Snodland West and Holborough Lakes	4302	4482

CHA (part) includes the whole of the existing Polling District apart from those roads moved into Snodland East and Ham Hill

**WEST MALLING (3)**

<b>Name of ward</b>	<b>Number of Cllrs</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Variance 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>	<b>Variance 2027</b>
<b>West Malling</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7,265</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>7,761</b>	<b>4%</b>

<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Further Description</b>	<b>Proposed ward</b>	<b>Existing ward</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>
TDB	Birling		West Malling	Downs and Mereworth	359	380
TDD	Offham		West Malling	Downs and Mereworth	614	661
TDE	Ryarsh		West Malling	Downs and Mereworth	660	700
TQA	Leybourne		West Malling	West Malling and Leybourne	2343	2508
TQB	Leybourne	Leybourne Chase	West Malling	West Malling and Leybourne	1271	1298
TQC	West Malling		West Malling	West Malling and Leybourne	2018	2214

**KINGS HILL (3)**

<b>Name of ward</b>	<b>Number of Cllrs</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Variance 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>	<b>Variance 2027</b>
<b>Kings Hill</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6,269</b>	<b>-9%</b>	<b>7,662</b>	<b>3%</b>

<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Proposed ward</b>	<b>Existing ward</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>
TKA	Kings Hill	Kings Hill	Kings Hill	2510	3466
TKB	Kings Hill	Kings Hill	Kings Hill	3759	4196

**MEREWORTH AND WATERINGBURY (1)**

<b>Name of ward</b>	<b>Number of Cllrs</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Variance 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>	<b>Variance 2027</b>
<b>Mereworth and Wateringbury</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,372</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>2,564</b>	<b>3%</b>

<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Parish ward</b>	<b>Proposed ward</b>	<b>Existing ward</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>
TKC	Mereworth	Airfield Ward	Mereworth and Wateringbury	Kings Hill	240	254
TDC	Mereworth	Village Ward	Mereworth and Wateringbury	Downs and Mereworth	568	622
TPA	Wateringbury		Mereworth and Wateringbury	Wateringbury	1564	1688

**BOROUGH GREEN AND PLATT (2)**

<b>Name of ward</b>	<b>Number of Cllrs</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Variance 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>	<b>Variance 2027</b>
<b>Borough Green and Platt</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4,514</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>4,783</b>	<b>-4%</b>

<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Proposed ward</b>	<b>Existing ward</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>
TAA	Borough Green	Borough Green and Platt	Borough Green and Long Mill	3158	3340
TAB	Platt	Borough Green and Platt	Borough Green and Long Mill	1356	1443

**PILGRIMS (2)**

<b>Name of ward</b>	<b>Number of Cllrs</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Variance 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>	<b>Variance 2027</b>
<b>Pilgrims</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4,563</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>4,861</b>	<b>-2%</b>

<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Proposed ward</b>	<b>Existing ward</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>
TDA	Addington	Pilgrims	Downs and Mereworth	657	700
TDF	Trottiscliffe	Pilgrims	Downs and Mereworth	421	449
TRA	Ightham	Pilgrims	Wrotham, Ightham and Stansted	1578	1686
TRB	Stansted	Pilgrims	Wrotham, Ightham and Stansted	438	461
TRC	Wrotham	Pilgrims	Wrotham, Ightham and Stansted	1469	1565

**BOURNE (2)**

<b>Name of ward</b>	<b>Number of Cllrs</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Variance 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>	<b>Variance 2027</b>
<b>Bourne</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4,495</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>4,813</b>	<b>-3%</b>

<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Parish ward</b>	<b>Proposed ward</b>	<b>Existing ward</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>
TAC	Plaxtol		Bourne	Borough Green and Long Mill	854	919
TAD	Shipbourne		Bourne	Borough Green and Long Mill	398	414
TFB	Hadlow	Golden Green Ward	Bourne	Hadlow and East Peckham	432	475
TFC	Hadlow	Hadlow Ward	Bourne	Hadlow and East Peckham	2519	2690
TDG	West Peckham		Bourne	Downs and Mereworth	292	315

**EAST PECKHAM (1)**

<b>Name of ward</b>	<b>Number of Cllrs</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Variance 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>	<b>Variance 2027</b>
<b>East Peckham</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>2,724</b>	<b>10%</b>

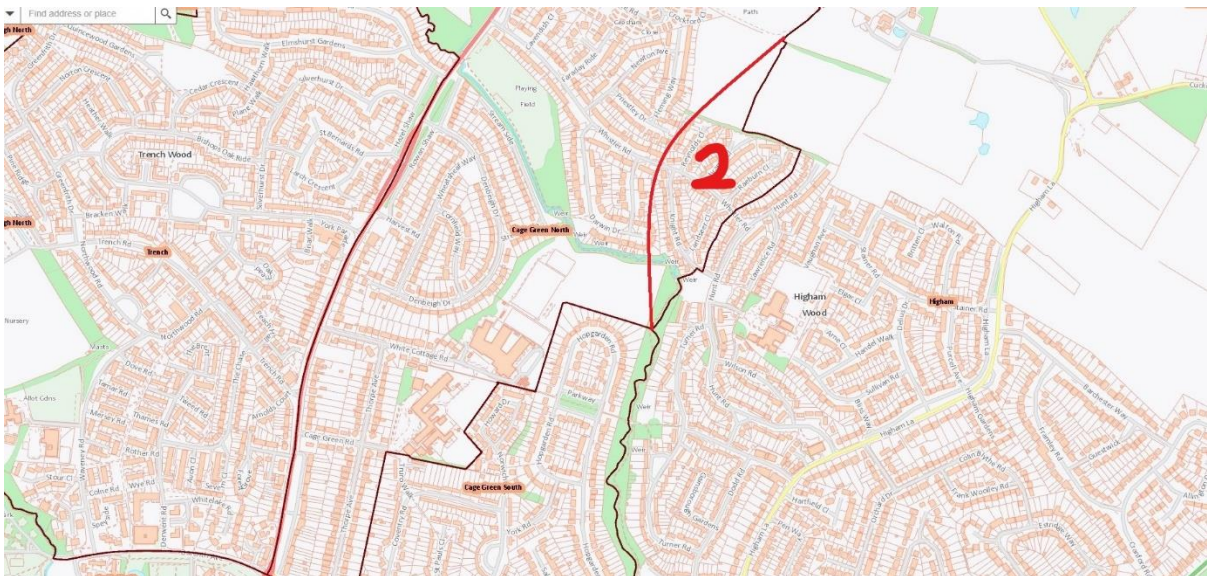
<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Proposed ward</b>	<b>Existing ward</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>
TFA	East Peckham	East Peckham	Hadlow and East Peckham	2547	2724

## TONBRIDGE NORTH EAST (2)

Name of ward	Number of Cllrs	Electorate 2021	Variance 2021	Electorate 2027	Variance 2027
<b>Tonbridge North East</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5,089</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>5,454</b>	<b>10%</b>

Polling district	Proposed ward	Existing ward	Electorate 2021	Electorate 2027
TBA (part)	Tonbridge North East	Cage Green	299	317
TBB (part)	Tonbridge North East	Cage Green	1137	1211
TGA	Tonbridge North East	Higham	3653	3926

TBA (part) includes the area marked by the number 2 on the following map:



TBB (part) includes Royal West Kent Avenue, Norwich Avenue and all roads off, Salisbury Road and all roads off. These are the roads within the Polling District which are not included within Tonbridge East

**TONBRIDGE NORTH WEST (2)**

<b>Name of ward</b>	<b>Number of Cllrs</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Variance 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>	<b>Variance 2027</b>
<b>Tonbridge North West</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5,054</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>5,413</b>	<b>9%</b>

<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Proposed ward</b>	<b>Existing ward</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>
TBA (part)	Tonbridge North West	Cage Green	1524	1611
TMA	Tonbridge North West	Trench	3530	3802

TBA (part) includes the whole Polling District, apart from the roads in the area marked with the number 2 on the map on the previous page.

### TONBRIDGE EAST (3)

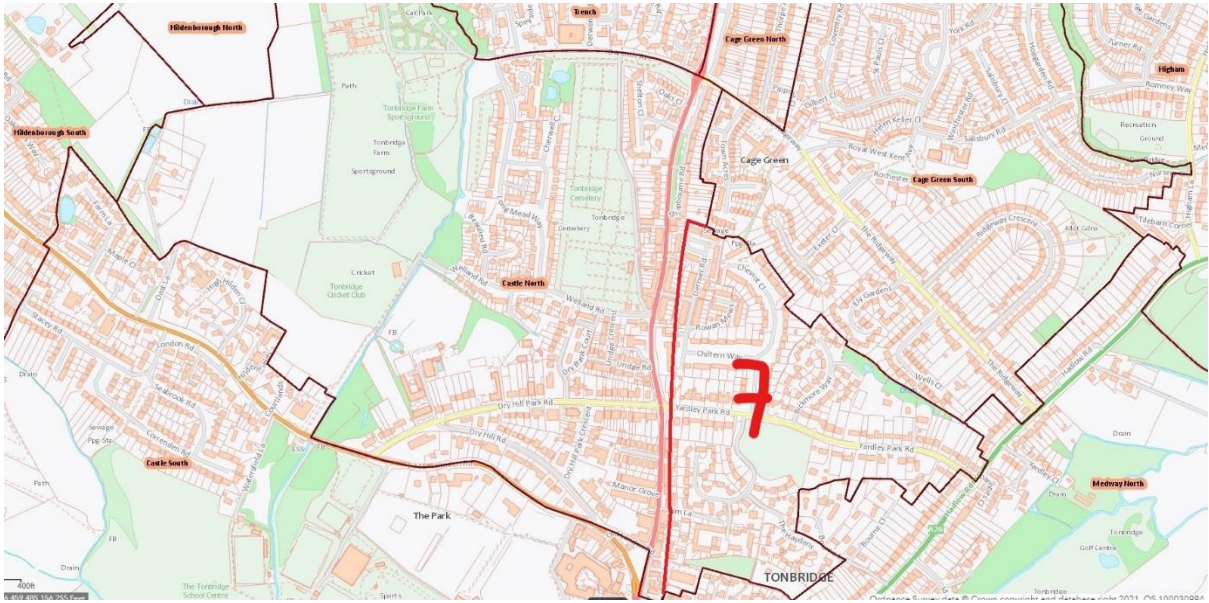
Name of ward	Number of Cllrs	Electorate 2021	Variance 2021	Electorate 2027	Variance 2027
Tonbridge East	3	6,779	-1%	7,212	-3%

Polling district	Proposed ward	Existing ward	Electorate 2021	Electorate 2027
TBB (part)	Tonbridge East	Cage Green	652	694
TCA (part)	Tonbridge East	Castle	640	685
TLA	Tonbridge East	Medway	2902	3065
TLB	Tonbridge East	Medway	2470	2643
TNA (part)	Tonbridge East	Vauxhall	59	62
TNB (part)	Tonbridge East	Vauxhall	56	63

TBB (part) includes the area marked by the number 3 on the following map:



TCA (part) includes the area marked by the number 7 on the following map:



TNA (part) includes the area marked by the number 5 on the following map:



TNB (part) includes the area marked by the number 6 on the following map:



**TONBRIDGE SOUTH (3)**

<b>Name of ward</b>	<b>Number of Cllrs</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Variance 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>	<b>Variance 2027</b>
<b>Tonbridge South</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7,722</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>8,137</b>	<b>9%</b>

<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Proposed ward</b>	<b>Existing ward</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electorate 2027</b>
TNB (part)	Tonbridge South	Vauxhall	2456	2596
TNA (part)	Tonbridge South	Vauxhall	1338	1404
TJA	Tonbridge South	Judd	1223	1302
TJB	Tonbridge South	Judd	1363	1419
TJC	Tonbridge South	Judd	1342	1416

TNA (part) and TNB (part) both include the whole Polling District, other than those areas within Tonbridge East.

### HILDENBOROUGH AND TONBRIDGE WEST (3)

Name of ward	Number of cllrs per ward	Electorate 2021	Variance 2021	Electorate 2027	Variance 2027
Hildenborough and Tonbridge West	3	6,629	-3%	7,093	-5%

Polling district	Parish	Proposed ward	Existing ward	Electorate 2021	Electorate 2027
THA	Hildenborough	Hildenborough and Tonbridge West	Hildenborough	1616	1701
THB	Hildenborough	Hildenborough and Tonbridge West	Hildenborough	2140	2299
TCA (part)		Hildenborough and Tonbridge West	Castle	1408	1508
TCB		Hildenborough and Tonbridge West	Castle	1465	1585

TCA (part) includes all those parts of the Polling District which do not fall in Tonbridge East.

## FINAL PROPOSALS

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Aylesford	3	7,062	3%	7,607	2%
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East Peckham	1	2,547	11%	2,724	10%
Bourne	2	4,495	-2%	4,813	-3%
Borough Green and Platt	2	4,514	-1%	4,783	-4%
Pilgrims	2	4,563	0%	4,861	-2%
Tonbridge North East	2	5,089	11%	5,454	10%
Tonbridge North West	2	5,054	11%	5,413	9%
Tonbridge East	3	6,779	-1%	7,212	-3%
Tonbridge South	3	7,722	13%	8,137	9%
Hildenborough and Tonbridge West	3	6,629	-3%	7,093	-5%