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TN2 3NF	Yes	One		Local representation will be important if we have a new larger unitary council.		
TN4 9TW	Uncertain			I need more information on what these Parish councillors would decide on. Tunbridge Wells is small so my instinct is that it doesn't need lots of representation but I may be wrong. I am also very wary of how many times we have to vote already.		
TN4 0UJ	Yes	More than one	A single council for Sherwood, St Johns and St James, probably parish and a second council, probably town, for the other 3.	Isherwood, St Johns and St James form a contiguous group, all relatively densely populated, and have a number of (small) local shopping areas, while the other 3 have a closer relationship to Tunbridge Wells Town Centre.		
TN2 4RN	Yes	More than one	Sherwood needs proper representation	The current Borough Councillors do nothing to represent parts of their ward in Sherwood		
TN1 2AB	No			Parish and Town councils tend to expensive and ineffective the current government is focused on devolution to enable more control at a local level. Town & Parish councils completely contradict this goal.		
TN4 0PB	No			Cost is the issue and I can't see any cost benefit.		
TN2 5BS	No			We need less bureaucracy (a unitary authority for West Kent) not additional bureaucracy and costs.		No
TN4 9TD	Yes	More than one	As many as the unparished areas want	Local matters should be dealt with as near to the locality as possible. This will be of greater importance if yet more issues are removed from the control of TWBC and put in the hands of a body covering a much larger area.		
PARK TN2	No			Costs - The officers provide the info and Councillors who are simply laymen (members of the public) offer a considered opinion. We do not need more - we need less	There are too many Councillors as it is costing over £500k pa - We need to be reducing costs NOT increasing them. We do not need an additional layer of supervision of what is essentially, an internal role already carried out by officers.	Yes reduce the number of Councillors we already have from 39 to 12 and perhaps have rota of residents who can discuss important issues - at nil cost. Ask staff for cost saving ideas including CEO payscale and ask residents also - YOU cannot keep increasing council tax every year as though this is perfectly normal - it isn't!!
TN49HW	No			Increase cost		
TN2	No			We have paid tax for the TW borough to carry out the work that is required. I do not wish another layer of body and causing a rise in my cost of living.		
TN2 4RD	Yes	More than one	A parish council for each unparished area.	Better local representation		
TN2 5NY	Yes	More than one	one for each area	So that each area is fairly represented		residents of these areas should be asked to vote on local decisions happen
TN4 9ER	Yes	More than one	A parish council for all areas	For better more democratic representation		

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TN2 3FJ	No			One and only important reason for not supporting the establishment of parish council is that Parish councils (also known as town councils in some areas) are not currently subject to the same council tax referendum principles		Current management is doing great! I think this proposed change only has one objective - charge more council tax. I strongly disagree with this proposal!
TN4 9JQ	No			We have representative already		
TN2 3FJ	No			No because there is no cap for the increase		
TN2	No			No cap in the increase of tax is a big worry		
TN1	No			Unlited raise of tax, could be	Nil	
TN23FQ	No			Don't put heavy burden on residents please.	Please stop doing unnecessary council which costs more from residents and won't see any promised benefits.	If no money, please don't do anything. Don't push the ball to residents and say will have better communication. This is the responsibility of local council. Don't try to ask more money from residents.
TN23FQ	No			This is the responsibility of local council. If you are not doing good, please reduce the council tact. Don't increase the council tax every year and now ask for more for so called parished council.	The living cost is rising. And nothing useful is done from the govenment. Now the local council just don't want to take the responsibility and outsource to so called parishes council. Don't create new thing and think it can ask for more money.	Don't mention this fund raising method to help current local council. Improve yourself please I beg you.
TN11FH	No			We already have an MP and will have unitary councillors which is enough.	The objective of the white paper was to simplify local government not create a platform for the same old duffers who sit on the town forum	A West Kent Unitary sounds perfect provided it does not include Maidstone.
TN7 4DS	Yes	One		'Whole place' approach rather than conflicting ward interests/priorities within the town area		
TN4 8SU	Yes	One		We need a body that is 'close to the ground' and a effective conduit to unitary representatives (the number of the latter needs to be kept to a minimum)	Would we be able to make the council that would be needed run on non-political lines	it would be great to have an efficient and safe way to be able to poll residents when the need arises (e.g. to support neighbourhood planning processes)
TN3 0UP	Yes	More than one	One Town Council seems too wide to take needs eg local disability needs into account	Twbc will be replaced by unitary shortly	Disability awareness training for councillors	Make Disability Access embedded from the start.
TN2 4DN	Yes	One		A town council would provide a direct voice for residents locally, enabling them to influence decision-making and community needs. manage local services and amenities, secure funding for projects, and enhance the quality of life for its citizens.		
TN4 8EE	Yes	More than one	2, Culverden, Park & Pantiles and St John's, St James' & Sherwood	Hopefully that splits the electorate fairly evenly and the 2 councils created represent the areas adequately without too much additional cost		No
TN4 9EW	No			Too much bureaucracy already, don't add another layer. Cost to residents. This isn't a cheap process. Town Clerks have to be trained and qualified, a long and expensive process. Staffing and red tape.		Yes, please don't do it. These areas are not large enough to require this level of commitment. Sort out the Borough Council to ensure that all areas are recognised and included at their level.
TN1 2LA	Yes	One		Fears that KCC would be too generalised, & no one would be looking out for what is particular to TW, particularly the central areas which are an interdependent mix of retail & residential		Keep it local - allow residents to feel they have a stake in what matters to them in their area

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TN18 4HU	Yes	More than one	Individual parishes to reflect varying needs	Local involvement		
TN12NE	Yes	One		Local responsibility and accountability		
TN4 8EE	No			Waste of time and money		
TN2 5FA	Yes	More than one	Adjacent areas are likely to face similar issues eg re planning. As town grows, localities will want to retain their own character within the larger conurbation therefore parish councils will become more important.	See above	Are parish councillors party political or independent	Provision for shared clerk and support services might help mitigate running costs of up to further 6 parish councils
TN4 0AE	Yes	One		Too difficult to manage more than one. Not an obvious way to split the unparished areas.		Each service delivered by the Borough or County Council should be assessed for how it should best be delivered to serve its people.
TN2 4UU	Yes	One		The urban parishes would be too closely intertwined for sensible decision making. A town council able to consider issues in the round and able to represent the town as a whole makes more sense to me.. makes more sense to me. sense to me	Powers and relationship to other elected bodies	
TN2 3PG	Yes	One		I believe in local, decentralised democracy as a chance for people to have their views heard. I think a 'town' voice for the Tunbridge Wells borough would be a useful addition.		
TN11UA	Yes	One		The fact that there is no town council for TW is illogical. The size /population of the unparished area is larger than that of those represented by town or parish councils. The democratic deficit will be exacerbated by the local govt reorganisation		It is important that the decision making body is sufficiently diverse in terms of gender, age, socio-economic status and ethnicity to ensure all parts of the community are represented. Also, its composition should not be driven by party politics.
TN2 4TP	Yes	One		To ensure local representation and decision making		
TN2 5SY	Yes	One		All of these areas are in "Royal TW" / the "town centre" and the boundaries between them are quite arbitrary, so it would make sense to have a single town council.		
TN2 5TB	Yes	More than one	Certainly one for Pantiles, with our unique historical legacy a local council will be able to improve the area. See Warwick Park Area Residents Association ( <a href="https://wpara.co.uk/">https://wpara.co.uk/</a> )	TWBC focuses on the bigger picture, with Parish councils dealing with the rest. We don't have that.		
TN3 0UR	Yes	More than one	2	N/a	Public's intentions well in advance of the implementation date. Publish the results of this survey in the Tunbridge wells newsletter.	No
TN3 0ES	Yes	One		The Town of Tunbridge Wells is an historic town. It is known internationally. For developing economic development it is vital a Town Council is created to benefit those who live and work in Tunbridge Wells.	Which TWBC assets will be devolved to the new Town Council. For example, the TW Cemetery, the towns Parks, involvement in the Tunbridge Wells Commons Conservators .	The manner by which the existing Tunbridge Wells Town Forum has operated for the past twenty years and has been regularly disregarded by the non TunbridgeWells Councillors on the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, is evidence of a level of disrespect by them because they do have a tier I council where they live.
TN4 9ES	Uncertain			Not enough information given to have clarity of why/if a parish council is needed		

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TN2 5PA	Yes	More than one	A parish council for each unparished area	Parish councillors are the most answerable and accountable elected representatives in the country		If the kcc becomes a unitary authority it is important that local knowledge and accountability is secured
TN126BG	Yes	More than one	A few	Representation		
TN2 5JZ	No			I worked as a clerk to a Parish council. I do not think it would be beneficial		I think councillors elected locally is the right way forward.
TN2 5NW	Uncertain			cost and the usual do-gooders muscling in		bo
TN23JP	Yes	More than one	6	Democracy		No
TN4 9DA	Yes	More than one	Each of these wards will be roughly the same size following the last Electoral Commission review in 2023, so there should be three wards per council, since the "by thirds" election scheme was voted in. Wealthier areas should be mixed with poorer ones, to ensure a fair burden of taxation from one area will fund services in a more deprived area. Therefore I would suggest one council for Culverden, St Johns plus St James; and a second council for Park, Pantiles and Sherwood .	Each of these wards w be roughly the same size, following the last Electoral Commission review in 2023, so there should be three wards per council, since the "by thirds" election scheme was voted in. Wealthier areas should be mixed with poorer ones, to	What, if any, new powers will be devolved to local councils once the new unitary structure is in place.	
TN25SY	No			Another tier of government will inevitably lead to additional costs. It is a well known fact that there are systemic issues with parish councils elsewhere in the country.		
TN2 3PU	No			Too many ‘authorities’ create confusion as to does what when a problem occurs. With one council contact is more straight forward. We want less bureaucracy.		
TN3 9AB	Yes	More than one	2. A north one and a south one.	I think it creates an easily recognisable grouping and reduces the need for additional multiple councils.		
TN1 2DY	Uncertain			Need more info		
TN2 5NG	No			More red tape and higher costs with the precept	I am NOT in favour.	
TN2 5 SN	Yes	More than one	A council for each area would be ideal but depends on many other factors like what powers they are to to have over what services and on cost.	Individual is best by depends on what the new councils responsibilities are to be	Assurances that main council would listen and respond to recommendations or new parish councils	The only point of elected representatives is if they have some power to influence council decisions . Will we be told what powers such a body would have?
TN4 8XY	Yes	More than one	6	Better local representation		

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TN23UN	Uncertain			Re Q9, most Parish councillors are "elected" uncontested. With the devolution to Unitary authorities this element of the matter needs careful consideration, there would in effect be only 2 tiers, Parishes and Unitaries, so the impact will be huge.	I have ticked no to all the above though I know the answers to them in general as a. as it will be different setting up a PC in a new area that does not understand its responsibilities and authority, the LGA 1972 needs much updating!	<p>I would be happy to join discussions on this matter within TWBC if that would help and I could possibly add some useful perspective. There are four main issues that are important, in my opinion.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The cost of establishing Parish Councils - depending on the size of each parish being created, each will need office space, staff and simply to function there will be costs incurred (eg the cost of IT services, websites (which is a statutory requirement), insurance and audit costs, meeting expenses, election expenses and many other costs associated with Parish Councils that would have to be passed on as part of the (uncapped) precept to local residents.</li> <li>2. One of the main issues with Parish Councils (and Town Councils) is the problem of obtaining sufficient people to stand for election as Councillors. Currently Paddock Wood Town Council has 4 vacancies, in our parish there are always one or two vacancies. Whilst in a new parish you will no doubt get people thinking they can easily get the "Cllr" before their name, as time goes on people realise that there is great hostility to elected representatives - this is particularly so where there is an uncontested election as residents can use that as a reason to criticise decisions.</li> <li>3. Not only will new parishes require experienced staff (Clerks, Assistant/Deputy Clerks and Responsible Financial Officers) they must have a Chair that understands the role, experience has shown how difficult it is for a parish council to be effective without this. The lack of accountability for poor Councillors failing to adhere to the terms of Code of Conduct. In edition to that, the lack of consequences that can be imposed by the Monitoring Officer for poor behaviours, means that quite quickly there can become a disillusionment from residents on the quality of a Parish Council.</li> <li>4. At present prospective Parish Councillors do not declare political allegiance when they stand for election, and for some PCs politics is not a material issue. However, with greater local decision making, and the ability to tax residents in the parish directly (and as previously mentioned uncapped) may well mean that decision-making in new parishes becomes along party lines. This can happen in larger Town Councils and given that the unparished areas are urban there may be a greater risk of this becoming difficult to manage and divisive.</li> </ol>

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TN23RZ	No			Just adding more layers of bureaucracy. Current arrangement works for us		
TN2 3RZ	No			Can't see benefits to adding another layer of decision making	What are the benefits and increased costs	
TN2 5NJ	Uncertain			I'm happy for TWBC to make decisions but not happy if all decisions are made by KCC		It is importantly that local concerns are addressed locally within TW either by TWBC or a Parish but not handed over to a larger , over reaching authority
TN23YJ	No			Keep as existing is always better.		
TN4 8AX	No			We do not need another level of government		
TN2 5EE	Yes	One		Avoids duplication		
TN2 5SX	Yes	One		more democratic representation		
TN11DX	Yes	One		Representation a degree of independence some local accountability for responsible services and personnel	Info on other areas in similar circumstances	Not so Party political
TN2 3RP	No			Too many chiefs comes to mind	Why do we really need, Parish Councils, Town Councils, Borough Councils and County Councils. It seems to me it just adds to our bills.	I think we've been managing up til now, ore councils would just add to the bureaucracy
TN4 8UA	Yes	One		It is important that decisions affecting a local area are made with the involvement of local residents though I am aware that engagement can be very poor.		Engagement is the key. Community assemblies are a good way of getting people talking, thinking and sharing.
TN1 2XD	Yes	One		Concerned that local representation will be lost within the new unitary authority		
TN4 8TP	Yes	One		Local representation on local issues. Community involvement.		
TN2 4TU	Yes	More than one	One parish council for Park and one town council collectively.	Because existing town council does not fully represent Park ward residents, who should have more powers.		Parish council could be set up using successful model for other areas such as Langton Green.
TN2 3GT	No			already too many councillors lacking in experoence		
TN49BS	No			No need		No
TN1 2RG	Yes	One		I believe that having more than one would lead to unnecessary replication and as long as each unparished area is equally represented one should be sufficient.		
TN2 3AA	No			Just an exercise to get more councillorsand tax payer money	Just an exercise to get more councillorsand tax payer money	Just an exercise to get more councillorsand tax payer money
TN4 9QB	No			Happy with current state		
TN1 2LB	No			Council tax will increase		
TN2 4RH	Yes	More than one	A parish for Sherwood and two others	We need a bigger voice	.	.
TN2 3PZ	Yes	More than one	One for each area	These areas are on the outskirts of town and risk being overlooked. For instance, autumn leaves on Sandrock Road pavements were left to rot and get slippery all winter, preventing elderly and disabled people from going shopping. We complained to no avail	I would love to see a 'corner shop' cum post office in my local area, as it is a long walk to the nearest shop and I am elderly and do not drive.	Occasional public meetings for local residents to discuss local affairs and air any problems.



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TN2 4RN	No			Cost me money for little or no gain		Idea is fine till you charge more money
TN2 5FS	Yes	One		Although the ward councillors do a good job, it would make sense for them to be coordinated through a Town council rather than just being part of the Borough council		
TN2 3AN	Yes	More than one	Parish council for Sherwood and a town council for the rest of TW	Sherwood has special demographic and social needs		Bring it on asap!
TN2 3TR	Yes	More than one	The example given where isherwood has the parish council and then town council for the rest is good.	Because I do not feel like Sherwood is getting the attention needed to fix the issues arising within the area		
TN2 5QZ	No			We have local councillors, we do not need additional representation and added cost.	The cost to have a new parish council.	We are find with our local councillors.
TN4 9RR	Uncertain			I don't know enough at the moment and especially the level of benefit to the local area and or if it becomes a bureaucratic exercise or whether you will get improved representation or at worst opinionated time rich people who want their own soap box		
TN2 3PE	Yes	One		I am concerned that if we change to unitary authority local democracy will suffer, with residents being further removed from decisions.		
TN1 2RT	Yes	More than one	One for each area.	Local people know their needs better than a LibDem who follows without question Socialist Labour and crackpot Green parey policies without question and does not live in the area! On the whole,duplicitous career politicians' only interest is their own!	I hope this isn't just a box-ticking excercise to keep the natives quiet! Little problems like inconsiderate parking on the main streets,dog fouling,bicyclists allowed to interfere with pedestrian egress on footall need controlling!	Keep the dead hand of career,money grubbing, local,lefty councillors,and their crackpot theories away from all involvement in parish councils! Class warriors and climate agitators are for the booby hatch!
TN2 3FT	Yes	More than one	Two councils Culverden and Pantiles making one group	One Council would not be enough		
TN12QU	No			Q9 is a trick question. Even without a Town Council decisions would still be made by elected representatives. Just on a larger area? I'm soory but I am a resident of a street and town not a ward	What if any, would be the benefit?	Do away with the existing Town Councils and Parish areas.
TN2 5JB	No			increased cost		
TN4 9PL	Yes	More than one	St John's & St James's could be linked.	To ensure local and/or specific issues related to an area are addressed.		
TN2 3HA	Uncertain			See answer 12		It does depend on the outcome of the organisation of new unitary authorities. Would be more pro them if we move to a one tier government
TN2 5UF	Yes	One		more localised decison making		
TN2 5TB	Yes	More than one	I am not sure, but I do think that it is a very large area to have just one parish/town council. I would think dividing it into 2 or 3 areas might be best.	I do think we should have parish/town councils for the areas indicated on the map as if we are not represented by people who live locally in the area, we run the risk of some of our unique challenges (whatever they might be) not being understood.	Not sure at this stage as we would only know what focus the town council would have once people have been voted in.	
TN4 9XN	Yes	More than one	A Parish Council for each area.	So each area gets fair representation	Who would represent the Town in the larger unity	

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TN1 2XD	No			Likely to add to cost and bureaucracy and not to increased effectiveness/efficiency	Why existing borough/county councillors feel that they can't adequately pursue residents' needs/complaints (ie why do they feel we need an additional layer of governance)?	We find Borough councillors responsive to local needs (county councillors less so to date but we haven't tried since the recent elections). Unparished (horrible word) areas like ours are already consulted about local issues (eg recently about proposed traffic changes)
TN2 5PH	Yes	One		Unparished areas of Tunbridge Wells being left with no representatives to deal with local issues when TWBC is abolished as the new authority replacing TWBC and KCC will be likely in Maidstone and the councillors will be too busy with borough affairs.		No
TN12JZ	Yes	One		Tunbridge Wells Town has less identity and fewer events than other parts of the Borough, and has seen a history of appalling local decision making (such as attempts to sell off Town Hall for a shopping centre or concrete over much of Calverly Park		
TN2 5HS	No			Things are working fine as is and I can see no benefit of this scheme	I absolutely do not want to pay more council tax. Due to being so local to TWBC we would see no benefit of a parish council. There are no unmet needs.	The proposed parishes are so small, how much could realistically be done? Services are adequately provided by TWBC.
TN4 9QU	Yes	More than one	Each area to have it's own parish council	local issues to be considered by local people		
TN3 8EN	No			There are too many decision makers and thwarters with so many different zones and councils representing differing opinions that they cancel each other out and nothing gets done and for some that means keeping the same!	Accountability, Decision making processes, how to abolish if not achieving anything, powers to prevent things you don't like when the unitary comes and doesn't listen to local opinion.	I don't think its a good idea and want decisions made at a higher level and control to be there to make the decisions necessary to make a difference. Too many smaller zonal councils are playing games pretending to have power to stop things but in essence they stop development and so we get stagnation and decay!
TN2 4QE	No			If we create additional parish councils I cannot see anything other than additional cost and bureaucracy and potentially significant differences in service between parishes next door to each other causing confusion and frustration	How would the new parish work, how would it interact with other local parishes, what services it would be responsible for, how much more it will cost in rates	no
TN4	Yes	More than one	Circa 3	Community having unput to decisions which affect their lives and well being		
TN4 0NQ	No			They would have have no power		
TN3 3RR	Uncertain			Until I understand what benefit a parish council would be, given probable extra cost to the tax payer, I cannot make a firm decision on this.		No, thank you
TN1 2JB	Uncertain			I see benefits of local decision making by local people. Would need more information on exactly what services/decisions would be delegated to parish council.	what services/decisions would be delegated to parish council.	
TN2 5FR	Yes	More than one	each should a parish council	Pantiles is a special place	None needed	Residents on the Pantiles need some better influence
TN1 1BX	Yes	One		The reason is to give Local Democracy	Clearer breakdown of matters which will be dealt with by Town Council	



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TN2 4QZ	Yes	One		All the other parishes/towns in the Borough have their own local councils, at the tier below the Borough Council. Why should Tun Wells be any different and why should it have to rely on the decisions of members from other areas who are not local.		The provision of a town council will be even more important if TWBC is subsumed into a unitary authority with an even more distant relationship with the local area. And, in that case of course, there would be no increase in layers of bureaucracy, because TWBC would have been removed. And, of course, a bureaucracy is essential to the smooth running and administration of an entity, whether town, borough or unitary council ...
TN4 9SP	No			Cost of unnecessary beuracracy		We already elect town councillors. This exercise seems a total waste of time & my money.
TN4 8AJ	Yes	One		One town council will add consistency and a stronger voice once LGR takes place		
TN12SL	Yes	One		Because the Borough council will be abolished by government plans for devolution. We all live in Tunbridge Wells town.	More about how these changes are about the Devolution for England proposals across the country. This is not just about Kent and Tunbridge Wells.	More and honest information about why this is happening now. The Borough Council will be abolished to enable the government's devolution plans. Not against that but your survey hides this fact and slews responses as a result so people may think this is all about more goverment and more cost when it is about less local democracy.
TN2 3PZ	Yes	One		The unparished area of Tunbridge Wells will not have local representation in the new Unitary Authority. Residents who live in the unparished area will have no to limited voice because the elected councillor has no knowledge of the area.		Royal Tunbridge Wells is a unique town founded on its unque offer as a resort and latterly as a vibrant town with excellent educational establishments, a large town centre with major retail hubs at both ends of the town, a diversity of parks, recreation grounds and sports facilities, proximity to Ashdown Forest and other open, protected spaces. As a Commuter town close to London, Tunbridge Wells must preserve the natural environment and biodiversity which gives the town its character and its charm. The town also has more than average tree cover and includes native species such as Ash, Alder, Beech, Silver Birch, Blackthorn, Wild Cherry, Crab Apple, Linden (Lime), Poplar, Horse Chestnut, Maple (Red and Silver) and Yew. It would be desirable to have our own Tree Warden.
TN4 8EL	Yes	One		Tunbridge wells should be considered as a single unit and decisions should be taken on a joined up basis		
TN4 9JE	Yes	One		I think it is important that Tunbridge Wells is represented by local rather than having only the unitary representative.		
TN4 8YE	Uncertain			I thought the survey was comparing a régional body with a Town council but this question seems to suggestion something else		
TN2 3NY	Uncertain			Not enough information available at present		

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TN1 1BQ	Yes	One		Democracy, absurd for Rusthall and Southborough to have local councils and not TW town. One town council best as all 6 are interdependent and gives greater weight to Town Council to influence other bodies		Sooner the better irrespective of any reorganisation
TN2 5JX	Yes	More than one	A parish council for each of the areas	It gives the parishes a decision making process on matters affecting it, at a really local level.		No
TN2 3SW	No			No by		
TN25TB	Yes	One		Community		
TN2 5FR	Yes	More than one	The Pantiles needs to be represented by those who live there	The Pantiles needs to be represented by those who live there		
TN2 5DF	Yes	More than one	6	Yes		
TN4 8RG	Yes	One		N/A	None	N/A
TN2 5LP	Yes	More than one	1. St Johns, St James, Culverden 2. Pantiles and Park 3. Sherwood (or Sherwood added to Southborough town council)	Seems to difficult to get representation on issues affecting pour local area of the town.	The degree to which a parish or town council responses on on planning and transport are required to be taken into account by the borough or county.	
TN12 6BF	Yes	More than one	A parish council for Sherwood, a parish council for Park, the remaining in 1 parish.	The three remaining represents the Town Centre, whilst Sherwood and Park are slightly more on the fringes. To have a vibrant Town Centre, it would be good to have the local communities being represented with a voice.		No
TN4 8HJ	No			I believe this would create extra costs to residents without much benefit. I believe the council already has the best in mind for all Tunbridge Wells residents.		
TN4 8HJ	No			No real benefit, increase costs for residents, we already feel represented		
TN1 2XD	No			Parish couldcils can easily become a group of people with little experience of effective committee participation - and big egos.	A survey of parishioners in parishes with parish councils about their experiences in recent years and their views on whether they would prefer to keep the council or abolish it.	Tle bourough councillors shouds be able to cover the things that a parish council would be expected to do.
TN4 9UD	No			The reason given are maginal. the constant localisation of servcies just become too difficulty to co-ordinate - although I bet there is a whole phalanx of do-gooders just salivating at the prospect of power over who get an allotment.		No
TN2 3PN	Yes	One		These are all parts of Tunbridge Wells "town" and can best represent an effective body for championing the specific interests of the town.		The division of responsibilities between the "town" Borough and County should be such that decisions are able to be taken at the lowest level appropriate and understandable.
TN2 5GN	No			Should be a responsibility of town council		

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TN4 9SA	Yes	More than one	One for each parish	For the reasons described on the webpages. For more accountability and for me community involvement, especially those whose voices are heard less often, eg disabled people.	Whether there are any activities where the new Council's authorisation would need to be sought, or whether anything will be made more difficult to do(business, community events etc).r	Always make things transparent, information easy to find, and promote and encourage all members of the community to take an interest, attend meetings and get involved.
TN2 5AU	Yes	More than one	5 Parish councils - with St John's and St James' merging.	This would mean that all parishes are large enough in population and area to be have a say in local decisions such as planning,.		<p>I think there needs to be a big picture of what happens across Tunbridge Wells. It's also important that local residents aren't made to feel that a decision is being enforced "on them" without local [parish] opinion being formally considered. Parish councils could formalise this.</p> <p>Economically and socially, it seems there is a lot of difference between these boundaries areas, despite their close proximity. By having one single parish created by combining them all, I would worry that representation of the more economically/socially deprived areas may be compromised.</p>
TN2 3ES	No			We simply do not need more councillors in Tunbridge Wells. It is not a sensible proposition.	I am totally against parish councillors for Sherwood Ward. We already have too many councillors already representing Sherwood at T/Wells council	
TN25FA	Yes	More than one	There should be 2 areas. PantilesCulverden and Park. All other areas.	Improved representation through locally based Councillors and contact.Better knowledge of local needs.	Would there be a reduction in TWBC budget and transfer to parish/town councils. Which assets would be transferred. Where would new parishes/town council be based. Who would provide back office services.	
TN1 2JP	Uncertain			How many councillors would be elected and an indication of costs for Park Ward. People living in the area have a better understanding of what is needed or the impact of decisions made by non residents.		
TN2 3NJ	Yes	More than one	Park, st James and other combined	Need for local decisions and influence on TWBC		
TN2	No			Local people, local accountability.	Details of who these new people will be, the areas they will cover and how far from the area they live	Tunbridge Wells Town Hall is central and accessible for all to attend decision making meetings and make their feelings known . Management by KCC etc will be further away which will create barriers to the electorate. A very bad idea
TN4 8BA	Uncertain			Mostly no, but if we move to unitary councils, then yes for local views to be heard		
TN4 9JT	No			I think it would complicate things and increase beurocracy, Tunbridge Wells is small enough to be governed by 1 town council.		
TN3 9QH	Yes	More than one	One parish or community council pear area.	To involve local residents in decision making that directly affects them. It is important for local councils to take action on issues raised (where legally and financially possible) or risk being dismissed as ineffective by local residents.		

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TN23LR	Yes	More than one	Sherwood a separate parish. It is large and needs attention	Keeping decisions local		
TN1 2NN	Yes	More than one	5	it's to much area for one person		we are lucky enough to have a proactive councillor for St James , Southborough is a good example of a proactive council
TN24SD	Yes	One		Residents to be voters	Swiss style information to each household to enable voting at regular intervals	Involved residents for all decisions
TN1 1YW	No			Enough layers of bureaucracy already		
TN49RB	Yes	One		no	would referendums be used when a controversial idea is put forward corresponding to the idelogical beliefs of what ever party is in power?	no
TN4 8HR	Yes	One		More local accountability.		
TN49PR	No			It's good to have broad opinions but too many become cumbersome and prevent change .		
TN2 5JH	Yes	More than one	One town council to represent all parishes.	Unless more information is provided as to how the parishes will operate I cannot answer this question.	Would the Parish or Town Councillors have any control on overdevelopment in Tunbridge Wells and surrounding area. Also, how much control would there be to protect our green spaces and green belt?	
TN4 9SX	Yes	One		Kent County Council is too large and remote for local issues and concerns		
TN4 9JE	No			This is a politically driven populist suggestion from certain elected Members who act as a front for unelected elitist lobbying groups such as the Civic Society and Town Forum. The cost and bureacracy of another layer of government is unjustified.		Realistically, PCs only have limited powers and the additional Council Tax precept is not worth it. It will also lead local people to think the PC has more power/influence than it actually does.
TN25NN	Yes	More than one	One for each area	Because it could find out what most concerns the area they are responsible for.		No further comments
TN4 9ES	Yes	More than one	Ideally, I believe each area should have its own parish or town council. The needs of different areas can vary significantly, and while some issues are common across all regions and could be managed by the existing TWBC, many matters are more specific and should be decided by councillors who live or work locally and truly understand the area. If separate councils aren't feasible, I think it would make sense to combine St. John's with Southborough/High Brooms, and St. James with Sherwood. However, the other areas are, I believe, simply too large to merge effectively.	I live in the St Johns area and am part of an organisation based in the Sherwood area. I believe both areas would benefit from local decision making.	I would like to know how any services provided by a new parish or town council would be funded.	
TN4 9SP	Yes	More than one	One for each parish	local knowledge of the area and what needs the parish have , priorities in one parish might not be a priority in another parish .		Decisions need to be made by people of that area .
TN2 3TD	Yes	One		I think it would be good for these areas to have a collective parish. It means that there will be a voice for these areas.		

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TN1 2QT	Yes	More than one	6 parish councils one for each area	We have to get local people involved in their area	Benefits	Devolving power is the best way to ensure representation
TN4 8EL	Yes	One		We are lacking a local voice, resources and accountability		
TN2 3RX	Uncertain			I need more detailed information regarding the pros and cons of another layer of bureaucracy as currently it's sounding like an expensive talking shop	The benefit to the neighbourhood and details about any increased council tax cost.	It rather feels like the current council is completely incapable of making many decisions itself. Having already wasted council tax payer's money on the Better Streets project it is now looking for alternative ways to disseminate future blame on any other wayward ideas.
TN1 2QT	Yes	More than one	A parish council for all unparished areas.	More consistent local government.		
TN4 9BZ	No			The things that are very important to me (traffic/road repair/business rates) are controlled anyway by KCC, so I don't see the point in yet more councillors arguing over an increasingly smaller budget.	The things that are very important to me (traffic/road repair/business rates) are controlled anyway by KCC, so I don't see the point in yet more councillors arguing over an increasingly smaller budget.	Most of those parishes (except for Sherwood) seem to already have a big say in TWBC policy/spending. For example that idiotic road plan canned last year, which would ONLY have been good for residents with bicycles in those richer areas, not for the rest of us. I do think SHERWOOD should have more representation though.
TN4 8AX	Uncertain			It's complicated. I'd need to do a lot more consultation and be influenced by others' opinions.	Will it provide a physical, local office, with real people in it that we can talk to?	No
TN2 3NH	Yes	More than one	Two.	Without a Town Council I believe we would be governed remotely & the community would lose its voice.		No further comments.
TN48AX	Yes	One		it represents the nucleus of the town with all social classes	how frequently the ineffective ones are closed down and how is it done	
TN2 5RL	Uncertain			It really depends on the issues being decided. The unparished areas include for examples, two areas of allotment ground. The rent of these plots has gone up considerably over the past 6/7 years.	The effect any of this would have on the town as a whole. Very little publicity has been offered to residents of the Borough until now and we are already into consultation stages	No, only the decision about allotment renting which is a big issue on the Eridge Road site where holders feel they are being overcharged and their complaints are being ignored.
TN2 3HA	Uncertain			How effective will they be? The sizes of the parishes vary widely and the effectiveness could be affected. Sherwood is massive and St James' and St John's tiny in comparison.	I am most concerned about the cost and the lack of engagement. Have seen Parish Council members being self aggrandising in the past.	
TN4 8AY	Yes	One		A town council would represent all 6 wards. If split into 6 Parishes each requiring services such as a Clerk, Training and other associated costs. Sevenoaks Council is a brilliant example of what a good Town Council might achieve. Office Space		TWBC covers far too large an area. A Town council with Officers and Councillors focusing on the needs of RTW residents could achieve a great deal. The town could go from strength, economically and environmentally. I believe more residents would be prepared to volunteer for RTW, than they do at present.
TN4 9QR	Uncertain			There are currently councillors elected for the Culverden ward - what is not clear is how the parish council would function better than present set up. Further there should not be an increase in costs to residents and there reduction in borough council		Biggest issue is how residents' voices are heard - unrestricted parking on streets across Culverden is appalling making it difficult for local residents including unsafe conditions on roads at school run times. Local voice not being heard
TN4 9AU	Yes	More than one	Not yet sure.	All areas should have equal representation		

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TN4 8GJ	Yes	One		There are a number of distinctive local assets which could and probably should be managed locally.		The Tien Forum has shown for 20 years that local people and organisations have the interest and capacity to determine the future of certain local assets.
TN2 5SS	No			It will be a little group of amateurs, making decisions that will be paid for by the many. The borough council is bad enough we don't need another layer !	Increased levels of local involvement with just at further layers of cost. Councils should be looking to cut all 'nice to have' additional funding. Provide the absolute basics. Decisions made by the few and paid for by the rest of us!	Local decision making means more amateurs spend our money on anything they feel is most worthy.
TN4 9SP	Yes	One		I think local residents are best placed to manage services that are provided for a defined relatively small area but the council needs to be large enough to attract interest in participation and to have sufficient resources to deliver its services.ervices		
TN2 3PS	Yes	One		With the impending reorganisation of local government, there would be no genuinely local government for Tunbridge Wells residents without the creation of a Tunbridge Wells Town Council.		
TN2 3SX	No			I believe the creation of a new parish would lead to an unnecessary increase in council tax, primarily due to the additional costs of more councillors, potential administrative overhead, and possibly new office expenses—without offering any clear or signi		
TN2 5XU	No			It's just another irrelevant layer of administration that's unnecessary - we don't need more local busy bodies invested with a smidgen of power so they can mess up the bin collections.		
TN2 5PD	Yes	More than one	A council for each parish	More accountability and collective ownership		
TN4 9UL	No			There are too many layers of local government as it is.		No.
TN1 A2SH	Yes	One		I think Tunbridge Wells has an identity as a town. Having one town council, rather than multiple parish councils, would also be more efficient.		
TN1 2NP	Yes	More than one	Two, one for st John's and panels and the other for the rest	Breaks areas into similar demographics		
TN2 3PS	No			I believe the cost outweighs the benefits. We pay so much as it is.		
TN4 8AY	Yes	One		Less bureaucracy		
TN49RH	Uncertain			Cost to residence	Cost increase to current council tax.	Additional costs to residence will Increase defaulting credit and risk individuals well being
TN1 2NR	Yes	One		Local representation needed for central Tunbridge Wells, and our services.		



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TN4 9RF	Yes	More than one	TWO - Culverden, Pantiles and Park; and Sherwood, St John's and St James'	Culverden, Pantiles and Park would give coherent coverage for the town centre; Sherwood, St John's and St James's would give contiguous coverage to the area south east of Southborough.		It is important that these changes are seen in the light of a probable West Kent unitary, and the need to provide strong local voices within the current areas of TWBC.
TN1 2NR	Yes	One		St James needs a democratic structure like others		As larger local government changes are made we need clear democratic processes at a local level
TN1 1RU	No			I do not believe that giving any council, parish or not, more money will help in anyway. The current council takes enough and doesn't listen or do anything. I have little faith this will change.		
TN1 2NS	Yes	One		Most areas are close together and so shouldn't need individual oversight	Above mentioned points	
TN2 5NG	Uncertain			It is not the right time to make this relatively minor change		When we know how the unitary council will work it will be time to make such decisions . It is disappointing that KCC is not engaging in preparations for introduction of unitary authorities in the county
TN1 2NS	Yes	More than one	St Johns and st James - 1 parish Culverden and Pantiles - 1 parish Sherwood and Park - 1 parish	Each unparished area serves a significant proportion of the Tunbridge Wells population including multiple schools, GP / medical centres and care homes and parks and recreational areas for families this worthy of being represented for each parishes needs	How do parishes or town councils needs and requests get prioritised if they become part of a CGR?	Yes local people should be making the decisions for and driving the priorities on behalf of local constituents
TN2 5UD	Uncertain			Lack of definite information, especially costs.	Council tax is already far too expensive and does not reflect our income or ability to pay. Please tell me how you expect me to pay even more.	I thought our services were already managed by our local representatives. Our current councillors keep telling us that is the case and how much they care.
TN2 3PX	No			There are too few benefits and too many potential costs to fund councillors we don't need	This is pointless beurocracy with zero benefit to residents	This is a pointless exercise that has already cost significant council budget
TN1 2SH	Yes	One		Too many opinions aren't useful someyimes	Seems enough at the moment	Simply as with all Tunbridge Wells. We are full. Too many people and too much traffic
TN1 1AB	Yes	More than one	2 1) Pantiles and St John's 2) The rest of the areas	We need more focus on our specific area of The Pantiles	Not sure yet	The resideyviews must be taken into consideration.
TN1 2NG	No			More costs for more red tape		
TN4 9UB	Yes	More than one	6	Overall better		
TN12NB	Yes	More than one	Park alon + the rest or similar areas (demographic, rural etc) together	Common thinking		
TN23HU	No			Extra cost involved not worth the end result		
TN2 5XU	No			Just creating another level of bureaucracy	Who would be responsible for planning applications?	No
TN2 5HD	No			There is no need. Honestly there are far more important issues and increased cost and bureaucracy is not what is needed. Tunbridge Wells is falling to bits and things like this show why. We don't need this and we don't need anymore cost as tax payers		Stop wasting money on management that does nothing useful and costs tax payers money. It is not your money but ours, so treat it with that level of respect.

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TN4 9NS	Yes	More than one	2 or 3 parish councils could be made for those currently unparished areas.	see above		
TN1 2NR	Yes	One		I have concerns about large areas being controlled by a distant body	Ability to access representatives and how	Just that I would like them to have genuine power over local budgets to ensure the high standards of parks , schools culture cleanliness and safety are retained
TN2 3JG	Uncertain			I'm not sure it would add to the community frankly. However it may be worth trying having another layer of Councillors.	What would additional Councillors do? I appreciate where I live that there is very little community events eg fetes, proper fireworks, or sports in the community centre. But would additional Councillor really help with all that?	I wonder if it would be better just to encourage more aerobics classes etc in the TN2 centre rather than trying to do more. What would help in my unparished area is to have a noise pollution squad!
TN1 2NS	Yes	More than one	Unsure at the moment	Insufficient information		
TN1 2NS	Yes	One		Less bureaucracy but good representation		
TN2 5HA	Yes	More than one	A parish council for each area, and one town council to represent the five other areas collectively.	So each area is represented		
TN1 2NR	Uncertain			Can we not have few councillors who cover a wide area		
TN1 2NR	Yes	One		Local people should be involved in local decision making		
TN1 2NS	Yes	One		Have a more local say in what happens in my area		
TN2 5FT	Yes	One		I'd like more focus for smaller regions	Case study from other towns councils / parish councils	
TN1 2NR	Yes	More than one	More Info needed.	I would prefer the areas to be locally managed	Will there be a maximum precept? Who will decide the precept?	
TN2 3NN	Uncertain			Need more info		
TN2 4UD	Uncertain			In some ways it might be good, but if it costs more in council tax then I do not think it's worth it. Cost of living is getting ridiculous as is, and the state of the roads and pavements, it seems all the current council tax goes toward is bin collection	If the areas are currently functioning, what is the issue?	Why the sudden need for them to be managed? I'd like an idea of the good it might achieve and hope that the local community will get a say in the decision. But if it's just to create more rules and restrictions u see the guise of community I'd rather leave it as it is
TN2 3QY	No			Increased cost and additional layers of responsibility		
TN25 GP	Yes	One		Better local management with the sense or ownership for town		
TN1 2HE	No			The areas are effectively managed by Tunbridge Wells council.		
TN1 2XD	No			Because self interest and egotistical behaviour nearly always comes to the forefront		
TN48EJ	No			The cost outweighs the potential benefit		
TN4 9UH	Uncertain			Well, how successful has it been where it has been done, In Rusthall for instance	Why do our local councillors not do all this promises already?	
TN1 2EZ	Yes	One		We need better representation; however, we should limit the number of employed counsellors to keep costs and red tape in control.	All the above in question 7.	No thank you.

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TN4 8YA	Yes	One		Fewer problems		
TN4 9PL	Yes	One		Need local people involved making local decisions		
TN2 5FS	Yes	One		Local area needs local knowledge and people who understand the needs of the local area.		General concern that a large population loses its own authority to carry out community and local actions.
TN2 5LH	Uncertain			Locals know best and care	What you actually do?	To not make vanity projects but work for local interests
TN1 2EJ	No			Planning and management of communities at small scale can be both inefficient and paralysing.	All would seem provisional and potentially irrelevant/ abortive depending on the proposals for restructuring of Unitary Councils within Kent.	As above, Tunbridge Wells is not a large Borough. The existing scale would seem reasonably suitable.
TN2 5FT	Yes	One		Transparency		Thank you
TN1 2SH	Yes	More than one	This needs to be discussed and agreed	I am concerned about what happens when the responsibilities of Tunbridge Wells BC are transferred to a larger authority		
TN25AP	No			Already said . 1. Costs 2. Bureacracy 3. More Amateurs putting in there two pennyworth. We need LESS not more management	Please advise when you will be reducing council tax and stop paying SMG six-figure salaries. Also what cost-savings you have achieved in last six months	We need a strong council with input from ALL parties not dominated ( and therefore appts fixed ) by so called majority. We need to scrap the post of Mayor and Deputy as turnover i9s so high none of them know what they are doing. Meetings could be managed by CEO we pay him enough.
TN1 2XB	Yes	One		There is a need for representation especially for the most vulnerable people in our society to support the infrastructure which helps individuals stay safe and well and enable access transport and community services		There is a need for representation especially for the most vulnerable people in our society, to support the infrastructure which helps individuals stay safe and well and enable access transport and community services It is though additional cost to the council tax which maybe the decider. Overall someone to represent local services which affect everyone in our area is a good idea
TN2 5FS	No			It is working well at the moment and no need for more distraction from extra people, bettter to ask the public directly what they want		
TN2 5FU	No			prospect of additional costs via the precept for unnecessary and low use/ high cost services		
TN1 2EF	No			We do not need more micro management	Complete transparency	Just another money making scheme.
TN4 8NW	No			More bureaucracy		
TN2 5 EJ	Yes	One		Keep costs down	How would this new organisation relate to the Unitary Authority that will be created	
TN49SS	No			The council and presumably any new type of council never do things for the benefit of local people. They are just in it for their own personal gains.		Sort out the basic things before trying to impress with vanity schemes.
TN2 3FE	No			Not sure if I could afford the increased charges via the precept	Can you tell us if the precept cost would lead to lower special expenses charges and if so how much that is likely to be.	You should seek to deliver this in a way that doesn't impact the lowest paid people. Thanks.

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TN2 5EG	Yes	One		Because if you don't have a voice at the table you get the short end of the stick		
TN4 9JN	No			TWBC and/or KCC councillors are currently elected to the job. Let them do iit. As it is we expect Angela Rayner to keep allowing TWBC and KCC to increase their fees to absorb more costs which are currently funded by Central Government.		
TN1 1YJ	No			Additional costs and bureaucracy	quantification of benefits and costs	
TN39JH	Yes	More than one	All	Volunteers, more local decisions		
TN1 2EQ	No			I don't like the idea of using parishes as a sneaky way of increasing tax. Precepts are uncapped and this proposal is nothing but a stealth tax to get around the cap placed on borough councils.		Just empty the bins. Easy enough one would think.
TN48EG	Yes	One		Local residents should be able to influence decisions about local matters		Tunbridge Wells residents and businesses are best placed to decide what is best for Tunbridge Wells. TWBC which covers rural areas of Kent is conflicted between the local interests of villages and the town. Any proposals to create even larger authorities that include Tunbridge Wells will make local involvement even less effective
TN2 4RW	Yes	One		We need better local representation so that needs are communicated properly	Likely number of members. Any additional cost versus savings via TWBC	No
TN1 2NG	No			It is difficult to justify the cost of creating yet another tier of local Government. A Town Council will not change significantly the provision of services to residents and will only result in unnecessary and costly bureaucracy.	I should like to see a clear statement of what any proposed Town Council would be legally responsible for together with a cost benefit analysis of the proposals based on the experience of other town councils, including the net costs of the proposal.	<p>First, the TWBC website states that there is a Local Government Reorganization currently under way which may result in unitary authorities. Why is TWBC wasting its time and our money on a consultation when the whole exercise might shortly be made redundant?</p> <p>Secondly, the leaflet distributed to households (and the Council's website) are far from objective in setting out options, placing far more emphasis on the minimal positives of a town council than the very obvious negatives.</p> <p>Thirdly, one of the problems with local government is that no one knows which body is responsible for what. Adding a further tier of government will only make the situation worse.</p> <p>Bad as Tunbridge Wells Borough Council is at providing the services residents want in a cost effective manner, the solution is not to create yet another tier of Government which few residents will engage with.</p>
TN4 8AY	Yes	One		Costs		

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TN4 9 TD	Yes	One		Partial interests of northern TW eg managing traffic during school start and exit times.	Staggering school exit times	
TN2 3HX	Yes	More than one	One parish council and one town council for each area	Gives the residents a voice in decisions, to promote local events and maybe even reduces the council tax we pay		Not at the moment, would need more information
TN4 9JA	Yes	More than one	At least 3 as they have different needs. A parish council for Sherwood Another council for St John's & St James Another council for Park Another council for Pantiles 4th council for Culverden	Heavily populated residential areas with distinct characters and complex needs (including streets, green spaces, business and recreationcreations for full representation		
TN2	No			Cannot accept raise of Council Tax after new parish/town councils are created		
TN4 9TD	Yes	More than one	A parish council for Sherwood area and one town council to represent other areas collectively.	more people now live in the area due to increased house building.	Clarify scope of enlarged electoral community and cost	No further comments without clearer understanding of sensible choices
TN2 5GN	Yes	One		better representation if the area and more focused problem solving		
TN48NL	Yes	One		More local representation		
TN49HX	No			Tunbridge Wells isn't so big, that a resident councillor from one part of town, won't have an understanding of issues in another part of town.		It would be more of use to residents, if future councillor candidates cared about their local community, rather than just quoting national party politics to try and get elected.
TN1 2NS	Yes	More than one	Parish council for each area as divided up	Depending on how the local parish councils are formed, I believe an individual closely connected to the area will still act for the are'as best interests, even if not appointed through an election, so long as their position and actions are reviewed	Given very little information has been shared, as much as possible please	
TN2 5LX	Yes	More than one	In an ideal work 1 per area - formed of residents within that area. But manageable with 2-3 across all 6.	To allow the community to have more voice and control in the area they reside in.		
TN4 9SS	No			I would worry about costs to residents. Council tax is already too high compared what we get for it.		
TN1 2JN	Yes	One		One way or the other, we will have to pay for any additional councillors most of whom put themselves forward for their own self-aggrandisement. (I didn't agree with either option under question 11!)	Why you can't just leave things as they are.	Please leave things as they are (and stop wasting money on surveys - I would rather that you reduced Council Tax instead).
TN4 9JA	Uncertain			I just don't know what it really means and the ramifications		
TN2 5FD	Yes	One		Ward boundaries are artificial. The identity of Tunbridge Wells town is what matters.	Could a new Town Council take over management of our parks.	
TN12DY	No			Just want one point of contact for issues. Having an extra layer of bureaucracy means less actually gets done but blame gets passed about		No

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TN2 5BG	Yes	One		Representing more residents and better placed for a stronger lobby or PR campaign to drive forward goals.		
TN49JA	Yes	One		if some areas are represented by parish/town councils then the other areas are at a disadvantage in terms of representation. it should be either none or all		
TN4 9SG	No			I don't want yet another tier of costly bureaucracy.	The big one is how much extra we would have to pay in Council Tax even though you are trying to avoid this as a possible answer.	We have Tunbridge Wells Borough Council - leave it at that.
TN12 6FE	Yes	One		Too much bureaucracy	N/A	
TN4 9LU	Uncertain			I would much prefer decisions to be made by locally resident people but I'm unclear how much this would cost.	Staffing costs. Frequency of meetings. Cost of running the the council.	There are many small decisions that could usefully be made by a local or parish council. Some would only be relevant locally and some may be different in different parts of the borough. It's hard to determine how helpful such a council would be without more information.
TN4 9LU	Uncertain			Local representation is needed, but are the costs too prohibitive?	Number of parish councillors, costs of staff and costs office space. Frequency of meetings.	Insufficient information to make informed decision about the choices.
TN48XA	Yes	More than one	A Parish Council for each area	Greater local input for those living and working in the areas.		
TN4 9HZ	Yes	More than one	All areas have individual needs ....	That is my response	Would the council tax reduce...???	More local residents should be consulted in each parish .
TN4 9HZ	Yes	One		The more local the better. For better insight in to the challenges and opportunities the area faces	.	
TN4 9SP	No			I dont beleive this is needed		
TN4 9QX	No			I believe it is a farce to squeeze more money out of residents of the untarnished areas		
TN4 9QX	No			Additional layers of beurocracy that would bear little real-world benefit to the area. Changes that are needed in the area are of the borough council level of governance.	Projected benefits to the earmarked area that can be implemented in the short term, that TWBC is not able to implement themselves in a timely manner.	Lobby instead for TWBC to focus more on the health of the earmarked area, rather than relying on minor local governance.
TN24UU	Yes	One		Local needs addressed by residents.		Need to make sure there is no cronyism
TN2 5GP	Yes	More than one	I am unsure as there are no info/ figures/ examples provided. The areas are very diverse and all have different unique issues and the town centre issues will likely dominate understandably.	Further info should be provided how people can get involved other then elections it seems remote and old fashioned perhaps and this may be an opportunity to bring it closer to engage people what KCC does and what not.	Perhaps examples of how the new structures work in other areas and how local residents have become involved and benefit ed	I hope it may be an opportunity to move the culture on a bit and people feel a sense of ownership not blame the 'council' for everything.
TN3 0BB	No			From my experience, KCC and TWBC contrain what a parish council can do (e.g. Rusthall PC) and it would create another layer of people without necessarily providing any benefit.		The Councillors representing the wards need to ensure that they deliver for residents
TN4 8XU	No			Already have TWBC, cannot see what the town would gain from the introduction of parish councils.		



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TN4 9TA	Yes	More than one	A parish council for each of the six currently unparished areas.	To enable the smaller parish areas to make their own decisions on aspects that would directly improve the specific areas.		
TN1 1LF	Yes	One		Decision making is already far removed from ordinary citizens. A town council (long overdue for the 'Royal Tunbridge Wells' area that TWBC is responsible for) helps bring decision-making closer to real people.		The process of creating should involve interested and active locals and not just be driven by TWBC - a steering group of some kind needs to be formed now.
TN4 9TD	Yes	One		That might make it big enough to have more power. People living in eg Culverden use facilities like the Amelia, Assembly Halls, Trinity, Pantiles	How current assets would be linked to debt in areas like Tonbridge and Malling if changes happen	Need to be able to contact councillors online
TN4 9HJ	Yes	One		We need representation for our areas, need people to actually help our community		Our issues need to be understood by local representation rather than being ignored by the current system
TN1 2PS	Yes	More than one	Just one parish for each coloured area	Each of the coloured areas need representation		
TN4 9JA	Yes	One		It would be nice to see more local management of local assets and greater control of local events		
TN4 9JH	Uncertain			Benefits and concerns		
TN2 3US	Yes	One		Twice is too large to represent all local but important issues	Costs and precepts	Parish or town councils are needed regardless of wholesale local government in Kent
TN1 1TT	No			TWBC should be able to cover all services proposed for the parish council.		No
TN2 5EX	Uncertain			As mentioned, I wish to know if all this is preparatory to abolition of TWBC and creation of larger regional councils with so-called elected mayors.	Is this a precursor to abolition of TWBC and creation of an elected mayor and enlarged council areas in Kent? If this is the case then I'm absolutely opposed to the creation of parish councils as a sop to objectors. Elected mayors are deeply undemocratic	ANY change which is connected to the proliferation of so-called elected mayors is, in my view, undemocratic.
TN2 4TL	Yes	More than one	Two councils formed. One for Culverden, Pantiles and Park; one for St James's, St John's and Sherwood.	Size and spread.	Political aspect of coucillors' selection	
TN11UW	Yes	One		Local care and knowledge relating to local priorities		
TN2 5NY	Yes	One		So that each area is fairly represented	how the local tax we pay is used	local residents should be able to vote for what they believe would be best for their area
TN1 1YW	Yes	One		Better local representation		To be as transparent as possible
TN4 9NQ	No			No need for further levels of bureaucracy at smaller levels for a Town the size of TW. It's too big for divisions	Explain the main difference between a Borough Council and Town or Parish. It seems there is little difference between the latter two but no faq answers the difference between Borough Council and Town/Parish Council	Yes. Clearly explain the difference between Borough and Town/Parish Council and the benefits or not of changing and the costs and who would be responsible and how each Parish would work with the other in the scope of TW.  Also do not just quote from existing literature eg local government sites to explain. Actually explain what this means for the so called unparished areas. or
TN1 1TB	Yes	More than one	One for each ward	Different areas have different priorities		

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TN4 9HB	Yes	One		Currently there's no specific care or attention brought to a variety of issues, everything seems to be managed by faceless suits.		
TN4 9ER	Yes	One		Local decision making can result in more suitable decisions being made for that area. Parish/Town Council elections allow for greater democracy.		Although this is difficult to accommodate, allowing local residents to vote on a selection of options to a given problem/issue/improvement etc. would be ideal. Perhaps utilising online voting more.
TN4 9TD	Yes	One		Representation without excess beaurocracy		
TN1 1TS	No			Cost & bureaucracy		
TN2 5JZ	Yes	One		as a historic spa town tunbridge wells has specific need and it is important that those living in the town are able to decide on priorities		
TN2 5NN	No			It's not broken so don't try to fix it		
TN2 5JZ	Yes	One		We need local decision making and local management of community assets. The unparished areas form a large block and number of people and should not be managed from afar, we need a council that understands local issues.		
TN2 5LU	No			Expect it would cost more		No
TN2 5PE	No			Cost		
TN2 5NU	No			Waste of money		No
TN2 5NX	No			TWBC does the job OK		No
TN2 5NY	No			Another (expensive) layer of bureaucracy		No
TN2 5NR	No			Happy with the way things are now		
TN2 5PB	No			Not worth the money		
TN2 5PD	No			No doubt this would be at an additional cost to council tax payers		No
TN4 8AS	Yes	One		1 representative from each of the five/six areas and maybe 2 others	We love our Town and need people that live here to represent out best interests	Only local representatives can make balanced decisions about the character, history and future of this beautiful town knowing it's population demographic and historical voting pattern eg Brexit it voted differently from the rest of Kent due to the higher intelligence of the population.
TN25DP	Yes	One		The Borough Council would disappear under the unitary plan. Kent has other priorities not necessarily and unlikely to be to the benefit of the un-parishes areas of TW	What assets and amenities in TW would, under the Unitary Authority proposal, be no longer be under local TW control?	These are unique areas of the town, with distinctive characteristics and needs. They need local sensitivity in their public services' support and real expertise in sustaining their historic value as well as promoting them for the common good and, importantly, tourism. A Town Council for these areas is absolutely essential to secure this level of informed empathy.

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TN2 4UD	Yes	One		Feel the current council is only worried about the immediate town and not anyone outside. Also council take money for the car parking at Dunorlan - why doesn't this go back into the park etc. Decision for locals vs the town as a whole	We are being asked to comment on an outline - but we need the "meat on the bones" in order to make an genuinely informed judgement.	
TN4 8HS	No			Perhaps staying with TWBC there would not be a further rise in very expensive council tax	Advice on how pensioners are expected to pay an extra charge on top of very high council tax	
TN4 9RQ	Yes	One		Important for local residents to have a significant voice in the running of their local community.		
TN2 5ES	Yes	One		People living in unparished areas should be able to have a say in what is happening		
TN4 8EG	No			I have always thought that we were well served by our councillors who are pro-active and do a good job. why add another layer?		No
TN4 8SU	Yes	One		It is the only direct way to provide democratic decision making	I think that a clear bulleted list of the responsibilities, costs and numbers of councillors as well as how they would be elected should be provided. This needs to be distributed vis social media and as a press release enabling citizens to decide.	
TN2 3NG	No			Not sure that another level of councillors will give anymore accountability.	Need a better case made for the benefit of another layer of local government.	The current councillors should listen to their constituents but when there is a single political party in charge they tend not engage hence the better roads scheme being put forward when it was obvious it was unworkable.
TN48XA	Yes	More than one	One for each Parish	Better local representation		
TN4 8XY	Yes	More than one	A single parish council Culverden, a single parish council for Sherwood, (as these are the most in need, especially in crime) and a single one for all of the other places combined.	Honestly I don't fully understand this question, but I think it would be beneficial for these areas to have their own parish council in the ways I describe in my answer to 12.		Not really, but I hope that we have strong, diverse voices who generally care but also recognise the struggles an individual area might face,
TN2 5TA	Yes	One		Hopefully local councillors would be involved with what is going on	More public meetings and more information about things about to happen	May be monthly meetings with the public
TN4 9QX	Yes	One		The need for more local decisions - the current councillors for Culverden are all Lib Dem's which is helpful as they work together	Why would parishes/town councils not be required under the reorganisation of local authorities?	
TN2 5NG	No			not required	other info	A waste of time & effort
TN4 8DS	No			The 6 areas need local representation , consistent with the current parished areas		
TN2 5FA	Yes	More than one	pantiles requires its own	lack of representation	oversight mechanism	
TN4 9QY	No			10 million civil servants is far to many as it is. Tunbridge wells council should do there job properly.		The council should let people know in the area when and what they are trying to achieve! Like trimming overhanging branches and bushes covering half the pavement.
TN2 3BB	Yes	More than one	A parish council for Sherwood and one town council to represent the other five areas	These unparished areas need more representation. They need someone who is going to do what's best for the people who live in these untarnished areas		

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TN4 8HS	No			This is going to be an extra expense on people which they probably cannot afford. After all, not everyone is rich in so-called affluent Tunbridge Wells - there is a cost of living crisis and, as my father used to say, money does not grow on trees	Have you heard about the cost of living crisis?	
TN4 9QJ	No			The proposed parish (Culverden) is not an identifiable area with community in place. It's a residential area, not a village or identifiable area	Comparison of cost between current arrangement and proposed changes	
TN4 8FA	Yes	One		The unparished areas have similar needs.	As a former Town Councillor, I think this is a very good idea. Emphasis should be made on the access to SIL funding. We would benefit hugely from that.	This is a very good idea especially within the context of other proposed local government reforms.
TN2 5NZ	Yes	One		Keeping the cost down		
TN2 3BJ	Yes	More than one	2 for each unparished area	Voices will be heard better with more input		No
TN4 8FL	No			Looking for cost reductions not increases		No
TN4 9TB	Uncertain			Not sure		
TN4 8DQ	Yes	One		It would level up representation between the currently parishes and unparished areas to make sure all relevant interests are properly represented by local voices.		
TN4 9TR	Yes	One		So that priority and attention can be paid directly and effectively to the issues that are experienced in our parish.	Our roads are 3rd world and in a terrible condition no mention was made. Why not? This affects all of us in a massive way. Fix it please?	No
TN25EH	Yes	One		Local representation		
TN2 4XA	Yes	One		For local representation		No
TN48UL	Yes	One		Co-ordination		
TN2 5RJ	Uncertain			Yes to that if it happens and all the provisions indicated work	Proposed provisions in the leaflet cover my concerns of what a parish could do	
TN1 1YL	Yes	One		I am worried that with the reorganisation of local government in Kent decisions for Tunbridge Wells will no longer be taken in the town, so this will help with that.	The possible range of size of the increase to council tax. Estimated overall budget for the parish council.	No
TN1 1BQ	Yes	One		Without a Town Council we'd have no say or real influence on what the Unitary Authority did and the larger the Town Council area and population, the more say we'd have	None, it's obvious we should be represented	1 or 2 elected councillors for each Ward/area, on a non-political basis
TN2 5ER	No			I am against extra and unnecessary administration		
TN2 5TB	Yes	One		Better execution of the needs for the area leading to a better environment and ambience.		
TN2 3HU	Yes	One		Strongly believe in devolved responsibility		
TN4	Uncertain			Need more info		

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TN4 9NQ	Yes	One		As a first step it would make most sense to start with one for all of the unparished councils and then if a further breakdown seemed beneficial it could be looked at. Immediately dividing them all may lead to a number of issues		
TN2 5DR	Yes	One		To fill the gap and to retain representation for the town as a whole		
TN4 8BT	Yes	One		Prefer to be represented locally		
TN4 9LZ	Uncertain			It is unclear what the responsibilities would be and the cost associated. Without this information it's not easy to decide yes or no. In principle more local decision making is good but if that means even higher taxes maybe it's not worth it.		Unclear if the proposal is for each area to have its own council or if one would cover all of them.
TN1 1UJ	Yes	One		Parish areas are too small for local government		
TN4 8DT	Yes	One		Na		
TN2 5PG	No			Government and councils are already bloated with beaurocracy, waste too much money and I don't support further increases in council tax until waste is tackled	All I have are soundbites, no detail: cost, number of personnel, organisatio al structure, lines of communication, KPI's etc	
TN12NS	Yes	One		To represent local people and their interests	None	None
TN12NR	No			Funds could be better spent elsewhere. Also, I've noticed that these questions have becoming incredibly leading - the additional clause at the end of Q10 should have either explained the outcome of both answers, or not been added at all.	Whether the funds to enable this reform will come from the budgets that could otherwise be used to address ongoing issues.	
TN4 9QB	No			Extra red tape and costs. I'm happy with the service I get from TW Council		
TN2 5TA	Yes	One		Local community needs a voice		
TN1 2NB	Yes	One		It would benefit these areas		
TN4 9QZ	Yes	More than one	I think there should be a parish or town council for each individual area	I think it is important that the interests of the residents of a particular area are managed by local human resources		I think that there should be a very high level of local decision making
TN2	No			I am utterly against another level of unnecessary beaurocracy and expense for NO additional benefit.	Why is this proposed change REALLY necessary?	Just ensure that those elected to the TW Borough Council do the job, on behalf of the resident electorate, for which they were elected.
TN1 2LA	No			Focus on the basics at the current level.		
TN4 8FA	Yes	One		To reduce bureaucracy, and representatives in the pantiles for example will want similar things to us in Culverden. However as a borough there will be far more conflicting interests.		
TN1 1TN	Yes	One		It is critical that there is local decision-making, management and authority		
TN49QJ	No			Cost and bureaucracy		

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TN4 9AU	No			just leave well alone and dont try to fix things that are not broken		why create more nanny state when nobody cares about our views anyway
TN2 5SY	Yes	One		Under a future unitary authority town councils are desirable		
TN4 8EA	Yes	One		.		
TN2 5HH	Uncertain			It is important that residents have opportunities to be involved in decisions that impact on their local communities		
TN24TT	Yes	More than one	I think there should be two. Park, Pantiles and Culverdon as one with St Johns, St James , Sherwood the other.	These areas have areas with specific needs		None
TN1 2JS	Yes	One		Accountability is critical, local input creates this. Technology / digital voting can reduce costs. Non-local accountability creates reduced understanding of community issues, keeping state at arms length from the public it is meant to serve.	How the CGR defines "working as efficiently and effectively as they should be", what are the KPIs, what have other / previous CGRs concluded and changed, statistical comparisons to other CGRs and indeed other countries.	Minimal elected councilors (1 per parish). Board of 6 can liaise effectively with each other to create broader efficiencies that benefit their individual communities. Encourage e-voting on more issues and create the ability to delegate votes where expertise is needed.
TN25HH	Yes	One		Local asset management as locals require		
TN2 3PN	No			It should stay as local as possible - and for the management to be joined up.	I would like to ensue that our parks (Dunorlan) is continued to be managed locally.	no
TN48XS	No			We do not need more councillors		Just provide the service you should provide at a cost that is sensible. Right now your costs are unacceptable.
TN4 9AT	No			Parishes are inefficient, out of date and largely pointless.	At a time when Government is seeking to create larger, more strategic units of Local Government it seems ridiculous to seek to introduce the smallest possible structure which will only build inefficiency into the system	
TN2 3QN	Uncertain			Unsure		
TN2 5LD	Yes	One		I think lots of parish councils will be too much. One town council would still incorporate the voices of the areas while ensuring one cohesive voice for the town.	Where I've selected "not sure" it's because I think I probably have all the necessary information but haven't properly taken it in.	
TN1 2JS	Yes	One		to make decisions for our area		
TN1 1LF	No			Local councils are already broke and likely to undergo reform over the current parliament. Parish councils do very little and it would be unnecessary given that TWBC itself probably won't exist by the end of the decade	N/A	N/A
TN4 9AR	Yes	One		You need to live in the area to be aware of what is going on locally so decisions/issues can be represented by someone in the area		One of maximum two new town councils should be sufficient as the areas are quite small and can be split into more residential and more business



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TN4 8AX	Yes	One		I am concerned that when the new Unitary Authority replaces TWBC that decisions will be made by people who are not local. They will not represent the needs of TW. We will need representation.		
TN1 2JS	Yes	More than one	one per unparished year	true local representation		
TN11JY	No			I think it would add extra levels of bureaucracy and added cost to residents who are already paying a high council tax bill compared to other areas of the country.		
TN4 8YA	No			We don't need another mediocre level of government		Leave it as is
TN3 0AT	Yes	More than one	Possibly two - it's a large, very diverse set of parishes.	Living in a village with a parish council I see the importance of decisions re local matters being made very locally.		Make all parish meetings as open to the public as possible and have a good online presence showing decisions made and why
TN4 8UT	Yes	One		Local residents to have a say and control of their area.	A Rusthall resident with a Great Parish Council, plus Membership Secretary of The Friends of Tunbridge Wells & Rusthall Commons, a worthwhile local charity.	
TN2 5QN	Yes	More than one	A town council for where there are more unrepresented areas collectively and a parish council for where there is a smaller area needing representation	It is important that an area is represented by councillors who are local to that area and have an understanding of its needs and it's residents	Would support staff be required and how many at what cost?	Areas should be managed by councillors who have a genuine interest in the area they are representing and knowledgeable about its needs and are therefore making the correct decisions
TN2 4TT	Uncertain			It's hard to know if any possible benefit considering it appears that local residents needs are already well met?		
TN1 2NS	Yes	More than one	One parish council for each unrepresentative area	Avoid centralisation, make local decisions locally		
TN4 8FL	Yes	More than one	2 parish councils one for Culverden/Pantiles & Park and one for Sherwood/St James & St Johns	Yes, I think new parish councils should be created for our local community to focus on services/sports facilities.		No, thank you
TN48EJ	Uncertain			I don't know the implications of LGR. It is strange that the survey mentions this only briefly.	Your introduction says "Should Local Government Reorganisation not go ahead in Kent, we will continue with this CGR." What happens to any parish council proposals if LGR does go ahead?	
TN2 4SL	Yes	One		For more direct and relevant management		
TN4 9QB	No			Uncosted. No scope of their work provided. No rationale for an additional, inefficient new layer of councilors. No overall plan for the whole borough. The size of each area is so small what is the point, no value for money overall for the total borough	The amount of information provided to date is so minimal, even childish, that I don't see any benefit in this stage of the process. Simply wasting resources. Question 9 below is so badly written decisions are currently made by people elected by residents.	As now, but with more focus on actual services and efficiency.
TN1 2BY	No			No need to dissect area to create more bureaucracy, waste and potential for corruption		
TN23NR	Yes	One		There is no reason to have more than one.		

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TN4 9AU	No			It will be yet another cost on top of what we already pay and no doubt our wishes will be ignored exactly as the people of Southborough were over the Victoria Hall		
TN4 9SN	Uncertain			I believe our area is already represented		I know this process is intended to deliver choice and transparency but the unparished area I live in is already ably represented by three councillors, so I can't see what difference it would make.
TN49PW	No			You can't have time councils and borough councils, one has to go. If you want town councils, get rid of borough councils.	As someone who has a relative working for a local town council , I am fully aware of the extra level of unnecessary and expensive bureaucracy that the current proposal would generate. Other areas of kent are deciding to reduce these levels.	The last thing Kent needs is another layer of bureaucratic management. Authorities should be streamlining decision making not increasing the complexity.
TN24RE	Yes	More than one	I don't know	I don't know		No
TN1 2NR	Yes	One		If Sherwood became a parish separate , it risks unfairness, coordination problems, higher costs, service gaps, weakened community identity, voter confusion, and conflicts. This split could harm efficiency, equity, and the whole area's cohesion.	Most definitely not. Key information has not been provided, which makes it impossible to form a fully informed opinion. Specifically, there is: * No information on the services the proposed town council would deliver (e.g., parks, community events, street	This is the most important democratic decision that residents of the unparished areas have faced in the last 50 years, and it must be treated with the seriousness and transparency it deserves. Unfortunately, the quality of the information provided so far has been poor, incomplete, and not clearly set out. Key details about the structure, powers, responsibilities, and financial implications of a proposed town council have not been shared. This leaves residents unable to make an informed decision. Much better communication is essential in the next phases of consultation. Clear, accessible, and comprehensive information must be provided to every household—including specific proposals, costs, governance structures, and a comparison of options. Without that, this process risks being undemocratic, confusing, and lacking in legitimacy. Residents deserve to be properly informed, meaningfully consulted, and clearly heard.
TN2 3AU	No			Bills are already crippling, we do not want extra costs or extra non essential services		Decisions should be made fairly and objectively by people without a vested interest
TN48DX	Yes	One		TWBC is likely to be abolished at some stage. That would leave our valuable assets at the mercy of KCC or whatever unitary authority replaces the borough councils.		
TN2 3GW	Yes	More than one	I dont understand in detail but it will give most visibility to the local Councillor	no details	how much will cost increase as part of the parish rollout in sherwood/knightswood?	
TN2 5RL	Yes	One		Local control without micro managing		
TN48FA	Yes	One		One voice is required rather than a number of possibly differing views		
TN4 9PR	No			Wasteful beurocracy		Managed well as they are

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TN4 8DY	No			Any changes that lead to a further increase in council tax should be opposed. The council(s) should be working towards providing value for residents, rather than an unnecessary restructure.	I fundamentally disagree with the premise of this government reorganisation; the borough council works reasonably well. If this is being imposed, a town council would be the best solution for Tunbridge Wells.	I don't think these changes are needed, a unitary authority as proposed would leave decision-making too remote and would not allow appreciation for the diversity of each place it includes.
TN1 2LN	Yes	One		A unitary authority for West Kent is likely to be based in Maidstone. We need local management of the parks & green spaces in the town.	I haven't seen any information about this at all! TWBC should be reaching out to all Friends groups & community organisations in the town.	It's hard to comment on how a Tunbridge Wells town/parish council should be managed in the absence of any information about this at all!
TN2 4RT	Yes	One		I want Tunbridge Wells to have its own local representation		
TN1 2NX	No			We are already governed by TWBC + KCC. We do not require any further jobs created just to make more money for councillors to the detriment of local people.		
TN49SN	Yes	One		We are one town. All decisions affect most or all wards, so they should be a single entity	Everything	
TN2 3AJ	No			I think its ok at the moment		
TN4 8FL	Yes	One		Clearly decisions re local issues should be decided by locally-elected representatives.		
TN11YY	Uncertain			Because it's not clear	How would efficiencies be achieved?	I would like to see every penny of taxpayer's money we'll spent. If local parish councils can help achieve that, I'd be in favour. But experience suggests the opposite will be the case.
TN4 8FQ	Yes	More than one	One for each of the areas	This maximizes local decision making and focus		
TN23QA	Yes	More than one	6	Each area has its own priorities and challenges		
TN4 9TR	Yes	More than one	3	Considering the geographical position of the areas discussed.	None	
TN4 8EA	Uncertain			Concerns re bureaucracy for the sake of it and cost.	I like the idea of local representation in theory but fear the exercise would add to existing bureaucracy and lack of co-ordination. Increased cost overall are not acceptable.	Would be useful to understand how this has worked well elsewhere
TN1 2HT	Yes	One		Because local people know best what is needed. Recent disasters in Kent Highways diversion signposts show this.	I saw a neighbour had thrown their LOCAL mag straight into recycling, so I think you need to look at communicating information... Others had not seen social media posts about this matter.	Not yet.
TN2 4QE	No			In the brief period of time that I have lived here I believe that the council have provided an adequate service and feel that this is not a good time to impose more cost to residents bringing in more councillors to the fold.		Questionnaires and forums should be available to both residents and councillors that will assist keeping the process transparent.
TN4 9AJ	Yes	More than one	One parish per colourwd area	Each area has its own particular needs	Sometimes we get very little info about who to vote for or it's hard to find.	
TN4 8HJ	No			Please see my responses to Q6		Politely, I feel this exercise is a waste of time. I would prefer the Borough Council to focus on delivering services for the whole borough rather than adding another unnecessary layer of bureaucracy.

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TN1 2LA	Yes	One		It may be easier to manage		
TN2 3AR	Yes	More than one	A parish council for the Sherwood area, and one town council to represent the five other areas collectively.	i think its important to bring together an area that often gets bad rep and is overshadowed by others. we are not that close to any councils so having our own one will be beneficial.		Will more jobs be created by having a parish council?
TN2 4XW	Yes	One		My understanding is that this is being done because TW will no longer be in charge of its own administration		
TN4 8BB	No			Without binding commitments on: * Precept caps (£30/yr max), * Service transfer list, * Low-income exemptions, * This risks being a tax increase without proven benefits	A detailed business case showing: * Specific services to be transferred from TWBC/KCC, * Exact precept cost projections per household, * Evidence of cost savings for borough taxpayers	Any new parish council MUST:  * Legally guarantee full Council Tax Support recipients are precept-exempt  * Prioritise youth facilities/school safety over cosmetic projects  * Transfer concrete budgets (e.g. park maintenance) from TWBC  * Include automatic dissolution if voter turnout <30% for 2 elections
TN1 1LE	No			Council tax rises		
TN4 8XA	No			Utterly pointless exercise		They should continue to be run as they are today.
TN4 8JT	Yes	More than one	As each ward has differing concern, I think the areas should be divided as follows: West: Culverden & Pantiles South: Park Central: St John's & St James East: Sherwood	Each area requires differing needs. I don't think it would be right to group a more affluent area of town with a less affluent area as the needs of residents may not be met.		
TN11HA	Uncertain			I have to many unanswered questions		
TN12RR	Yes	More than one	One for each parish	I feel the parishes are forgotten about! Particularly st james		I think that the council should be responding to constituents more! And thinking more about what's best for the city and not driven by money. I also think Camden Road should be cleaned up and invested in! It's becoming more vibrant than the pantiles
TN2 3GH	No			I live in Tunbridge Wells, not Sherwood. Adding so many parishes will damage local society		
TN2 5AL	Uncertain			More information is needed		
TN23DD	Yes	One		Need a new council		
TN2 4UA	No			I have had no issues to date with services. The area I live in is quite adequate and there is nothing I feel that an additional counsellor would bring other than extra cost and unnecessary interference.	N/a	Leave as is.

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TN4 8BB	No			TWBC delivers everything we need and we have no need for a so called 'new council' at yet more cost to us the residents.	Would the new precept charges be governed by the new council and if charges were increased in the future would that be their right to determine how much?	The government are encouraging 'new councils' to be set up to raise more money and I would rather have to pay an increase to the TWBC as it stand to enable them to provide more staff to work alongside the community.
TN4 9QA	Yes	More than one	Individual councillors who know and understand the needs of their local area	Same as my answer to 12		
TN49QT	Yes	One		Tunbridge Wells is a natural community. The smaller units are not.		
TN1 2NB	Yes	One		Local voice should be heard.		
TN2 3HE	No			There is no need for it. We already pay council tax which is extortionate.		
TN2	No			Weve got enough overpriced and ineffective bureaucracy		
TN1 2NR	Yes	One		To ensure local involvement and representation to secure funding for community services in these areas		
TN1 1HE	Yes	One		We need a town council for the centre of TW so that when local government reorganisation takes place we are able to have some local say in decisions		No
TN4 8EL	Yes	More than one	A Town or Parish Council for each of the individual areas.	They are all very differant.		We must ensure that local decision making is not dismissed in unitarisation through Local Government Restructuring.
TN2 3PQ	No			Can not see how adding another layer of governance would make the situation more efficient or cheaper.		
TN2 4RD	No			The council is bad as it is, another layer of bureaucracy would make it even worse and cost more		
TN2 3NY	Yes	More than one	All areas should be run by their own parish council	See above	None	No
TN2 3PE	Yes	One		To ensure better representation at a local level.		
TN2 3PB	No			Increased bureaucracy, well meaning but underqualified "volunteers", harder to challenge decisions and find accountability (traditional buck passing in adminstrative bodies)		
TN4 9GA	No			Utterly pointless. Also, as I live at the boundary of one of the 'parishes' and the issues that affect me are just as important to those who live across the road. Why have two more councils debating the same topics?		
TN4 9QR	No			Just a waste of money and resource for an area that is ridiculously small. I would like to see less bureaucracy, not more taking shops. This entire process is a waste of time, effort and no doubt money.		Make less areas Parished
TN4 8JL	Yes	More than one	1 each, so 6	More focus on the smaller areas	If this doesn't go ahead, will Ramslye get more needed funding from TWBC, to improve the general look and feel of the area?	

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TN2 3UJ	Yes	More than one	Parish Council for Culverden and Pantiles Parish Council for Sherwood, Park, St John's and St James	I think it will benefit residents		
TN4 9RJ	No			Don't need more politicians costing more money and taxes		Waste of time and money.
TN4 9RQ	No			New parish or council will bring increased cost. What we want need is reduced cost and not more administrative red tape with added cost	A new parish or council will only bring increased costWe need to reduce cost and not increase cost.z	The current councillors should spend more time in the un parished areas, no need for new councillors
TN4 8XN	Yes	One		I do not see the need for a town council for Tunbridge Wells within the current local government structure for Kent but I am worried Tunbridge Wells' voice will be lost in a unitary authority covering west Kent, particularly if it is based at Maidstone.		I think one town council for the six unparished areas would be better: i) because the six areas are so interconnected as far as transport, leisure facilities etc etc are concerned; and ii) it would give Tunbridge Wells as a whole a louder voice within any new unitary authority.
TN4 9NG	Yes	More than one	One for each of the unparished areas	Improved democracy		
TN2 5TB	Yes	One		Each area of town has unique and yet complementary needs understood best by they residents		
TN2 3GH	No			There are more than enough layers of government costing more than they should already. It needs reducing, not expanding.		
TN4 8BB	No			As above, this just sounds like a proposal to increase tax income without any material benefit to residents. The current council are local enough to meet needs.	Exact roles and responsibilities of new council, purpose of this proposal and exact cost. It currently just sounds like a pointless exercise to squeeze as much tax as possible out of residents.	You need to provide exactly what benefit this new town or parish council will provide, not just vague information about what they may be able to. This will no doubt be at an increased rate of council tax and it looks like an exercise to do nothing more than to increase local government income.
TN2 5LD	No			I'm unclear on the additional cost of this new administration and what additional real benefits this would achieve and what difference it would make to my life and the area.	With the lga review this change feels unnecessary at present as all circumstances will change. Lower bargaining power at parish level to provide key services will not be beneficial to any noticeable difference tjhan that provided by the existing structur.	A town council for the town would be a better option inside the borough council. For those in the centre of the town b say the people of sandhurst on the rural outskirts of the borough who will have a parish council.
TN4 9AA	Yes	More than one	St John's would benefit from a Parish Council. I cannot speak for the other 5 unrepresented areas	I would appreciate local councillors to speak for us on local issues such as planning permission or issues with local bodies such as the tennis club		
TN1 1SR	Yes	One		I think the immediate local areas could use their own resources for the benefit of the local area		
TN1 1DR	No			I believe the borough council is solvent (which is quite an achievement). As before, the service provided by the borough council is adequate. Generally interest / turnout in local council elections is low.	The service provided by the borough council is adequate. Generally interest / turnout in local council elections is low.	I can't believe you're wasting time on this. There must be more pressing issues that would benefit from the time / expense of conducting this review.
TN2 5LF	No			I do not think having a Town Council is required as e already have Councillors that represent our local area. Another tier would just add confusion.		The current ward councillors arrangements are adequate to manage the requirements of the local area. Adding Parish or ward councillors would confuse matters and duplicate rolls.



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TN2 3GG	No			We don't need more bureaucracy, we need more efficiency	Reduce the size of the state!	Pointless
TN2 3NX	Yes	One		The interests of the unparished need to be fully represented at any levels of local government. We need to be able to take full responsibility for coordinating the core of the town.		No
TN23HY	Yes	More than one	A Councillor for each area <sup>0</sup>	This area is often forgotten		Repair road in this area more often
TN2 4XP	Yes	One		I feel if we are not represented locally, decisions will be made by a body outside of Tunbridge Wells who would not consider our particular requirements and wishes, but that decisions would be lumped together with a huge area.		
TN4 8LH	Yes	More than one	I can only speak for Pantiles ward, (especially the Broadwater/Ramslye element) which is far too large and could be subdivided into at least 5 Parish wards	Greater local community representation is essential, in my opinion		
TN2 5BS	No			Tunbridge Wells is a small town already and the council should be able to manage all of it. Adding an extra layer of governing gets confusing and voting turnout would not be good		
TN2 3RR	Yes	One		the interests of the town will best be looked after by elected councillors		
TN1 1SF	No			I think more politicians will not be an efficient way of improving services, on the contrary as responsibilities are diffused and there is no identifiable individual to answer for decisions.		I think they should not be in existence
TN1 1SP	Yes	One		I think people should have local representation, and by 'local' I mean this representation should actually reside in the area they represent.		I am all for devolving local decision making to local people. The more autonomy people have to democratically enact change in their area, the more engaged people will become in the democratic process, and the more likely it is that local governance will align with the needs of the local populace.
TN2 5QF	No			No need for more costs	More in depth details	
TN1 2JG	Yes	More than one	one councillor per area	Yes to give people in these zones more voice and representation		
TN24TP	No			I prefer as few tiers of government as possible. I think that TWBC represents Park fairly and the new areas would find it difficult to agree on priorities. and would have different interests and Park could be disadvantaged by the use of the precept.	I believe that Park Ward is quite large in area and has fewer residences than others. The new body would be responsible for Dunorlan Park and the cemetery which is used widely by others and I think could be a proportionally high burden. Not sure.	No thank you.
TN1 2JG	Yes	More than one	I think there should be three areas. 1) Culverden and Pantiles, 2) St John, St James and Park, 3) Sherwood	I feel like smaller areas would better serve the needs of the community within those areas.		I think it's incredibly important that the communities in these heavily populated areas are served by a layer of government and people that understand the local area and the different needs within them.
TN1 1BQ	Yes	One		To achieve cost efficiency.		No.

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TN2 3FT	Yes	More than one	A couple divided by those in the north and those in the south of the overall area in scope	Local communities should have better and more effective representation by its residents, who would have first hand awareness of any issues	It doesn't seem fair that in order to get better support for the local community, the funding has to come from its residents. Considering the cost of living crisis, shouldn't the local authorities be working to run their current funding more efficiently?	
TN2 5PJ	No			What would the changes be? Would they actually benefit residents and what would the costs be? Why another level of bureaucracy?	Cost of running a local council	-
TN2 3NY	Uncertain			I need to understand impact of devolution and that it won't cost me more money.	Better understanding of how this will operate when devolution in Kent takes place. Will this give Tunbridge wells more control over local issues still?	Not at this time.
TN4 9QT	Yes	More than one	five separate	local areas should be represented. They are distinct units with their own characteristics/issues		
TN2 3NZ	Yes	More than one	a parish council for each area	the town council is increasingly out of touch with local people and their needs		
TN4 9JD	Yes	More than one	Town council for Park, Culverden and Pantiles, 1 for St John's and St James, 1 for Sherwood	All areas could do with better local representation		
TN2 4XW	No			No justification.		No change required.
TN1 2NP	Yes	One		I believe it will improve local decision making and increase accountability		Better to have one town council rather the individual parishes to ensure town wide coordination of resources and priorities
TN2 3TN	Yes	One		Areas within TWBC remit outside of the town have their parish councils that represent the residents views, Tunbridge Wells doesn't.		
TN4 8FD	Yes	One		For focussed attention to local matters	Who would be responsible for maintenance of pavements?	
TN2 4XF	Yes	One		More informed local views can be expressed.		
TN2 3HR	Yes	More than one	One parish for two areas - Sherwood and St Johns	More delivery on local issues such as litter in Sherwood from Long field Road businesses	How would the community feed back issues of concern	Police input on their accountability
TN2 3QP	No			More cost and bureaucracy for little if any clear benefit		
TN25JY	No			As there aren't any community facilities in this part of town, I'm not sure what the benefit would be.		
TN2 5JY	Uncertain			I'm not sure there are any real benefits for residents, while there would be a reasonable cost involved. I feel Tunbridge Wells benefits from being run as a single entity rather than a collection of parishes.		Increased voting for individual issues is preferable to more councillors.
TN2 3UD	Yes	More than one	one for each parish and a collective town one.	Each area would require its own parish councillor who would be answerable to a town council.		no
TN2 3UH	Yes	One		Go with the policy	Council tax breakdown, any increases or decreases	Yes, like to know about residential parking areas and management of those places and maintaining the woody area specially council couldn't able to manage properly.

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TN2 5 EF	Yes	One		It is a very important, successful and affluent town which needs looking after properly		
TN23RX	No			It just creates another layer of complexity, bureaucracy and cost to residents who already pay an enormous amount in taxes.		
TN2 3SA	No			More costly and more pet projects, all not necessary		TW council are bad enough without another one added to it, they get enough of our money now and use it on pet projects instead of using it for the residents of TW, ie pot holes etc
TN2 4RN	Yes	More than one	Sherwood and 5 others as it is the poorest parish	Sherwood has the poorest population and needs therefore a voice		No
TN2 5JX	Yes	One		Yes because we will need more local management of facilities if TWBC is disbanded and a new larger unitary authority formed	See my response above	
TN2 5NU	Yes	More than one	6	One for each area. Simple.		
TN25XD	No			The cost of an extra layer of bureaucracy + the limited powers of a town council.	I understand that Kent might become a unitary authority. How would that affect the powers/responsibilities of a new town council if there were one	A town council would be more sensible than several parishes, but I support neither.
TN2	No			Cost and bureaucracy		
TN2 3SH	No			No additional benefit to be had by making a change of this nature.		
TN2 5LH	Yes	More than one	5 ( St John's merged with St James)	Better representation of local interests		Power to be able to affect local planning
TN4 8EL	Yes	More than one	One for each area as they are all unique	As above		
TN2 5LT	No			To prevent long drawn decisions that will inevitably come about given the competition for resources that will occur. There is already far too many political debates and competition - why introduce more. London suffers from decentralised decision making.		
TN4 9BU	Uncertain			I am unclear where the boundary is and how things are currently managed	I think I am right on the border of St John's and Southborough . I am in St John's ward for voting - unsure how this affects me	
TN2 5SX	No			It would create confusion and extra bureaucracy		
TN2 4UA	Yes	One		Part of the issue is that the borough is in talk with Maidstone and Sevenoaks to merge into West Unitary council which will dissolve local decision for the residents of Tunbridge wells town. If that does happen we need someone to protect our interests.		
TN2 4UA	Yes	One		I am very concerned about possibility of the west unitary council. Matters that are important to residents would be diluted. Cost to residents might be higher. People who care for and invested in Tunbridge Wells should represent it, in a town council		
TN2 5NL	No			As item 6 above		

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TN2 5SX	Uncertain			Not sure whether additional councillors will be beneficial or add to more bureaucracy.		
TN4 9EZ	No			The councillors already elected should be carrying out their roles in the full interest of the residents they represent.		
TN4 9NQ	No			Another layer of bureaucracy and additional expense. Neither is wanted at present when there is a need for economy all round.	An explanation as to why Woodbury Park Road etc has been moved from St John's to St James's, when the natural boundary is the railway line. I doubt that my area can be properly considered and represented by any St James's parish council.	This is surely the role of the existing Borough Council, given that councillors should be representing the various areas.
TN2 5FA	No			I believe there won't be any benefits for the residents		
TN2 3GT	Yes	One		It is important for local representation		No, but we should be aware of overweening buroucracy, so not too many councillors.
TN2 5FA	No			None of the real problems will be resolved. Accountability will suffer. We need new roads, not new pride festivals thank you very much.		Tunbridge Wells borough council should get their act together and start real work. Not adding freeloaders to then blame for everything wrong. Roads condition and lack of cleaning and maintenance to curbs, lawns, infrastructure. Protection of AONB instead of under-the-table deals with rogue developers. That's what residents need. Thank you
TN2 3QR	No			The new parish would be the same as the existing council- Totally unaccountable to its residents!	Don't waste valuable resources on this like you did with the Better street's fiasco!	Make the council work better to achieve better value for money for residents. As it is currently extortion!
TN2 5JX	No			It has to cost more money and vested interests will still maintain control		
TN4 9QT	Uncertain			Unclear as to cost benefit	What is the cost benefit of this proposal, if it was cash neutral but improved services in the area I would support but it appears many if the decisions about for example roads/pavements are ar county level.	
TN2 5EW	No			It will cause more expense through council tax, I feel we pay enough now and don't see any benefits from the amount we do pay already!		I think things will go ahead anyway, i dont believe resident's will be listened too.
TN1 2NB	No			This is clear legal misrepresentation. The facts,risks and liability are excluded. Using the TWBC branding increases the misrepresentation. Please take your legal responsibilities seriously	A full and independent risk assessment. A clear and transparent identification of which services the town council is responsible for and which it is not. Stop using TWBC branding to promote this. You do not have the right to do. A clear forecast...more	This whole process requires legal review. It is misrepresented by those with a vested interested using taxpayers funds to support their views
TN2 3SA	Yes	More than one	I do not know.	Population size in the proposed areas would help.		
TN2 3HW	No			The system works well enough without another layer of bureaucracy.	None	None
TN2 3SQ	Uncertain			Whilst I can see the advantages of having local representation I am very against it costing even more than the current council tax		
TN2 5FR	Yes	More than one	oNE FOR EACH OF THE SPECIFIED AREAS	SO WE HA VE MORE SAY		NO

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TN1 2NS	Yes	One		Better representation for local concerns on upper tiers of local government rather than services and direction being set at unitary level (assuming that happens).	How the parish council would work with a unitary council.	I would like to understand how council tax would change.
TN2 3RP	No			The current system is working. It's also going to cost more money.	What and who is driving this. How much is this review costing us?	
TN1 2JD	No			The most urgent services are provided by TWBC and KCC, and will be provided by the unitary authority in time. Parish and town councils tend to have many vacant seats due to a lack of interest—I do not want co-opted members who are unelected.		A parish or town council would be an unnecessary layer given the existing role of TWBC and KCC. Many functions of lower importance are provided by non-governmental community groups. A town council, likely composed of “overly interested” activists, may consistently raise the precept to fund projects that they consider to be of great importance, but in which the people of Tunbridge Wells are entirely uninterested, and do not want to fund with their money.
TN2 4RJ	No			Extra cost for no reason because our current elected officers should be doing their function properly. Just an excuse for extra heads and less work overall.	NONE	Current officers should be carrying out these functions at the moment.
TN2 3DL	No			Not needed, just a waste of money that provides no benefit.		
TN4 9BU	No			Cost		
TN1 1TQ	Yes	One		Because local representation is needed		
TN12NB	No			x	This whole process has been parked in a lack of information and limited access to what the real changes will be	Thanks but no , this whole process will be asset stripping into the hands of people that already get contracts TW council the process has not been honest or transparent
TN1 1DT	No			The existing council structure should be more than sufficient to act fairly in the general interests of all the areas it covers. Unless there is corruption or bribery going on at present, then there should be no issues with the current approach.		
TN2 5BS	Yes	More than one	A Parish council per area as described/highlighted on map but maybe one central one covering the aspects of retail as opposed to residential	Shops have different requirements to houses and therefore policy needs to reflect that		
TN49NG	Yes	One		Cant section one small part of tunbridge wells off from the rest, residents are interested in whole of the town.	Why are st.johns and st. James areas so much smaller than others? Is it population size? Can i have a say in other areas or just the area I'm in?	I don't want tunbridge wells to be managed by a committee where "one size fits all". Should be more freedom from government red tape to let locals decide and flag up concerns. Would hope issues would be resolved faster.
TN4 8FH	Uncertain			I don't think I can comment on other areas.		Perhaps Tunbridge Wells Borough Councillors could be allocated responsibility for the unparished areas.
TN2 4RX	Yes	One		High amount of people in some of these areas with significant problems that can arise. These should have a closer representation from elected councillors who know the area and the people.		My strong feeling on conservation should be a high priority even at this stage perhaps.

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TN49QT	No			There is no need	There is no defined community in the area. A council would serve no purpose	
TN2 5GQ	Yes	One		Avoid unnecessary duplication of scarce resources	Services responsible for, build permits etc	
TN2 5DE	Yes	One		I feel it is better to have more local people making decisions on local matters. The proposed new county council would remove that so keeping a Royal Tunbridge Wells Parish Council would keep that local engagement		Please ensure that the new parish council uses the Royal Tunbridge Wells name.
TN2 3DA	No			Extra Cost		
TN2 3BU	Yes	More than one	A Parish Council for Sherwood and Park and 1 Town Council to represent the other 4 collectively	It would be useful to have local representation that is easily approachable		
TN2 5HF	Uncertain			More information is required.	I am sceptical as to whether the Borough Council will take any notice of the views of the Parish Council. Also would the Parish Council have any sway with KCC Highways about the roads in Park parish?	I tend to think a Parish Council for Park Ward would be beneficial for the residents but need more information.
TN2 4RJ	Uncertain			There needs to be proper reasoned evidence based prospectus issued to all voters before I would make a decision.		Councillors should pass a 'fit and proper test' before they are allowed to become councillors.  In general we need less bureaucracy and taxes in this country not more!
TN23TH	Yes	More than one	Reasoning: different areas require different decisions; different areas may need differing amounts of money spent on specific problems; I don't think 'one size fits all' would work fairly.	The more local, the more focused.		Surveys of the majority of before/against some given problems would be strongly democratic.
TN25RF	Yes	More than one	Question not clearly worded - not sure what it means! I want a parish councillor to represent me in the Pantiles ward and shld just represent Panitles and not other parishes as well.	Again question is unclear and should have come after q.10 - not here. A pantiles councillor living in the Proposed Parish would be at grass roots level.	All councillors need to be more approachable - reply to emails from electorate with queries, suggestions etc, hold surgeries etc	Info provided was confusing at times. I am in favour of devolved Parish Council
TN4 9AG	Yes	One		A unitary authority would not see our needs as a priority and any representation we have on it would be small	Comparison too similar sized towns with a council already operating	The sooner a town council is set up the better in order to safeguard our assets and interests
TN2 3NZ	Uncertain			On balance, brigading all six unparished areas under one TW Town Council makes sense and I might support it, given greater clarity on what would change. Creating six independent parish councils would be a nonsense and I would not support it.	Other than allotments, it appears that resources and responsibilities that would be transferred to a town or parish council would be at the discretion of TWBC. Clarity is required on what the actual change would involve.	Creating a TW town council might foster a greater sense of community.
TN2 3UX	No			Unnecessary additional layer of government and additional expense and red tape		As far as I can tell the Borough Council administers the area quite well as it is.
TN23NZ	No			As I said before, unnecessary extra tier. The borough should be working for our good already. We need to keep the big picture for joined up thinking.	There is no need to change things for the sake of it. Lots of separate bits could make people's outlook small and very localised when the town needs to work together. Eg Recent suggested change to roads needed to look at the big picture - it didn't!	Please manage them thoughtfully and wisely!



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TN1 2JQ	No			Borough councillors live in my area, and we don't need more councillors/bureaucracy at a time of limited resources		No thanks
TN2 5BD	No			There are enough layers of Government, none of which coordinate well with others. More elections would lead to more protest votes and party conflicts at different times in the election cycle.		Leave as is.
TN1 2JQ	Yes	More than one	6 separate parishes	Each parish may have its own unique challenges and needs.		
TN23SJ	No			More needs to be done to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the current TWBC and KCC		See answer 11
TN12JQ	No			It's just more expense at a time when everything already costs more and more		
TN2 5ND	Yes	One		Park and Sherwood should not be negatively impacted by lower resourcing/funding/etc.		
TN2 4RH	Uncertain			My potential parish has varied social areas and I'd be concerned about genuine representation for everyone	How councillors are nominated for election, eg political affiliation	
TN2 5DG	No			It's not needed solve real problems stop adding layers of crap	Too many layers already. Too many busy-bodies already, this is a stupid idea in my opinions	Just leave it alone. This is all a waste of money
TN2 5LX	Yes	One		This will allow area to be brought together rather than be disjointed	Will the parish council have interest in local development issues as current councillors show no interest	
TN1 2HH	Uncertain			Because we need to know associated costs and information		
TN25LL	No			Enough is enough. At no time, ever in my life have I wished for more local councillors.		This is a made up problem
TN1 1SJ	Yes	One		.		The councillors must live in the parish and must not be paid. The role must be one of community servic not for ant form of financial gain.  Any additional cost to council tax payers should be minimal and democratically voted on by council tax payers on a regular basis.
TN25GB	No			I am concerned that decentralisation will eventually lead to benefits going to areas other than where I live.		
TN2 5GQ	No			Certain added cost for uncertain benefits		
TN4 8DP	Yes	One		A town council is really necessary to represent these areas. It is absurd that we don't have one now.		No
TN12JG	Yes	More than one	One for each area.	It would seem pointless otherwise		No political party involvement
TN4 9NG	No			Please read my answers to question 7		no
TN2 5EN	No			More bureaucracy, delays in getting things done, and unwanted cost		The current system works fine and so I do not wish to change it by adding more unnecessary cost.

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TN4 8ET	No			Cost grounds		No
TN1 2LH	No			The town isn't a big town to start to split it off into various parishes. I think there is too much bureacracy at present - we need less, not more.	None	Our local councillors are currently conspicuous by their absence (unless it's election time then we are bombarded by leaflets) - how would having more councillors help get things done? We used to have a councillor who worked for his ward regardless of politics, not now. We need leaner councils, not more parish councillors. The council tax is far too high when the state pension rises by a measly amount, yet you are talking about a precept being added to it. We don't get value for money at present (only the High St and Pantiles) the rest of the town looks run down and forgotten. Been in Calverly Precinct lately? Also known as the 'building site'
TN1 1SJ	Yes	One		More efficient and the areas involved have much in common as areas of the same town		
TN2 5NF	Yes	One		I think local issues are best solved by people who live in the area, and the councillors should be elected by the people living in the Parish.		No thank you.
TN49QA	Yes	More than one	One councillor per parish	Already answered earlier we need local accountability		
TN1 2XZ	Yes	One		In the event that a West Kent Unitary Authority is established, the unparished areas would lose local representation.		
TN4 8LT	No			Most things work well at present, the parts which do not will still be managed by TWBC or KCC. I do not want to pay more council tax for the privilege of the same		I already thought our local elected councillors had an obligation to look after their local community.
TN1 2DU	No			Waste of money, more red tape, more people employed to do ??????	This is INSANE! We already pay way too much in council tax!	Who on Earth came up with that idea? We should streamline services, not add more departmenr, councillors, admin, TAXES!
TN2 3PR	Yes	One		Avoids unnecessary replication.		No.
TN25LJ	Yes	One		We need to ensure TW is accurately represented at county level and that local issues are championed effectively		
TN2 5BD	Yes	More than one	3	Local interest are not prioritised correctly		
TN1 2LG	Yes	One		Proposed reorganisation of local govt would make the council too remote from Tunbridge Wells so need a town council to fill the gap	No	
TN12BT	No			More beaurocracy		
TN1 2LH	No			Too mch governement already.		T Wells is a small town compared to many other towns - we don't need to be divided into further sub areas.
TN1 1TS	Yes	One		I think we need local representation, especially if the alternative		

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TN2 5FA	Yes	More than one	Four	To include more local residents in the parishes involved in decision making		
TN1 2NP	Yes	One		KCC level is too remote. Borough level is too wide as it includes outlying areas.	What each tier of council would be responsible for?	
TN25FS	Uncertain			As answer to no 8	Generally will the parish/town council have a voice that won't be drowned out by the county and are just creating extra complexity and cost?	So long as there is no position marking ie doubling up it should be a good thing but will power be divided up so resources are not doubled and we end up paying for inefficiency again !
TN2 3UJ	Yes	More than one	2-3 parish councils	Because I feel we are not fully represented for the needs of our local areas.		
TN25NJ	Yes	One		That area of RTW has really progressed post-Covid and I believe is operating in a better and more community-focused manor. The Pantiles itself brings in so much more commerce than years before and should be treated as such. Business is great there!		
TN1 2LL	No			More complexity to an already floundering borough council		
TN49JD	Yes	One		(Question 10, not 11? Sure?) The alternative seems to be remote decision making and a hole in the town centre		
TN4 8FJ	No			Unnecessary - just another expensive layer of bureaucracy that we don't need.	Not needed - a complete waste of money	It ain't broke...don't try to fix it at residents' expense!
TN4 9PU	Yes	One		Otherwise areas too small		
TN4 9JD	Yes	One		I understand TWBC may not exist in a few years time		No
TN4 9QE	Yes	One		I worry about closing of the Library which my son loves.		Keep it out of the hands of those reform morons at KCC
TN4 9JH	No			Unease about the dissolution of TWBC and any additional administrative powers redirecting to KCC	Political involvement from Reform on this decision. Impact on town centre assets like The Amelia.	Budgets and decision making should be made by TWBC not in another part of the county, and not by KCC (currently controlled by Reform, a party which does NOT reflect the politics and community of the vast majority of Tunbridge Wells).
TN4 9PZ	Yes	One		Consistency		
TN4 9QB	Yes	One		I would want whatever would prevent our services being managed by a non local council that would not be invested in Tunbridge Wells		
TN1 2NP	Yes	One		With such a broad spectrum of views within Kent & KCC I think it's important that we have a day in our local politics and policies. Securing values that I hold dear, such as not censoring libraries & banning certain flags from council buildings for exampl		
TN4 9PW	Yes	One		Local government needs to be local. Even managed from 10-20miles away is too far.		
TN4 9ND	Yes	One		It would not make sense to potentially be managed by KCC, based from Maidstone. It should be kept local.		

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TN4 9PN	No			St John's is a tiny parish. I don't see it needing more costly bureaucracy.	Sometimes less is more. Current councillors seem to cover all concerns well.	
TN4 9SG	Yes	One		Local input to decision-making affecting the local area is essential and must be provided.	What would be the consequences of not having a town council for the unparished areas?	It should be done efficiently and effectively, with the minimum of flummery and time-wasting interaction with other authorities.
TN4 8EB	No			Matters directly affecting T Wells are likely to be subsumed by others elsewhere.	What benefits there would be to T Wells of involvement of others in matters affecting T Wells. Would decisions be made elsewhere to aspects peculiar to T Wells eg: heritage and Common?	
TN49QB	Yes	One		Efficiency		
TN4 9QB	Uncertain			I don't have enough information		Please explain the alternatives
TN2 3AA	Yes	More than one	I think Sherwood should have its own parish council and the rest should be in the town council	because there is a mixed demographic of people here and it has unique pockets that more affluent parts of the town do not and I feel it needs a suitable representation that understands the cosmopolitan demographic and the needs in this part of the town.		No other than you should put a blanket ban of bonfires across the town
TN4 9PT	Yes	One		No particular area has a sufficiently unique identity to justify a separate council	I have ticked I have enough information to most statements, because at this stage the information is not available - what has been provided is sufficient	Your consultation leaflet (and future communications) should have made it clearer that the impetus for this proposal is the likely local government reorganisation - I fear many respondents will interpret this as adding a fourth layer to existing structures, rather than sitting below a Unitary council
TN4 9AG	Yes	One		Bring communities together	Why is TWBC closing, how to we prevent the same thing happening further down the line?	Please put pressure on bus companies to offer a cheaper better service or give students and school children free/cheap travel to relieve the traffic.
TN2 3QP	No			For all the reasons given in my earlier responses. There will be limited benefits if any but more bureaucracy and cost.		They appear to work perfectly well in their current status
TN4 9SX	Yes	More than one	As above	To ensure democracy is upheld on a local level and the voice of the people is heard.		
TN1 2LG	No			TWBC need to up their game and do better. We don't need more local government		
TN1 2LB	Yes	One		Nice to feel there is local involvement.		
TN4 9JU	Uncertain			Depends on additional cost / increase in council tax		
TN4 8FL	No			There is no need for another layer of elected politicians for these issues.		
TN1 1DT	Yes	More than one	One for each area as they all have very different concerns	Different issues - parking and traffic are most extreme in the centre - other areas have different issues	Why did we not have a Parish Council in the first place?	We are being asked to make a decision without any proper information - instead of promising to provide this in the second phase why not in the first phase? Lots of people will not engage with the first phase as they don't know what they're being asked
TN2 5DF	Yes	One		Once TWBC and KCC are gone, it will be more important than ever to have a town council. I am also prepared to pay more for better services.		

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TN4 9UY	Yes	More than one	One seat per council	In theory, you then have someone fighting for your parish rather than one decision maker		
TN11SJ	Yes	One		I want to encourage local action and representation	More detail on cost based on equivalent parishes	
TN2 5JH	Uncertain			I don't have enough information to make a decision, concerns about increasing red tape and cost		
TN2 3PE	Yes	More than one	Perhaps three councils - Sherwood & St James, Culverden & St Johns, Pantiles and Park.	To get representation and decision making at a local level - especially if the area is changed to a Unitary Authority in the future.	Outline of what new/additional resources a parish/town council would possibly require.	
TN2 5JZ	Yes	One		The local community needs to be listened to and improvements acted upon	Feedback from the survey	It is important we in the centre of RTW are well represented and we have a budget to improve things
TN49JE	Yes	One		It would be more efficient and joined up to manage under one town council		
TN2 5JZ	Yes	One		I think there needs to be more focus on the areas currently not covered by a parish/town council.		No
TN2 5TB	Yes	One		So that we have control over local matters.		
TN2 5EX	Yes	One		Keep local decision making at a local level		
TN48XS	No			Just adds another tier of bureaucracy with very limited benefits		
TN2 3GG	Uncertain			Good idea in theory, but await to see more specifics on implementation, precept costs, etc		
TN4 9QB	No			Please read previous responses.	I do not require any more information. This is unnecessary and will inevitably lead to increased bureaucracy, more councillors, inefficiency and increased cost to the residents.	I am happy with the current situation. Any change feels unnecessary and wasteful of time & money.
TN48FL	Yes	One		Interdependence of parishes	Issues straddling 2 or more town councils	
TN2 3NY	Yes	One		Local decisions that will have more relevance to the town		
TN1 1TN	Uncertain			not sure of future role of TWBC	examples of other towns where this has been tried out	Planning and roads would remain with KCC so local or unparished areas would have little say on these topics which overwhelm local interests.
TN49JG	Yes	One		.		
TN2 3FR	No			Don't see why I should fork out more money?.		
TN12FL	Yes	One		I don't have confidence that larger councils, who might not necessarily live in the local area, have the relevant context of what matters to locals. This could include minor things, like pavements being in poor condition, high levels of litter etc.		I do feel it should heavily rely on the voice of residents. All decisions currently seem to be made in isolation and it's frustrating when clear issues are not being addressed.
TN2 4XP	Yes	One		Residents feelings must be accounted for particularly as we are paying for the decisions being made		No
TN1 2EA	Yes	One		My understanding is that these councils are going to be abolished		

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TN2 4QZ	No			You are re-organising local government in Kent to remove a layer of bureaucracy and clarify the situation. I do not understand why you now want to add back a second layer of bureaucracy.		no
TN2 3QP	No			If TW council worked efficiently for the people it represents there would be no need for this survey.	Tell people how much money you wasted on the better streets project	The council Tax is Very very poor value for money, stop wasting our money. The council is NOT accountable enough to the residents. ie they don't answer the phone and they do not reply to emails! Top tier management is well over paid!!
TN2 3QP	No			T Wells council always exonerates itself for the daily chaos on the roads, it should take more responsibility	Stop wasting money on these excess bureaucracy schemes	The council needs to earn residents respect by taking proper control of the roads and the daily nightmare of traffic,!! Council tax is far too expensive for the collection of the bins, because that is the only service I get,,!!
TN4 8JN	No			I don't believe we would get additional or better services, just that the bureaucracy and costs would go up. My Council Tax is already high. I would rather the Council focused on managing/reducing costs , rather than adding to them.	I would be interested to know the views of the Council who currently provide the services.	
TN1 1UP	Yes	One		The unparished areas contain the bulk of the parks in the town and could be more effectively managed by a new Town Council	Anticipated timing of any changes	
TN1 1SG	Yes	One		When TWBC and KCC disappear, it is important that local decisions continue to be made by people who are close to the area.	It is essential that any communication on this question is framed in the wider context of why there is even a discussion around town/parish councils, notably due to the disappearance of TWBC.	
TN4 9JR	Yes	One		Need local representation and decision making		
TN1 2RJ	Yes	One		to ensure all local residents are heard and represented		
TN11TA	No			You have not provided details on costs. People deserve to know the costs before making a decision.	You need to be specific about costs near term and longer term and avoid evasive or value answers.	You need to explain the cost.
TN4 9LZ	Yes	One		As above		No
TN12LL	Yes	More than one	One for each of the unparished areas with their own representatives.	These areas have different needs		
TN12FH	Yes	More than one	5	Merge St Johns and St James, even if it creates a population imbalance. Spatial balance is more important (although funding must reflect this).		Parish councils should have be represented in council meetings, with a small allocation of voting power, and parishes should primarily focus on convening communities via effective awareness raising and engagement. There needs to be more participatory decision-making in this country, why not let Tunbridge Wells trail blaze?



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TN2 4UU	Yes	One		Local representatives should better understand local issues and needs. As parish/town councils already exist for a large part of the town it is logical to have town council for the central areas.		
TN1 2JD	Yes	One		A Town Council would put people in charge of the things that are important to those living and working in Tunbridge Wells.		
TN2 5AE	Yes	One		local representation is important		
TN25JR	Uncertain			Depends on answer to question 7.	Will KCC have an overall say in decisions made by Town/Parish Council? If decisions are over ruled defeats adopting change.	Making more people aware of effect on services if changes are made by people who don't live, work or know the area.
TN2 3SA	Yes	More than one	One for each parish	Centralising anything means less concern for those areas not immediately covered geographically.	How this will affect current Council based charity work.	By younger people. No one over the age of 70 should be involved, they are simply too old.
TN2 3SG	Yes	One		Local representation will be needed if and when a west Kent authority is created.		
TN2 5UG	Yes	More than one	1 x Town Council. Division as for Councilloes now	hopefully a good balance between effective representation and extra cost		It's really important to have local accountability especially for parks and War Memorials
TN12 9DB	Uncertain			It is not possible to answer this question without more information. I'm extremely concerned about precept cost for residents, and this will be dependent on the number of assets that the new parish or town council will have.		If the unparished areas of Tunbridge Wells become a town council this should not be any different in level to a parish council, ie no extra level of local government should be added, it should be a flat structure and they should be on a par with parish councils for other areas and treated as such.
TN2 5XH	No			No trust of the council as it is		
TN2 5SL	Yes	One		Many of the issues are interlinked, eg roads, public transport, schools and community activities		There should be local champions for major issues (potholes are a very good example) who can gather local data and put pressure on the Borough Council and KCC as appropriate to get the issues addressed.
TN2 3NT	Yes	One		Residents in the unparished areas of the town are the best informed to provide details of their areas of concern Essential	Public meetings to keep interested residents informed during the process	Essential to have input from those residents who live in the areas concerned
TN2 5EH	Yes	One		To ensure the local decision makers for Tunbridge Wells are representing the town itself.		
TN25LP	No			Adding more and more layers of bureaucracy to an already firmly established TWBC is not the answer.	Another layer of bureaucracy undoubtedly will lead to increased costs and more red tape. Aren't we burdened enough !!	Leave the system well alone ..... at the end of the day, whatever decision you make, will inevitably mean more costs levelled at the consumer. It was ever thus!
TN2 5JA	No			a small number of people with self interest affecting the majority		simply another layer of bureaucracy complicating life for the majority to benefit a minority of committee based people who want to feel important. MORE cost to the majority!!!
TN2 5TB	Yes	One		Simplicity		

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TN4 9BU	Uncertain			As noted above, I only support it if the proposed reorganisation of the wider council is going ahead.	Clarity on if the proposed reorganisation of the wider council is going ahead. I only support a new town/parish council if this is going ahead. If it's not going ahead, I don't support a new town/parish council.	No
TN4 9AA	No			As previously noted	What do I need to do to stop this from happening ?	They should be managed by individuals who genuinely understand the issues, are able to assess the situation, able to make difficult decisions where necessary, then have the strength to stand up for those decisions and make something real happen. They do not necessarily need to live in the parish to achieve this.
TN4 8EB	Yes	One		What you say about the option to continue to be managed by TWBC or KCC is totally misleading as both are unlikely to continue to exist, and we'll likely have a Unitary Authority.	links to and relation with other parishes. Might some be combined	The size of an RTW Town Council would depend on the assets owned or management responsibilities of assets delegated to it. Perhaps comparable to the size of Southborough Town Council? Local decision making is very important. Elections locally for such a Council is vital.
TN23AT	Yes	One		Yes, because as I understand people living in the area would be elected to to decide on the important things, parks, events, community centres, to name a few. So they would have better knowledge of the what the community would like.	Whether it would be better for some where like Sherwood to have a town council, rather than a parish, as it's a small area?	I'm not sure whether parishes or a town council would be best. Although I would like it to be a town council, as I think perhaps it would work better than several small parishes.
TN23ST	Yes	More than one	5	Thee ward need better local representation through elections		
TN2 5RH	No			Potentially divisive, bureaucratic and expensive, largely unnecessary if the Council fulfils its responsibilities for the town.	How the council would ensure that PCs maintain a minimum standard of service across all areas for which it is responsible.	I realise that there are local issues where it is desirable to represent a small area. Is there scope within the existing council arrangements to provide more input at a parish level from the councillors covering that area?
TN4 9HW	Yes	One		Local decision making. With LGR risk of local and community interests being overlooked.		
TN2 3PP	Yes	One		One town council would pool resources and carry more weight politically than individual parishes		I am particularly concerned about how decisions would be made about Dunorlan Park and the local Green Belt, and who would carry on financing Dunorlan Park in the absence of TWBC. I am a Friend of Dunorlan Park.
TN1 1SA	No			The service will still be well managed		
TN2 5RS	No			The existing system works well and there is no need for change.		
TN2 5EN	Yes	More than one	Three	N/a	N/a	No
TN2 5BB	No			As above - those councillors already elected to TWBCC should be more than capable of representing the views of everyone. We do not need another layer of elected officials (and the cost associated with it). Our council tax is obscenely high as it is	I believe we have enough local governance as it is. The borough council should be able to adequately represent the needs of all constituents and an additional layer is simply unnecessary.	I would only support this if it resulted in a reduction in council tax.

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TN4 9RB	Yes	One		Maybe we get more local decisions or the usual politically motivated proposals that is the problem		Too much politics involved with people with their own agendas ,more listening and more local referendums for major decisions
TN4 8XY	Yes	More than one	In my opinion, Culverden, St John's and St James should be combined and given a town council, and the others are given their own parish councils.	I think Culverden, St John's and St James have potential as a town, as a bridging point between Rusthall, Speldhurst, and Langton, and Tunbridge Wells alone. This would be great for those looking for urban amenities and rural countryside.		I hope that everyone, no matter age, gender, colour of your skin, gets an equal say. That's all I could ever wish for
TN2 5DP	Uncertain			Not sure whether it would benefit residents. Concerned about extra costs.		
TN4 9PA	Yes	One		We all live in one town and should be able to make a better place foe everyone		
TN4 8EP	Yes	One		It is critical that post any local government reorganisation (when, as I understand it, TWBC and KCC will be disbanded and recreated as a series of unitary authorities) that local people in central Tunbridge Wells continue to have local representation	What is the timing of this and what would the split of responsibilities be between a Town Council and a Unitary Authority.	These areas must continue to have councillors who are very familiar with the local area and the local issues, who will represent their communities at local government level.
TN1	No			Since the new MP came into post TW has become worse . Your L ward C already stated and on record that people do not care who runs services this whole process is unfair	Who HAS SET OUTCOMES FOR THIS PLEASE AND ALSO COMPLAINTS WHERE DOE THESE GO TO IS IT AN IN PANEL OR OFFICERS	Yes when you started this process other councils have an anonymous form they never ask for any personal details Whilst you put optional this creates an unfair monitoring process When i spoke to officers on the street that lacked any information needed and relies were at best poor
TN2 5BG	No			we have enough people being paid by tax money not contributing and being a drain, there first job will probably to hire new members (friends) to get on the gravy train. The tax burden is far to hire and should not be rising.		They should be left as they are, areas that are under parish control are just as bad as unparished areas. We should be looking into lowering the amount of money paid to the public sector not raising it.
TN1 1DX	Yes	More than one	Although the ideal would be a separate area to represent the needs of the town centre, formed from parts of Culverden, Park and Pantiles, given the final note the central areas (Culverden, Park and Pantiles) should be treated differently than the parish areas of St John's, St James' and Sherwood.	It is hard to understand why the representation of town centre residents was ever so poor. Repeatedly the interests of town centre residents is ignored or side-lined by the borough and county councils in favour of borough residents from out of town	Facility for the involvement of local residents and representative groups, such as resident associations	Local town centre representation A forum for local residents to have a voice
TN2 3LB	Yes	More than one	Two	Two is enough		
TN4 0QN	Yes	One		To have a local voice for the area		
TN4 9PH	Yes	One		It's a relatively small area		
TN48HT	Uncertain			not sure how we would be kkept informed		not yet
TN2 5ER	No			It means TWBC would be able to offload responsibilities without necessarily providing funds or resources		
TN2 5RG	No			People in unparished areas are always able to voice their opinions if necessary-more red tape and expense not a good idea.		

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TN1 2EA	No			Roads and highways are not a local decisions		
TN4 8HS	No			This is going to be an extra expense on people which they probably cannot afford. After all, not everyone is rich in so-called affluent Tunbridge Wells - there is a cost of living crisis and, as my father used to say, money does not grow on trees	Have you heard about the cost of living crisis?	Should be done at no extra cost, especially to pensioners
TN4 8DN	Yes	More than one	A separate parish council for each area	Better representation for our area		
TN2 5JB	No			Too many councillors already		
TN2 5RL	Uncertain			not enough information on practical implications	may not be direct impact but how could another tier not create more expense?	
TN1 1LE	Yes	More than one	Town centre plus another for combined parishes together	Without local representation/a voice, will be difficult to maintain or effect changes to our local area to those locals' wants and needs'	I would like a town council to be independent from political parties. I want to vote for the best candidate, not for the political party they represent	Not political party representation, we have that county/national. Council must be independent
TN2 5RG	Yes	More than one	one for each area as all are unique in their demographic, type of housing and types of facilities in each parish	Each parish has unique demographic, facilities and housing. Hence local representation is necessary to understand local needs	Complaints procedure if parish council is failing to fulfil criteria	Bi-annual parish meetings open to the public
TN1 1JY	Yes	One		So that the needs of town centre residents can be properly considered		
TN23QP	Uncertain			I would like to see a whole of TW coherent plan for the town rather than a pile of unconnected plans from one parish to the next		
TN1 2JL	No			Too many councillors already	Please no more councillors. Just get the jobs done	
TN2 3AH	Yes	More than one	2 parishes created from the six	To cut back the amount of expenses required for 6 parishes by having 2.	Could two or three unparished areas share a counsellor?	
TN2 4UU	Yes	More than one	St Johns, St James & Sherwood Park, Pantiles & Culverden	split these densely populated areas	What happens if we don't secure a parish or town council?	I don't like the idea of decisions for these areas being made out of Maidstone, when TWBC and KCC are 'streamlined'.
TN2 3AD	No			We do not need another layer of governance.		
TN25QY	Yes	More than one	Would it not make sense to have one council for each area or is that overkill?	Devolving representation to the lowest level of community is key to fostering social connection and agency over decisions that affect us		
TN49PA	Uncertain			Wait and see if they work first		
TN23PZ	Uncertain			If the existing system remains, i.e a Borough and County, I see no need for a Town Council. However I have answered this survey on the understanding we are to progress to a Unitary Authority.	None	I think this survey should make clear whether it's been undertaken as a general survey or because of the probable changes to our system of local government ie towards becoming a Unitary Authority.
TN48EP	Yes	One		The only reason for needing a Town Council is that the Borough Council is being disbanded in the longer term. Perhaps the establishment of the TC should coincide with local government reorganisation and not before.		Lets not create the TC until the Borough Council has been disbanded otherwise we will have created yet another layer of bureaucracy.
TN2 3NA	No			In a time where costs are constantly rising, we do not need this total waste created	This is a waste of time and money	

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TN2 3HD	No			The unparished areas are core Tunbridge Wells areas which should be served by the borough council. Outlying villages should have a parish council but areas like Sherwood don't require them		Under the stewardship of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council as they are now. The addition of another layer of cost and more elected officials who only act on behalf of those that shout loudest. Turnout in local elections is embarrassingly small. This would be even worse for Ward level councils/officials
TN2 5NW	Uncertain			The only current Unitary Authority in Kent is Medway. This has no town councils within it. Not even Rochester could become one. What is the probability that Tunbridge Wells could have a town council even if it wanted it?		It would be fantastic if we could have a council which concentrated specifically on boosting tourism to the town rather than spending most of its time worrying about the borough. I have my doubts that a town council would have enough decision making power with regard to planning applications. It might be able to advise but the Unitary Authority would make the decisions. I'd like more information on how much money a town council would have as a budget and how much of this would have to be spent on government imposed legal requirements. Assuming there is something left over, how would town councillors decide how to spend this balance? Would they consult residents/local businesses and if so, how?
TN4 9NF	No			We already elect councillors and this will just add another level of management at a cost to us all.		
TN49AS	Yes	More than one	Each parish represented by their own council	Direct ownership of a parish and its issues with direct comms with all residents		
TN1 2PF	Yes	One		I think a council for each area would be too small		TW should adopt CIL charge allowing the town council to use neighbourhood CIL to fund projects.
TN4 9 QJ	No			No need for additional bureaucracy and expense		
TN4 9TD	Yes	More than one	One for each	Need local reps who understand the challenges		
TN2 5AA	Yes	One		We need ownership of decisions affecting Tunbridge Wells' development. No tax without proper representation and powers to make important decisions.		Tunbridge Wells residents need to be able to make decisions about the future direction of the town and feel ownership of those decisions. Councillors in Maidstone will prioritise other parts of Kent that are perceived to be more needy. We need to protect our town and make sure it continues to be successful.
TN23PJ	No			Cost and bureaucracy	Unbiased information	Unbiased information required
TN2 5NE	No			See answers to Question 6 above. More bureaucracy, more expense, more duplication of effort.		No. Leave it as it is.
TN2 5HQ	Yes	One		To enable more community involvement		No
TN2 5RL	Uncertain			Possible increase in council tax through the precept. Unclear about what changes I would notice by having a parish council		Not sure what decision could be made on charges for local amenities currently set by borough council e.g. annual allotment fees.

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TN1 1TG	Yes	One		I don't know. And there's been little information to be able to make an informed decision		
TN2 5RG	Yes	One		One Council for "Tunbridge Wells" should be sufficient		
TN4 9PW	No			Unsure whether new parish councillors will be able to make a difference		No
TN4 9QU	Yes	One		Local representation		
TN12	No			Just confuse people and increase the amount that would be added to council tax		Use the elected members there is a choice of borough and county as well as the local mp
TN1 2JJ	Uncertain			I would be interested to know how the changeover from TWBC to a parish council. There are many issues to be addressed which would naturally take time for a new council to administer.		
TN49RB	Yes	One		Cranbrook and Southborough have active Town Councils and Tunbridge Wells is an anomaly in not having its own Town Council since the 1970s local government reforms. We will need a strong voice in any much larger Unitary Authority to be formed soon and so I		
TN4 9QY	Yes	One		We will need a strong voice for these unparished areas!		
TN4 9RB	No			Qualified council employees are more likely to make rational decisions than self interested residents		Part of a wider unitary authority including borough and county.
TN4 9RF	Yes	One		Tunbridge Wells town needs a strong, cohenerent representative voice especially in view of the prospective West Kent Unitary, as other towns in that unitary already have. The opportunities taken by Southborough Town Councilii are a case in point.		It should be one town council for the whole of the town of Tunbridge Wells, as it was many years ago. It should have control of key local amenities, such as parks, footpaths, libraries, and car parks. It should also strong input into planning and road traffic matters. For too long, the town itself has lacked the voice that current parishes and town councils have each used to promote and protect their interests.
TN4 9SE	Yes	One		Parish councils provide a direct voice for residents, manage local amenities, and deliver services tailored to community needs, improving quality of life.		No
TN4 9RF	Yes	One		It makes sense to me for the unparished areas of Tunbridge Wells to speak with one voice in a much larger Unitary Authority, as opposed to a number of voices that may have different views. I strongly support the forming of a single Town Council, for the u		
TN2 3UL	Yes	More than one	Should be grouped with Similar demographics considering the social/ economic & cultural elements of the areas for example Sherwood is completely different in needs / services etc to the Pantiles area.	To try and import r the localised offer and make distribution of funds for services more relevant to the locality and less centrally administered.		Not at this stage - they must be transparent and accountable!!
TN1 2DL	Yes	One		What is the point		



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TN2 4UU	Yes	More than one	Pantiles and Park together and the other four together	However it could be split into two and divide the population being served equally.		
TN1 2QS	Yes	One		Better democracy.		No
TN4 9QY	Uncertain			The town of Tunbridge Wells needs democratic representation and the machinery to facilitate that; I believe smaller places like Cranbrook and Southborough have their own town councils it seems anomalous for Tunbridge Wells not to have one.	management of the proposed councils (structure)	no
TN4 9SL	Yes	One		I think one town council is best so that there is uniformity of decision making across the town rather than it being fragmented.		
TN4 9DZ	Uncertain			Not sufficient information		
TN4 9RE	Yes	One		The Parish Council will provide local knowledge to inform decision making as an elected consultee to the Unitary Authority		
TN49BU	No			I can't afford more than I already pay.		
TN49RE	Uncertain			the represented area should have an intactness - to include Southborough and High Brooms. This is not proposed.		No
TN4 9JA	Uncertain			Need more information		
TN4 9QY	Yes	One		We will need a strong voice in any much larger Unitary Authority to be formed soon and so I strongly support a single Town Council for the whole of the current Royal Tunbridge Wells unparished area that is similar to current Town council in Southborough		
TN2 5HS	No			I am concerned about the extra tier of beaurocracy that would be created and the costs and inefficiencies associated with this	The additional cost on top of my council tax and how many paid staff this council would require to be run effectively and what the roles/departments of those employees would be	
TN1 1DX	Yes	One		On basis of advantages as set out. opportunity to have representation from a mix of independent views rather than current swap of one failing party to another.	Number of representatives. Clarity on accountability of elected representatives. Differential levels of responsibility between Town Council and borough ward councillors.	Wards are too big. Huge differences between different parts of Culverdon. The current problem is that existing councillors represent not just one party's view but all live and reflect the views of one section of the ward. No sense of urban awareness.
TN2 5NH	No			I believe tunbridge wells as a borough is served best by operating across the region and can encompass the	1) I would like to know what options there are that operate in a similar position in other town councils (ie what works elsewhere). I don't believe adding parishes necessarily equates to adding to decision making	

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TN1 1SZ	Yes	More than one	One parish council for each of the five unparished areas	I think there is too much for the borough council to deal with. Local elected members of a number of parish councils would spread the workload and enable local decisions to be made by the representatives of that area. This should mean more democracy.		I wonder if the representatives would have to live within their newly parished area? If so, there could be difficulties if they wanted to move house. I would also wonder what impact this new scheme would have on local politics. I would hate to see parish councils dominated by extremist political parties. Would borough councillors also serve as parish councillors? What about conflicts between the parish councils and the borough council?
TN4 9QS	Yes	One		“Cranbrook and Southborough have active Town Councils and Tunbridge Wells is an anomaly in not having its own Town Council since the 1970s local government reforms. We will need a strong voice in any much larger Unitary Authority to be formed soon and so		
TN1 1DT	Yes	More than one	Pantiles / Culverden need to be represented as the heart of the town.	Our needs are often overlooked as they can be quite different from the residents of the borough who live out of town.		
TN2 3SQ	Yes	One		.		
TN4 8ET	No			Too many elected officials, too many layers of government, more cost, more red tape. Will do nothing to improve my life or community.		
TN49RB	Yes	One		So we have local representation		actions speak louder than words - go for the betterment of the. local area and less political. Simplification and keeping within budget and not wasting money. Less new ideas and more consolidation of what we have.
TN4 9SE	Yes	One		Tunbridge Wells is an anomaly in not having its own Town Council.. We need a strong voice in any much larger Unitary Authority to be formed and so I strongly support a single Town Council for the whole of the current RT W unparished area.		
TN2 3AT	Yes	One		This would seem to be a more efficient way of managing the area in question		I feel local residents have key understanding of their local areas
TN126BX	Uncertain			No particular view	Sort out the parking on double yellow lines in Paddock Wood central - put up cameras they will pay for themselves really fast - this is a huge problem	If the parking on double yellow lines in central Paddock Wood isn't sorted out someone is going to be injured and it makes visitors think twice about coming to support local business. Please just grip this issue
TN2 3GG	No			There is no point in getting rid of TWBC only to replace it with another layer of bureaucracy. Local Government is fine the way it is at the moment. LGR will just cost a lot of money and not achieve anything beneficial.	I am concerned about the additional cost to what is an already expensive Council Tax, so more info on that is required.	Leave TWBC as it is. It all works fine as it is.
TN1 2LL	Yes	More than one	One per each area not currently parished.	They are large enough areas compared with existing parishes and they don't all have that much in common to warrant a joined up approach.		

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TN24XW	No			I believe we need less government not more layers of it		
TN4 8EG	Yes	One		I would not be happy with the services being managed by KCC as it would not give voice to local concerns		
TN12NR	Yes	One		We're proud of our area and know it well. A local commitment to its future is important as opposed to someone that doesn't live locally.		Decisions have to remain local for the future success of the area.
TN4 8EG	Yes	One		I firmly believe in local democracy with local decisions made by local councillors.		
TN2 5LR	No			—		
TN1 2NR	Yes	One		More control and visibility at a local level		
TN1 2NR	Yes	More than one	Each parish should have their own	Each parish needs to be represented		
TN12NS	No			I don't seem the need for further devolvment		No
TN4 9SL	Yes	One		Morelocal control over local assets and local concerns		no
TN1 2NP	Yes	One		To have local needs and services managed by the people who live in the area		
TN2 4RH	Yes	One		If TWBC is no longer around then the decisions relating to the area would be made from further afield		
TN4 0EP	Yes	More than one	The parishes have different needs.	My concern is a collective response from separate councils.		
TN30BA	Yes	One		A single council will offer benefits in respect of: cost, ease of communication and the ability to implement improvements for Access needs	What will be the impact on planning provisions for people who live with Access needs?	I would like to see representation for the voices of the 25% of residents who live with disabilities.
TN 1 2NR	Yes	One		It is important to keep decision making local	How often decisions on major issues are decided	
TN4 9NA	Yes	One		Control over our own destiny. Many of the decisions made in recent years could have made much effectively if we had had a town council with its own Neighbourhood Plan	The information provided is not adequate for town residents to make a final decision. A proposed set of services and costs is required to make a fully informed decision	I strongly support the creation of a town council for ROYAL Tunbridge Wells. While the scope of services needs to be small enough initially to be manageable, there needs to be the room to grow over time, to take over more non-statutory services in the medium term. There also need to be sufficient assets and income streams transferred to the new town council from the very beginning to enable it to operate effectively.
TN1 2NR	Yes	One		It is important that the Local community have a say on what happens in their community and are appropriately represented.		
TN1 2NS	Yes	One		To ensure holistic management of the town with a balanced interest across all areas		
TN2 5AR	Yes	One		In light of the fact that Tunbridge Wells now votes differently to much of the rest of Kent, I am extremely reluctant to lose the voice of what is becoming a unique area of the county		

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TN1 2NR	Yes	One		I would prefer local management as decision makers are more likely to understand local perspectives		
TN12HS	No			There is no limit to the precept and no solid list of objectives that the parish council achieve. This is another layer of unnecessary bureaucracy.	None.	The leaflet drop worked well for this engagement.
TN4 9JG	No			See previous responses	This appears to represent increased administration and cost to tax payer. Not necessary.	
TN4 9EQL	Yes	More than one	As per the map say 2 area	Need for local interests to be represented		
TN4 9NA	Yes	One		Too much red tape to gave smaller parishes		
TN23SA	No			I don't see any cost benifits in the agenda, councillors have responsibilities to provide the services required efficiently, not pet projects that divert cash from these core services.	What are the cost benifits, will it just mean more pet projects implemented that no one voted for	NONE
TN2 4TW	Yes	One		Don't want to be managed by JCC		
TN1 2NS	Yes	One		Political concerns and the importance of local decision making		
TN1 1SG	Yes	One		Royal Tunbridge Wells is one town and the different areas within the town will be represented by councillors.		
TN4 8FD	Yes	One		Because I think the services should be managed locally and not by a large unitary authority		
TN40UE	Yes	One		If there is a change to a large unitary authority Tunbridge Wells will need a Town Council		
TN4 9SP	Yes	One		It's the best thing for the area		
TN2 5NT	Yes	One		I think local knowledge is vital and that we would be lost if control is given to a distant body in Maidstone or somewhere similar		
TN4 9HZ	No			as stated above. the rationale for the proposals is not well set out, it is handing the delivery of key local services to an untested body and there are democratic ans strategic risks with taking this approach	this is a potentially significant change to local democracy and essential service delivery but the rationale behind the proposed changes is not sufficiently well set out. what is not working locally that requires this review?	I would hope that this consultation is not the sole mechanism by which the decision to proceed/not proceed with this proposal is made. The arguments for it are not well set out, potential challenges with it are nowhere to be seen and so it is not right that such a significant decision on local democracy and service delivery be made with incomplete information
TN4 8BH	Yes	One		More local decision making , more invested interest in the area, more detailed awareness of what is needed		
TN3 0AN	Yes	One		Seems the logical representation		
TN2 5AA	Yes	One		My feeling is that too many separate parish councils would be more expensive and duplicate and/or dilute areas so expertise		
TN4 8NW	Yes	One		It is important that decisions that affect people who live locally be taken by a local decision body		

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TN12NS	No			Tunbridge wells should be managed by people who are local not central		
TN12NS	No			Tunbridge wells should be represented by local residents		
TN4 9SL	Yes	One		Cranbrook and Southborough have active Town Councils and Tunbridge Wells is an anomaly in not having its own Town Council since the 1970s local government reforms. We will need a strong voice in any much larger Unitary Authority to be formed soon and so I		
TN1 2FH	Yes	One		Need local decisionmakers		
TN1 1JY	Yes	One		one voice - not a "too many cooks" scenario		More transparency. & open dialogue needed
TN11YR	No			Extra costs not justified by minimal benefits.		We do not need a third layer of local government. Two is enough.
TN4 8AX	Uncertain			Hard to decide at this stage		
TN4 8ED	Yes	More than one	One for each parish	Accountability and proper oversight and management		
TN1 2QT	Yes	One		I don't want decisions made in Maidstone about this area	None	Have a local town council in Tunbridge Wells
TN48EA	Yes	More than one	One for each although Culverden and Pantiles prob have shared interests, as do Park and Sherwood	Someone in Maidstone won't know the area and won't know what we need		
TN4 8EA	Yes	More than one	One ward council per area plus an overall town council	to protect each areas best interests		
TN4 9QT	Uncertain			Don't want maidstone dictating what happens in twells		
TN1 2QU	Yes	More than one	A representative per area to form a collective of 7	Adequate representation		
TN1 2QU	Yes	One		Local management acting in best interests of local residents		
TN4 9EQ	Yes	One		We find want to add unnecessary bureaucracy		
TN1 2LH	Yes	One		To better represent local residents		
TN1 2QU	Yes	One		Decisions that affect us should be made locally		
TN4 8DX	Yes	One		I believe this would provide more consistency and balance between the different areas in the management of the areas. Also it would be more streamlined in terms of staffing and the costs.		
TN4 8EA	Yes	One		With future shift to unitary status, there is significant risk that the wards/town would lose a voice in any discussion around priorities/funding - or decisions made by a body without local knowledge/understanding based purely on budget		As much local representation as possible
TN1 2QU	Yes	One		To ensure cohesion, consistency and collaboration		

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TN1 2QT	Yes	One		Yes I feel it is important that the local area is managed by those in the local area (as much as possible) and not from further afield.		
TN1 2QU	Yes	One		I do not want Kent County Council to make local decisions ity	I am very keen that decision about my area remain local and made by the people I have elected	
TN1 2LJ	Yes	One		-		
TN1 2LJ	Yes	One		we need more local control		
TN48EA	Yes	One		Future devolution to unitary authority risks decisions on local matters being made without knowledge of the towns true needs and potentially on budget alone.		
TN4 8EB	Yes	One		Representatives in Maidstone too removed from our local issues		No
TN48TH	Yes	One		need local representation when TWBC is abolished		
TN11JP	Yes	One		Local people for local decisions		Will it incorporate the parished areas as well?
TN48DX	Yes	One		If there is going to be no local council I want to have a town council managed by local people		
TN1 2NR	Yes	One		It's important to have someone from the community who understands the needs of the residents and who will directly affected by any actions that they take as a town/parish council.		
TN2 4UU	Yes	More than one	3 PARISH COUNCILS TO COVER THE UNPARISHED AREAS	more than 3 creates too much work		
TN2 3JU	Yes	One		Feel the best outcome		
TN4 0TN	Yes	One		Best not to go too small		
TN1 1UQ	Yes	One		More interest in our particular area	Want a town council not a parish council	No
TN23PE	Yes	One		More interest care and control for these 6 unparished areas by local relevant council to meet the needs of their community		
TN12EU	Yes	One		Local decision making		
TN4 8TY	Yes	One		This looks to be correct		
TN25DY	Yes	One		Management of services in Tunbridge Wells by a council based in Maidstone is not acceptable.		
TN25GP	Yes	One		I consider this very important v		No
TN1 2NP	Yes	One		A town council hopefully will have a unifying on the identity of Tunbridge Wells town centre which is different from the wider borough	Historical examples of local changes	
TN2 5XU	Uncertain			If every parish is to have individual councils then the potential for bureaucratic inflation and therefore cost inflation is very high. Of the 6 identified and with others the number could be reduced.	A form of diagram to show how management responsibility is executed between the various bodies with clear scopes of duties between the parties, rather like an organisation diagram and schedule of duties and responsibilites.	Not without answers to Q8



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TN1 1TB	Uncertain			I am uncertain as maybe the council already has enough people and resources to do what is needed		
TN2 5DE	Yes	More than one	A parish council for each of the identified unparished areas	Would provide more localised support for the parish area.		
TN4 8JL	Yes	One		Better local representation for what is in fact the heart of Tunbridge Wells		Need absolute clarity on division of responsibilities, budget and decision making between the unparished areas versus borough or county Councils
TN127AH	Uncertain			Do we need so many parish Councils for a relatively close area		I would have thought that Tunbridge Wells Council could look after some or all of the parishes mentioned. Not sure what cost a parish council is, but given the apparent lack of funds that the council has, despite ridiculous car parking charges and increased council tax every year, I would have thought it would help
TN25TD	Yes	One		I believe in local democracy		With a fair and easily accessible voting system, please, ideally with voting done online.
TN2 5LJ	Yes	One		There needs to be coordination in the governance		
TN2 3NW	Yes	One		Local management best		
TN2 5PF	Yes	One		It would seem to be more efficient use of resources to have one local council representing the Tunbridge Wells unparished areas.		not at present = I need more information
TN2 3LH	Yes	More than one	Perhaps 2 to split them into three each, Sherwood/St John's/St James, then the other three	Otherwise perhaps not enough local interest if there were six, and not localised enough if it were just 1		
TN3 0AU	Yes	One		too piecemeal for effective decision making if there were more than one central TW parish council		
TN1 2JQ	Yes	More than one	I don't really have enough information to answer this question but I think I would like St James' and St John's to be one council and the others to be separate, so five in all but that's just going on geographical area which may not be the most important criteria	I would like a local parish council who understands and can concentrate resources on the particular amenities / requirements of the area.		
TN1 2JQ	Yes	More than one	I don't know enough about the different areas to answer this question	Local people are more in touch with the needs of an area		
TN1 2QT	Yes	One		I think Tunbridge Wells needs to be run at a local by people who care about the local community		
TN1 2QT	Yes	One		It's important that we have control over local decision making and that is out in the hands of the people of Tunbridge Wells.		N/A
TN1 2QU	Yes	More than one	One for each area	Tunbridge Wells is a sprawling area and needs more local representation		
TN1 2QU	Yes	One		I dont want to be managed by Kent County Council		
TN4 8AY	Yes	One		Something to replace TWBC		
TN2 4XF	Yes	One		A cohesive approach is needed		

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TN4 9QB	Uncertain			Want clarity on KCC plans to know what would be best on terms of parish.		KCC plans would be important as feeds directly into my perspectives as to whether parish is required. Current structure with TWBC seems excellent and services provided are good.
TN12FE	Uncertain			Unsure if all areas need separate councils but one for Tunbridge Wells is essential. What is the point of being run only by kcc		
TN12LP	Yes	One		It worries me that power is going to be too centralised by KCC and we will lose our local voice	Cost to households (and if this is graded based on the size of the household) and responsibilities of the council	
TN1 2LL	Yes	One		To facilitate resolution of problems affecting the area..		Possibly biannual public meetings giving an opportunity for reports on issues affecting the area (within the power of the Town Council) and for concerns to be raised.
TN1 2JH	No			I am happy for TWBC to continue as it does		
TN25QL	No			Little confidence in local government. A unitary authority would be worth the effort. Less than that seems expensive waste of time	With limited apparent scope for the town council I don't understand how this would really benefit anyone. Examples would help. I work in a unitary authority (a London borough) which is clearly better but the FAQs appear to exclude that, so why bother?	
TN1 2QT	Yes	One		Limit the extra layers of bureaucracy and keep cost under control		Only one town council is needed to replace the borough council to avoid too much additional bureaucracy and keep the cost under control
TN11DT	Yes	One		Local decision making better representing local interests		
TN4 9DN	Yes	One		Locals look out for the interest better		
TN1 1DT	Yes	One		I do not want Reform UK and KCC to represent me.		
TN4 9AS	Yes	One		To avoid too much red tape		
TN4 8UA	Yes	One		continuity and consistency		
TN4 9NE	Yes	One		I think local issues need to decided by local representatives	Suggest holding an event in the Assembly Halls explaining the background to this change and holding a Q&A	
TN1 2JD	Yes	More than one	A parish council for the High brooms area, and a town council to represent the rest.	High brooms doesn't have enough local representation.	N/a	No
TN4 8TY	Uncertain			A lot depends on the responses of residents		No
TN4 8UA	Yes	More than one	Parish councils for all areas and one town council	We need to maximise local decision making and involvement		Use assembly approaches and methods to increase peoples involvement in decision making and implementation
TN4 8GG	Yes	One		Local representation		
TN12LQ	Yes	One		To follow the principle of subsidiarity		

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TN49HY	Yes	One		Decisions affecting the locale should be kept local and be taken by the people it directly affects: County Councils always lack proper accountability and only ever think in pure financial terms. Plus KCC is run by those idiots in Reform!		
TN24TW	Yes	More than one	Maybe 2	So they represent the people and area	N/a	
TN1 1TN	Yes	One		Without a parish council decisions relating to local matters would be made outside the town		
TN25EG	Yes	One		Unparished areas represent major urbanand commercial area of Tunbridge Wells. It is essEsseEssential there is local representation for the development and management of this important area. area	An outline of powers, funding and responsibilities of the Town Council if created	Local decision making in coordination with the management of the wider area is likely to be extremely beneficial and should have happened years ago.
TN23ES	No			We do not need another level of local government. We should move as rapidly as possible to establish unitary authorities to provide all the required services		Residents have opportunity to influence decision making via local elections and their elected ward members.
TN1 2PA	Yes	One		Balance		
TN1 2LG	Yes	One		Keep it local		NA
TN1 2JA	Yes	One		It is important that local services are managed locally and that we can see where our money is going.		
TN2 3FQ	Uncertain			No clear information exists and/or provided		
TN2 3FQ	Yes	One		So local residents are properly represented by people who understand and care about this particular area.		
TN2 3AD	Yes	One		Local management will encourage community participation		
TN2 3FQ	Yes	One		I believe the funds are not managed property or we don't receive the services for the high amount we pay		
TN23FQ	Yes	More than one	A parish per area to make sure the local community interests are accurately represented. Smaller area could have joint parish if their residents wish so.	Local control over local matters is very important, to make sure funds are invested in the right areas and in the community's best interests by the community members rather than outsiders that are not directly involved.		Ideally each area should have either representative member or its own parish to make sure each community's needs are met.
TN2 3XU	Yes	More than one	Sherwood should have it's own parish council.	The size and recent investment in sherwood to develop larger industrial area means there needs to be a concerted effor to govern the area with residents and businesses interest at heart. A split town council wouldnt be able to do this		
TN48EG	Yes	One		Local representation is vital. It would simply be wrong for the centre of Tunbridge Wells not to have the same local input as other areas within the current TWBC.		
TN2 4UE	No			Tunbridge Wells to be protected		

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TN4 9XJ	Yes	More than one	This is beyond my knowledge as as I don't have figures for populations	Because we need local people to make local decisions which they are involved in and they have to carry out and make worke	Results of local opinion polls	I would try and ask those living in the unparished areas how they would like the matter to be resolved
TN2 5PA	Uncertain			It may be that having a general overview of Kent problems is a useful thing rather than concentrate on one's (selfish) interests		
TN2 5EG	Yes	More than one	Combine Pantiles and Park, possibly with Culverden, rest as one	Differences in character of the areas		
TN1 1JB	Yes	One		A common bond reference the areas under consideration		
TN2 3FQ	Yes	More than one	A parish each, much like that working successfully in Southborough.	Decisions that effect the daily lives of so many people should be made locally, by those very same local people. How could someone working centrally at KCC have any true understanding of the small changes here that can greatly effect people's lives.		We need a local council!
TN23FQ	Yes	One		Need a town council		
TN49SP	Uncertain			As above, you need to explain why it will cost us more money. Is the current 'precept' money being mis-spent? What are we already paying all that money for? Also, to make a true decision on this I'd need to know the strategy vs TWBC and KCC	Why this costs more money? You need to explain better. Otherwise we will reject it. Is the "special precept" being mis-spent currently then? What will be the power-split between the new council and TWBC? What are the different R&Rs? Who arbitrates with KCC?	I'd like to know how this problem first came about. Structurally, why was this setup wrong in the first place? This isn't an outlying area of the borough....you are talking about the most central areas of TWBC here - something doesn't quite add up here. You need to do a lot more work explaining this and making the argument I think - one little flyer through our doors isn't enough - sorry.
TN2 3DA	Yes	One		So that Tunbridge Wells can be represented at County level	Would the parish council be different to what is now the Tunbridge Wells borough Council?	
TN2 3FN	No			I can't afford the precept and I think it's more efficient to have it all managed centrally		
TN1 2QU	Yes	One		To suport the amenities needed by town and to take a 'full town' view as well as to attract grants and promote local initiatives (such as festivals)		
TN25HQ	Yes	More than one	Create 5. St John's and st James should be merged	These parishes would be quite small.		
TN1 2LG	Uncertain			Yes, if Borough councils are abolished. No if Borough Councils remain in place	How Parish Council autonomy will be assured	
TN1 2LN	Yes	One		I believe a single body would be better able to undertake the role rather than 6 individual bodies.		
TN1 2XD	Uncertain			See comments above. It depends on the future governance of the wider area.	Very hard to answer these questions until a decision about the future of the Borough Council and the shape of any new unitary authority is made. is agreed	
TN1 2XD	Uncertain			In an earlier reply I was concerned about added bureaucracy. Hving realised that TWBC may cease to exist in 1028, I withdraw that response and argue for continued LOCAL representation through a Town Council (not a galaxy of Parish Councils under a Unitary		Though a TW Town Council or Borough Council as at present.

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TN1 1HL	Yes	One		The town council should represent the town's interests as a whole. Separate representation for parts of the town would make it less effective and would add cost.		
TN4 8XN	Yes	One		Rusthall, Southborough and Capel all have parish or town councils and it seems logical that Tunbridge Wells should have its own parish or town council too so that local decisions can be made for that local area.	I am concerned about Tunbridge Wells and Rusthall Common and the control of these precious facilities be affected by a Parish or Town Council? I think control of the Common is a very important matter.	
TN4 8XN	Yes	One		I think more local control would give us a better sense of community.	I am concerned that this new arrangement would not affect the control of Tunbridge Wells and Rusthall Commons, which are such a wonderful facility . In fact we would like to see an improved local control of our commons.	
TN49NA	Yes	One		Not applicable	None for the moment	None
TN4 8LJ	Yes	One		Simplification in having one council rather than multiples		
TN1 2DB	Yes	One		Very important to have a collective voice represented by one body		
TN4 9QD	Yes	More than one	Culverden and St Johns as one area, possibly St James included too. The rest feel separate.	I think each area faces different challenges/needs and it would be good to be represented on a more personal level.	Need more details on how this differs from current set up	I definitely have concerns about local issues being dealt with by councillors/representative not based in the area.
TN2 5JH	Yes	One		RTW needs its own voice within the borough/county		
TN4 9RR	Yes	More than one	1 per area	I think local representation is important for our community		
TN49HY	Yes	One		Avoid duplication of effort. Maintain equality across all areas		
TN4 9NA	Yes	One		I feel that all services should be managed locally		
TN4 9SX	Yes	One		Local issues can be debated and addressed specifically to this area. KCC covers too wide an area to be able to appreciate the issues re our locality		
TN4 0QN	No			Cost, increase in bureaucracy	I was told by a councillor at Calverley Road market that my council tax would rise by £300. Is this true. Apparently this came from the local town forum	
TN4 9RR	Yes	More than one	Two at least. St John's and culverden could be merged for sure.	Those councillors have a very wide remit area and some of them might prioritise their local area. Fighting your own corner is good but if your corners are miles apart!		Find it hard to believe unparished areas still exist and looking after the needs of the parishioners is covered by councillors who don't live there.
TN4 8YA	Yes	One		In the possible absence of TWBC, which I would argue looks after the interests of the unparished areas well through the ward councillors elected to it, I think that the unparished areas need greater local representation.		No
TN2 3QS	Yes	One		Utterly pointless		Leave it alone

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TN4 9HD	Yes	One		With future changes to local government I think the unparished areas wouldn't receive sufficient local attention to community matters / opportunities		
TN4 8AY	Yes	One		Good compromise for cost and representation		
TN1 2QU	Yes	One		the more locally focused representation there is the more relevant and accountable the decisions for where to spend the residents money will be		
TN2 5EG	Yes	One		Proper representation of our area		
TN1 2EE	No			Things have worked quite happily as they are for 50 years and people cannot afford a further increase in the cost of living.		
TN23HD	Uncertain			More information required regarding pros and cons and how this affects everyone involved	How are you making this relevant for young people to understand as this is their future that will be affected by these changes	
TN4 8EG	No			Would be unnecessary additional bureaucracy at ratepayers expense and make little if any difference in the urban area.		
TN4 9RB	Yes	One		The councillors would have more knowledge of our lic needs and priorities		
TN4 8FD	Yes	More than one	A parish council for each of the six areas.	Access to a pwesonal representative of your parish council is an excellent example of democracy in action. To have the six areas lumped together as now reduces the local impact, so encouraging duplication, leading to an increase in costs/overheads.	The concept is clear and receives my support. There is uncertainty at this stage which will be clarified over time. My main concern will be the quality of the elected councillors and the level of increased bureaucracy.	Just to say this initiative is long overdue and I welcome receiving the go ahead in due course.
TN2 5EG	Yes	More than one	A sepárate parish council for each of the areas and one single town council for all areas.	The areas should have local representation (in the form of a parish council) but all of this should form part of one town council so as to avoid parishes disagreeing with each other and reaching a stalemate.	Cost implications to council tax payers	
TN4 8XU	Yes	One		To allow more relevant local decision making		
TN2 5EG	Yes	One		Our proposal is for there to be one elected member from each parish to the central town council in order to fairly represent the interests be of each parish.	How would we elect our local parish council?	
TN4 8XU	Yes	One		Local, consolidated approach to town issues and problems		
TN2 3FT	Yes	More than one	A parish council for Sherwood	More power to local people		
TN4 9QP	Yes	More than one	2	ideally one per unparished area, but at least 2 or 3, to given the unparished areas each a "Village" community feel for each identity		
TN2 3SY	Yes	More than one	One for each area	I believe government should be local		
TN11JJ	Yes	One		Better representation of the special character & needs of theses parishes		



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TN2 3RR	Yes	More than one	One Council per area	Because, if there is one Council for large areas there may be either partisan decisions or indecision about spending for resources in each area. Whereas, if each area has a Council and money allocated they have to make decisions for their own areas.	How 'answerable' are Parish Councils to the residents and who monitors their performance? Is there a paid Clerk or Responsible Financial Officer for each new Parish?	I would be concerned about the financial scrutiny and cost to administer the precept. Also the management of the council itself, having been on a Parish Council (for 2 very short stints) and it being the centre of much animosity and disruption in the Parish.
TN2 5SE	Yes	One		One town council would make sure that benefits are spread across all unparished areas.		
TN2 3FQ	Uncertain			As a resident of knights wood, we already pay £500 per annum extra to a property management company on top of council tax for essential services plus extra for black bin collections so i don't believe we should be asked to pay more for anything		
TN1 2PA	Uncertain			I thought new parish or town councils would be created to replace TWBC! Clearly there has not been enough publicity on this issue.	Would we have to pay more than we are paying now through Council Tax? Will TWBC be abolished? Will there be public meeting to discuss this?	I would like more non-digital information on the whole question to be available in the Amelia and publicity in RVP which I now understand is owned by TWBC.
TN2 5BB	No			I have zero interest in paying more money for additional bureaucracy	your confirmation that we will not have to pay any more money for council/parish services	No
TN2 5DG	Yes	One		Enhance local democracy.		No.
TN4 9NQ	Yes	One		Local decisions and provisions of services should be made by those who know and live in the area.		Please ensure the female voice is represented in terms of selection of councillors. We also need our Mayor particularly for attending community events , especially for young people and community groups.
TN1 2DB	Yes	One		Collective consultations and co-hesive decisions in the interests of the core communities		Local decision making is essential to community engagement
TN4 9QS	Yes	One		We will need a strong voice in any much larger Unitary Authority to be formed soon and so I strongly support a single Town Council for the whole of the current Royal Tunbridge Wells unparished area.		
TN2 5ND	Yes	More than one	Two or three should suffice, allowing for geographical proximity and reflection of local resident demographics; the Sherwood and High Brooms areas have quite a different profile to the Park one	Tunbridge Wells is quite different to a lot of other Kent towns and decisions made for a wider area may not be the most appropriate. Local accountability matters too.	A clearer view of the alternative, given likely reorganisation of local governance across Kent	Local, transparent and accountable decision-making by people living in the parish should help restore loss of trust in government in general by encouraging involvement for everyone
TN4 8EG	No			Unnecessary additional bureaucracy and expense for little if any benefit in urban area		
TN2 4UF	Yes	More than one	Six parishes	The unparished areas of Tunbridge Wells are completely different from the rest of the borough so should have a voice trough the creation of new parishes.		
TN4 9SE	Yes	More than one	A town council to represent Culverden, St John's and St James, and a parish council for the rest of them.	Because there are places that need more than a massive borough council that focuses on the wrong things.		I just hope that Culverden, combined with somewhere else, (probably St John's or St James) gets town status.
TN4 9TW	Uncertain			I am concerned about the extra precept cost, on top of the cost of living going up so much.		

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TN23PN	Yes	More than one	There should be separate parish councils for different areas. It makes no sense for relatively small areas such as Rusthall to have a parish council whilst large areas of Tunbridge Wells do not have the same arrangements, especially if services are going to be centralised into larger Kent areas in the future. The parish councils should be of comparable sizes, being large enough to justify the administration and costs, but small enough to represent local interests. Also some facilities of “Tunbridge Wells” such as parks and libraries benefit and are used by all residents whatever parish they live in. This fact should also be accommodated.	See my answer to 11. It is not fair or logical for some areas to have more representation and rights than others, especially if truly local representation becomes more important in the future after centralisation plans are introduced in the future.	Please explain why there is going to be a centralization of services in Kent and how the anomaly of only some areas having parish councils has occurred.	Please make it more transparent as to the powers and rights of parished and unparished areas (and the roles of councillors) so that people can more easily see the pros and cons of the distinction. The move to greater centralisation of Kent services has not been explained at all well and there is a great danger that Tunbridge Wells will suffer great damage from it. That is why we need effective local representation by people who truly understand local needs.
TN1 1BX	Yes	One		I agree		
TN2 4TU	Yes	More than one	N/A	Local interests are currently ignored by councillors who are whipped to follow policy that does not serve the ward		
TN1 2QJ	Yes	One		Less bureaucracy		
TN4 9JG	Yes	One		For more genuine local and participatory democracy		No
TN2 5RF	No			Cost of new bureaucracy	Cost of running extra councils	
TN2 3RX	Yes	One		Enough to have local input without too much bureaucracy		
TN2 5XE	Yes	One		One town council would be appropriate for the geographic area and the population numbers.		
TN1 1YT	Yes	More than one	They should be divided as they are at the moment	KCC do not have the best interests of the residents at heart		
TN4 8NJ	No			More expense for no benefit		works fine as it is
TN12QU	No			The reorganisation of local government is intended to streamline decision making not replace it with more bureaucracy and cost		
TN24SJ	Yes	More than one	Each parish shown on the map to have its own council that comes together to be a town council.	Areas of RTW are different, each having its own needs and viewpoints. Individual PCs would work for and with the needs of their area but must be brought together as a town council. If not an overview might be lost.		If several local parish councils were created they should be brought together as a town council .
TN4 8YA	No			At present the decisions being made seem more than adequate.		This seems like a colossal waste of time.
TN1 1TD	Yes	One		Equal representation		
TN2 5DF	Yes	One		Small area		

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TN1 1UJ	Yes	One		The areas cover the area most representative of the centre of the town recognised by visitors and attractive to businesses and developers . As such residents must have the ability to a say in what is proposed for this area	An organogram of the proposed structure including supporting structure together with the services to be provided by TWBC pleasee	Nothing to add at this time
TN2 3FT	Yes	One		As far as I can see the Borough Council will not exist in the same way as now and I fear that decisions will be taken by a larger, more remote 'Borough Council'	I do not like the idea of a large, remote council or organisation, perhaps based in Maidstone, making decisions that affect local matters. I would prefer the council structure to stay as it is, but if not possible, then localised council would suffice.	No
TN2 3FT	Yes	One		As far as I can see the Borough Council will not exist in the same way as now and I fear that decisions will be taken by a larger, more remote 'Borough Council'	I do not like the idea of a large, remote council or organisation, perhaps based in Maidstone, making decisions that affect local matters. I would prefer the council structure to stay as it is, but if not possible, then localised council would suffice.	No
TN1 2NT	Yes	One		I think there is enough similarity between the areas of the town and it would simplify matters and involve a fewer number of councillors		
TN2 4QE	Yes	One		I AM NEARLY A NO - JUST OVER !		WHAT I FEEL MUST NOT BE FORGOTTEN IS THAT IT IS NO GOOD EXPECTING EVERYTHING TO BE AS IT WAS. THE WHOLE PURPOSE IS TO HAVE A DIFFERENT APPROACH ( OR DO I HAVE IT WRONG?) ACADEMY SCHOOLS SEEM TO DO OK ?
TN1 2QS	Yes	One		Local democracy or accountability gives residents a representative they can contact with specific local issues who ideally would have detailed knowledge of the area and be able to help. The local environment is most important for a good quality of life.		
TN2 3JN	No			Probably going to cost us more		
TN4 0DB	No			I feel that things are managed well as they are and don't really think it would warrant the extra cost to local council tax payers		
TN1 2RT	Yes	More than one	As many as necessary.	Proper local government.		No.
TN24TZ	Yes	More than one	One for each area.	To deal with local issues		
TN1 1BX	Yes	One		TW Borough Council will cease to exist in 2028		
TN4 8DY	No			lyLocal government does not have sufficient money and power to be relevant. And unpaid councillors are not always competent.		
TN23AJ	No			My understanding & experiences after living in Southborough & Pembury parish councils is the TWBC council tax goes up to run a local parish within T/ Wells..	My experience & understanding after living in Southborough & Pembury parish council is that the TWBC council tax goes up, for being a local parish within T/ Wells..	I understand a local parish can make more local decisions, but I'm not happy paying more in my council tax
TN1 1LE	No			They will cost the taxpayer more they can increase council tax way to much	n/a	not needed

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TN4 8EP	Yes	One		I think a locally elected and locally accountable body is preferable to a larger and more distant body like a unitary council		
TN1 1SJ	Yes	One		There will be a better socio-economic spread (both of councillors and residents) if there's a single council.	What criteria/conditions are there for being a town/parish councillor (for example, do they have to live in the area they represent)?	None.
TN2 4SJ	Uncertain			Not sure of the benefits of individual councils/parish's cost is of a great consideration.		
TN1 2LB	No			More expenses, lack of good people to fill the roles		No
TN1 1UJ	Yes	One		Unique part of TW which needs to be closely managed.		No
TN4 9LY	Uncertain			It depends on whether Tunbridge Wells Borough Council continues or not.	Specific, practical examples of responsibilities and costs	
TN12 6SW	Yes	More than one	Each area should have its own parish council	Each area has their own needs, facilities and character. Fairer council precept ie one area would not be paying for another area's facility or need eg park or another area's facility		
TN1 1UP	Yes	One		Local involvement in local matters	Timing of possible introduction	No
TN2 3RF	Yes	One		More local community events and support		I do not know how to answer Q11. The benefits/costs to this have not been made clear in the literature (size/number of other parish councils around us for example). I defaulted to 1, but only because I couldn't answer the follow-up question attached
TN4 9QU	No			The costs outweigh the benefits.	Examples of the impact these changes have had in similar towns to Tunbridge Wells elsewhere in the UK.	
TN4 8EB	Yes	More than one	4: SHerwood, Park, Culverden & Pantiles together, St Johns and St James together	Amalgamated areas have similar needs and 6 areas too many		
TN1 2HP	Uncertain			I can't quite understand what the benefit of this change would bring or the benefit of staying how it is		
TN2 5LL	Uncertain			I see no need for parishes within TWBC since I do not feel that these are areas which town residents particularly identify with. However this would change if the Borough Council is replaced by a Unitary Authority.		Further to my response to Q11. I have found it difficult to answer the questions in this survey since I think there should continue to be a council that represents the town of Tunbridge Wells with the county, whether Kent, as at present, or a future smaller authority. I identify with the town as a whole, not just the Pantiles area where I live, since I am involved in activities in different parts, particularly in voluntary community work.
TN4 9QX	Yes	One		To encourage local cohesion and effective collective inputs to decision-taking		High class (not the same as high tech) and approachable systems and staffing
TN2 5AR	Uncertain			I haven't got enough information to	The extra tax. There are unequal council tax bands in my road. I worry that the Town or Parish council would impose extra unequal taxes.	

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TN1 1BX	Uncertain			Currently the additional benefits and costs to provide the additional services are unclear. It is also unclear what to do if the elected members does not perform as expected		
TN1 1HE	Uncertain			See answer to Q6 above	Whether the proposal to introduce parish councils is dependant on the abolition of the borough council	
TN1 1HE	Uncertain			Would only be supportive if we no longer had borough councillors and a unitary was formed. I would also question the need to have parish councils for each of the current existing wards.		
TN4 8PD	Yes	More than one	For a start why not encourage the unparished areas to become parishes . If they are unwilling consult them specifically and let them decide whether they want one town council to represent them, or 2 to represent 3, or 3 to represent 2.	I think they would get better local representation for their communities.		No
TN4 9RB	Yes	One		so that these areas can be properly represented		
TN2 3PA	Uncertain			Uncertain as to whether the benefits would justify the cost		
TN4 9HJ	No			It all seems up in the air as overriding changes are possibly going to affect things.		
TN1 1LJ	Yes	One		I believe in local oversight.		
TN4 9RR	Yes	One		Local people being able to affect change and services they want locally	I do not want KCC or maidstone authority to govern tunbridsge wells area for these services	Please dont give this to Maidstone Authority or a larger county area authority
TN12EJ	Yes	More than one	Smaller areas as possible with minimum bureaucracy and TW council not playing hard ball trying to make money out of it.. we pay for services we should get good, efficient services with clear adherence to Treating Customers fairly and endeavours to streamline, improve, be effective and efficient.	More focused, clear thinking as long as tied up with bureaucracy & overhead	More clarity on typical set up for size of parish details of what TW council relinquishes as it comes across that it will be bare minimum.. assets should be viewed as belonging to town & residents not personal possessions of the council to cling to	Views to when sensibly be able to collaborate at times not compete. Tw Council could become more of a lightweight overseer and supportive council in the right areas of responsibility sensibly devolving certain assets, powers, income and authority.
TN4 9AJ	Yes	More than one	Potentially one parish council for Culverden and St John's, another for St James' and another for Sherwood.	To give more local devolution to deal with their own community issues		
TN12BJ	Yes	One		Because the areas of TW are all quite different. The Pantiles and St Johns for example.		
TN2 3FQ	Yes	More than one	6 maybe divided into 3	Each parish could manage their areas and get to know them better	Whether our roads and common areas will be regularly maintained, weeded, cut and drains checked too.	Access to the tip should be better managed and free, to avoid fly tipping which we get a lot of on our development. Also salt bins as we don't get our roads gritted.
TN4 8EA	Uncertain			Relatively new to area		No
TN2 5RJ	No			TW is not big enough to create more posts. Current system is adequate.		
TN2 3FQ	No			I don't want more bureaucracy and waste. Just efficient services	None	

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TN49RR	Yes	One		I said yes in the hope that it would make it easier to run without all the fuss that a large council creates.		
TN2 4SJ	Uncertain			Because of possible increase of council tax to residents & lack of powers to localised town councils??	How powers that are not under local control are managed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●will community services be improved?</li> <li>●would cost increases to residents be value for money</li> <li>● I would like more information on potential disadvantages compared to the current systems</li> </ul>
TN4 8DT	Yes	One		I would like there to be better services in Tunbridge Wells, for example leisure centres and parks and I'm happy to pay for it.	I would like there to be one local council for the six unparished areas to provide and manage local resources. For example leisure centres. The survey as it stands does not give enough info on the proposed structure.	I am keen that any council is not too small. They must be large enough to have real elections.
TN1 2ED	Uncertain			If managed by TWBC, that would be more ideal than if managed by KCC out of Maidstone, as they would have no reason to be interested in Twells needs or interests.	Affect on public facilities - parks, recreation areas, allotments	Teams of local people of all representations would be better for the town.
TN49LS	Yes	More than one	Not sure. Would need to see the proposals	I am basically in favour but need to see the actual proposals		
TN2 3NG	Yes	One		When we move to a unitary authority, it will be important that all areas of Tunbridge wells have more local representation.		Setting up a new Town Council should be done at the same time as the move to a unitary authority.
TN2 5EG	Yes	One		In the event of a unitary I'd be VERY concerned that decision making would be FAR too far away from the town and that Tunbridge Wells would need strong local voice & decision making on appropriate matters.	The relationship the town council (if that is the outcome) would have with the unitary (if that happens) or TWBC (if it doesn't happen)	Tonbridge Wells, as a town, has a very distinct identity & character and need its own body to represent it and take appropriate decisions. This becomes all the more important in the event of a unitary.
TN11HL	Yes	One		To provide locally responsive resources, services and initiatives		
TN2 4SJ	Uncertain			I thought TWBC was being disbanded? Not sure how they'll continue to deliver services if that's the case.		
TN2 4QZ	No			Additional and mostly powerless layers of councils will be frustrating.	I am exceptionally worried that the precept payment would be required for seemingly very little benefit other than to add another layer to the governance of the town.	
TN11DE	Yes	One		We all need representation.		
TN1 1DE	Yes	One		We all need representation		No



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TN4 9LE	Uncertain			There is inadequate information provided at this point of the process. You show no pros and cons of keeping the status quo or not. You show no detail as to how this Parish Council could function without a building to operate from. Much more info' pls.	Royal Tunbridge Wells is a very complex area and any individual, who would act as a Parish Councillor, would have to be vetted to show their actual abilities. What caps are there on spending? What mix of individuals would there be from business etc ?	Much needs to be done for this town but it needs to involve all aspects and walks of life. This consultation is online yet elderly folk are not always online. Those who have a vested interest, of which I suspect there are a number pushing for this, would be wanting a Parish Council yet those who would not think about responding would not be involved in this consultation which would be very dangerous and NOT democratic. Such a Consultation must also include physical displays in key sites with clear information stating what impact such a Parish Council would have BEFORE any further steps are taken down this line.
TN4 9RR	Yes	One		I believe that that local issues when considered at much larger county wide management would not take into consideration local knowledge and need. I believe local issues are better dealt with by good local representation.	How the elected cun cillors would be supported anf trained into their role if this is the first parish council. i.e. I am assuming they don't have councillors they are taking over from? Or would the town councillors help them ?	
TN4 9HZ	No			I feel we have been well represented over the years by our local councillors, they are easy to contact and have shown a presence in the neighbourhood to tackle local issues.		
TN4 9JN	No			I think that the elected councillors of TW Borough Council have the best interests of the 'unparished areas' of TWells and the residents have the opportunity to lobby their councillors and contribute in a variety of ways to decision making.		
TN12	No			There needs to be a thorough reform of Town Councils before any more are instated.	Information. has been provided about possible benefits of having a town. council. I would like. to see. information provided about the disadvantages.	Tunbridge Wells has a. Forum. This could be. used until there is reform of. Town. Councils There is a Tunbridge Wells Forum which could be used until Town Councils are reformed.

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TN1 2NR	Yes	One	The unparished area should not be divided up. There are various aspects of local affairs, such as treansport for example, that need to be considered on a town-wide basis. Its retail offer too touches upon all six wards to a greater of lesser extent, including the retail park in Sherwood Ward.		While I have general understanding of the functions and duties of Town Councils, there are many specific points, such as who would run the Amelia for example, on which I should like an indication. However, I realise that such points may have to be for discussion at a later stage.	It seems to me to be utterly illogical that part of the Borough has town or parish councils, whereas other parts do not. I see no sensible reason why Southborough has a Town Council, but Royal Tunbridge Wells does not. If concerns such as those set out in question 6 are felt not to justify having town or parish councils, then none should exist in the Borough at all. However, I personally think local decision making, and local management of community assets to be important. A recent local example was the current redevelopment of the former cinema site in the centre of the Royal Tunbridge Wells Conservation Area, where the strenuous efforts of of the non-statutory Town Forum and the local Civic Society to achieve a more suitable outcome fell upon deaf ears. It is to be hoped that the views of a formal Town Council would have carried more weight, and this point would be all the more important if the Borough Council were to be replaced by an even more remote unitary authority.
TN4 ST JOHN'S	No			More bureaucracy and cost with little benefit		
TN4 9SX	Yes		No comment	Everything is too centralised Consultations are a sham.		
TN2 3HY	Uncertain		Nil	Insuficient data		
TN2 3TQ	No			I have lived this long as it is, I do not want any change		A good town council she work for all
TN2 3SW	Yes	More than one	Each area should have its own council	The area of Sherwood is looking increasingly neglected - also the area by High Brooms station needs attention		Local decisions will, or should, make a difference to local areas e.g. proper street cleaning - signs around the area being maintained bus shelters to be replaced etc.
TN2 5TA	N/A yet for me	As no: 10	As no: 10	I can't answer it, see nos 5, 6, 7, 8	Why we need to do this	N/A yet until I fully understand why we're doing it
TN1 1TN	No			I want governance to be simplified and streamlined for cost-efficiency.		I would like councillors to live in the unparished areas that they represent if the decision to create new parish councils proceeds to fruition.
TN2 5DD	Uncertain			I am concerned about assets parks etc leaving the control of T. Wells council		Increasingly one is expected to go online to find information as an elderly person this is difficult - the offices of the council keep changing venue Town Hall > Gateway and now the Amelia Scott centre which badly sign posted and lacking a proper reception desk.
TN2 5RH	No			Borough and County councillors are elected individuals with duties to provide the said services already to the best of their abilities.		
TN2 5TA	Uncertain	One		Not clear what exactly the alternatives are likely to be, details	Why is this upheaval of local representation necessary? What happens to the existing TWBC if a new council is to be formed?	

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TN4 8ES	Yes	One		A new town council needs to be large enough to protect and represent the interests of shared town wide assets	How would councillors be selected prior to election?	If possible not on a party-political basis
TN4 8ES	Yes	One		The town council should be created to look after the interests and needs of the population of the unparished area.		
TN2 5	Yes	One	A single council for all the town. I would actually like a single council for greater Tunbridge Wells to include Langton Green, Rusthall, Southborough, Bidborough and probably Speldhurst and Pembury	If Tunbridge Wells is going into a larger West Kent unitary authority this will be too big and remote for local matters	Where would the council be based - hopefully utilizing existing council property	I am concerned that a Tunbridge Wells town council would encourage politically motivated candidates, not those with the best interest of the town at heart. Whatever is desired the cost to the residents should be a primary concern
TN2 5DD	No			No reason for extra expense.		
TN2 5RY	Yes	One		To keep costs down		Regular consultation meetings Notified for instance when asbestos is being removed from factory in open air, without neighbouring properties being notified (all layers concerned are Liberal Democrats) This is a serious health + safety concern.
TN1 1LE	Yes	More than one	A parish area for the town centre area	The town centre area is not currently represented on decisions that are made in this area re PR2		
TN1 1LE	Yes	More than one	I think there should be a specific town area council for those in York + Dudley Roads etc that are affected by specific town centre, RVP changes	See above.		The people that live in the town centre need a voice for their concerns that are not addressed, as it is very different from living in the culverden area to living right in amongst it all
TN2 4SS	No	None	None	We want Tunbridge Wells to remain Tunbridge Wells.	None	None.
TN2 3NH	Blank paper response with only a postcode provided by the respondent.					