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Please find attached a few principles which we feel should be applied to the boundary review

In a broad sense we support some aspects of the Cannock Chase District Council but there are several areas of significant difference where we feel that the community cohesion is not supported in the District Council response.

We do believe there is merit in the Green Party response where 36 individual single member wards would best represent the communities and if this could be accommodated in the current election in thirds then this would be a good option principally because the size of communities and how these are identified supports much smaller wards.

If we are to have 12 wards of three councillors there are significant challenges of communities identifying together to the ward elector numbers to balance. I attach a suggested ward boundary mix drawn without reference to any lines on the map from current electoral boundaries. This is not ideal and we will make further comments on the proposals at the next stage of the consultation.

As a general point of principle we firmly believe the existing parish boundaries should be observed and used as the building blocks and the balancing areas come from the current non-parished areas. The one challenge in this is the parish of Brindley Village as this stretches across the Chase and has a community/parish ward on either side of the chase which is no cohesive and I considered that this moved en-masse to an extended Hednesford ward

Some notes of specific interest

There was some extensive discussion about the boundary lines in the Rugeley, Brereton and Ravenhill and firmly believe the proposed developments in the former Power Station site be maintained within the three member ward following the current Brereton and Ravenhill parish and district ward boundary. This community will have its own infrastructure including green spaces, school and amenities where the links to Rugeley are limited and subject to a walk way being built in the future. I would strongly encourage you to ignore the Conservative and District proposals which try to create a false link to Rugeley and draw away from Brereton for political reasons.

We believe Norton should stay as it is too although note a future development in the local plan along Lichfield Road which will be part of Heath Hayes not Norton Canes and as such the northern boundary should be moved south to Stokes Lane

The main area of comment stems from the areas of Hednesford and Heath Hayes. We have been incorrectly advised by District Officers that the feathering of the Parish and Ward boundaries between Hednesford and Heath Hayes could not be corrected until this process and then correctly advised by yourselves that this is not the case. However a local governance review after this review process should be completed to correct this and follow the proposed lines suggested in the attached. There is significant community identification with the respective Heath Hayes and Hednesford centres based on these lines alone. Other suggestions draw a false impression of the community links and should not be considered. Examples like Hednesford Town Football Club remaining in Hednesford and the estates drawing in the transport links in that direction should be kept in a Hednesford Ward. The estates around the Trafalgar Pub are more linked to Heath Hayes and the villages of Prospect Village and Cannock Wood could be drawn more towards Heath Hayes than Hednesford if these are needed for balancing numbers with Hazel Slade and Rawsley drawn towards Hednesford.

In Hednesford itself the areas around Broadhurst Green are identified as Pye Green and as such the current ward lines split this community between two wards. This would make more sense to move the boundary around this community with a ward boundary of Rosehill, Pye Green Road, the Pye Green Community Centre and to Pye Green School. This does potentially create a electors balance issue but the area known as High Town would traditionally associate with Hednesford and certainly shopping schooling, doctors etc draw towards Hednesford.

The other lines in Hednesford can be drawn within the parish to reflect the need for elector balance

The numbers in Heath Hayes and Hawks Green will need further communities to balance the electors needed and one option to extend on the District Council proposals is to include the community of Rumer Hill in to Hawks Green and create a Mill Green ward

Kind Regards

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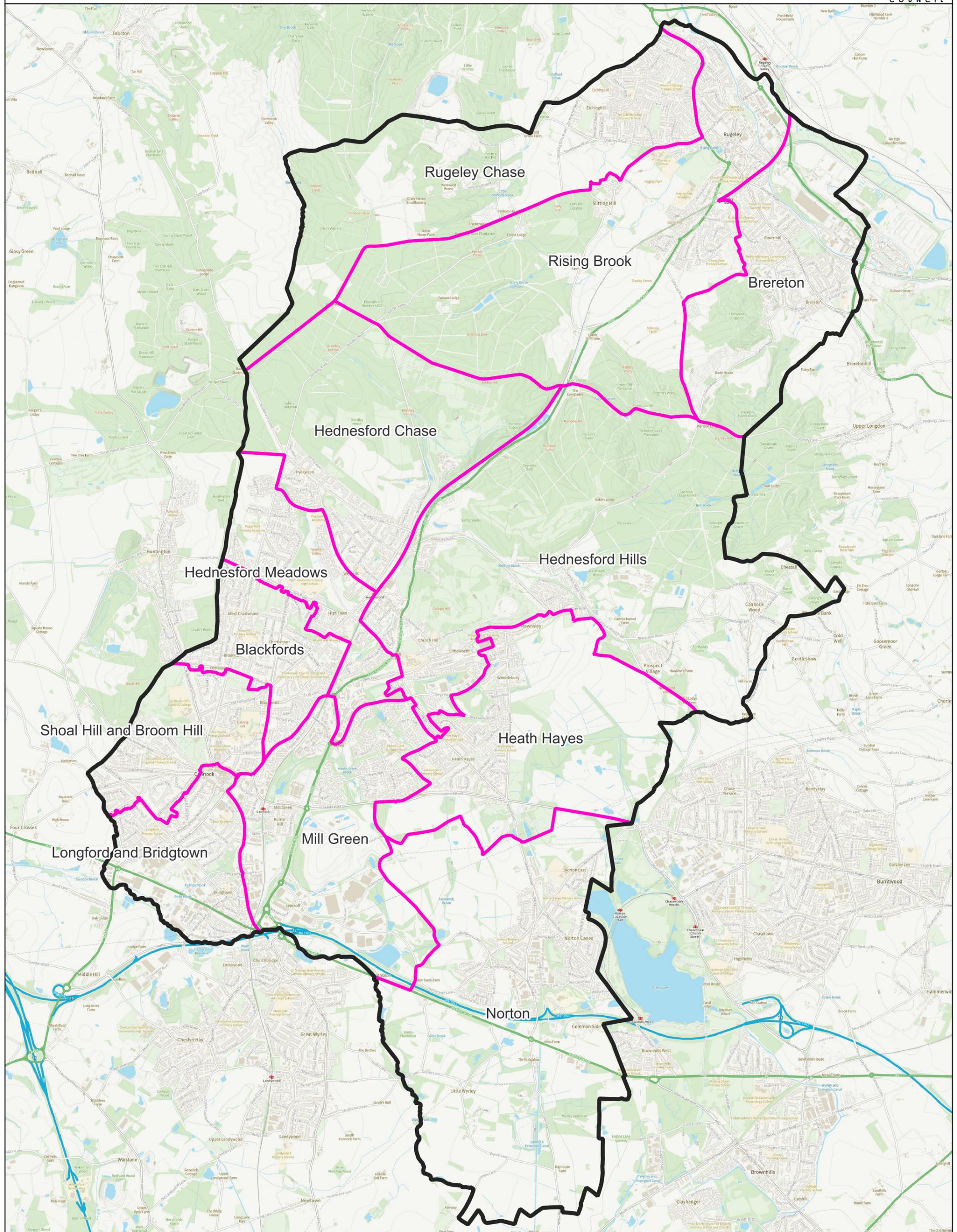
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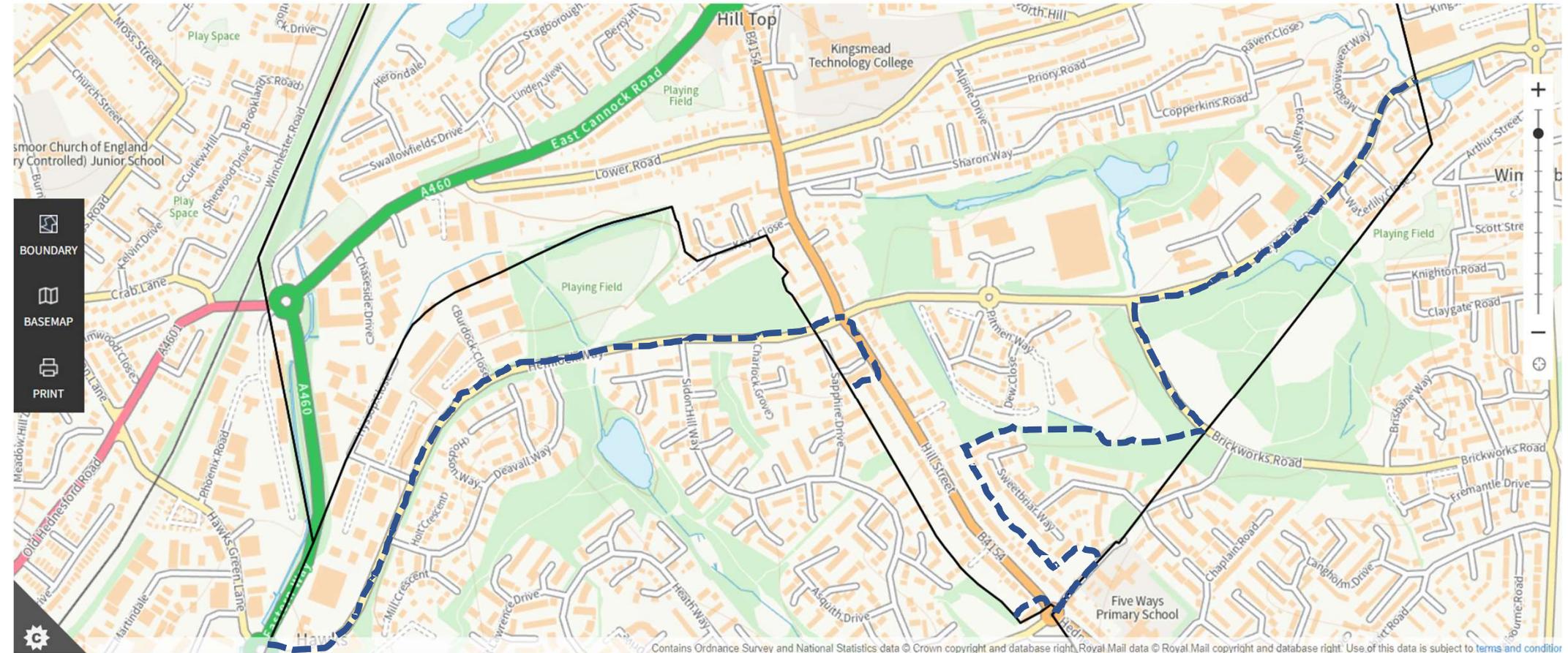
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- Sapphire Drive (4 HS – 56 HG)
- Turquoise Grove (18 HS – 2 HG)
- Sweetbriar Way (198 HS – 95 HH)
- Watermint Close (50 HS – 37 HH)
- Waterlily Close (57 HS – 23 HH)
- Hayes Way (6 HS – 0 HG/HH)
- Keys Park Road (10 HS – 0 HG/HH)

Heath Hayes to Hednesford

- Prospect Manor Court (0 HS – 23 HG)
- Keys Close (42 HS – 22 HG)