

# Cannock Chase Boundary Review

Cannock Chase Conservative Group

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**Existing Ward Name:** Western Springs

**Proposed New Name:** Western Springs

Western Springs shares its name with Western Springs, Illinois in the USA. In the late 1950s, Rugeley took part in a Global effort to strengthen international peace and understanding and was twinned with the town of Western Springs in Cook County, Illinois – a suburb of Chicago which is of a comparable size to Rugeley. Since the towns were twinned, the connection and close link has been retained. Back in 1975, the main by-pass running west of Rugeley Town Centre 'Western Springs Road' was opened by the President of Western Springs, Illinois. This is the road which we propose to be the main boundary line between Western Springs ward and Etchinghill and The Heath. More recently, the strength of the tie was visible again when Rugeley Town Council invited the existing President of Western Springs, Illinois, Alice Gallagher, to virtually join the event ahead of the demolition of Rugeley's iconic Cooling Towers. Due to this connection, we propose that the ward name 'Western Springs' remain the same.

The Northern boundary of the proposed (and existing ward) follows the Parliamentary boundaries between both Cannock Chase and Stafford, and Cannock Chase and Lichfield. The vast majority of this boundary follows the River Trent which provides a natural geographical border.

The Southeast boundary of the proposed new ward is extended so as to include the proportion of the former Rugeley Power Station site that sits within the Cannock Chase District and is to be developed.



**Entrance to the former Power Station Road, which sits on an island adjoining Power Stations Road and Rugeley Bypass, both already within the existing Western Springs Ward.**

The remainder of the former Power Station site falls within the Lichfield Constituency. Running along the former Power Station site boundary is main A51 'A' road and adjacent to that is the BHX1 Amazon fulfilment centre which is 750,000 square foot and the large Towers Industrial Site.



**Entrance to the Towers Industrial Park which adjoins the canal and the A51 in separating Western Springs and Brereton and Ravenhill.**

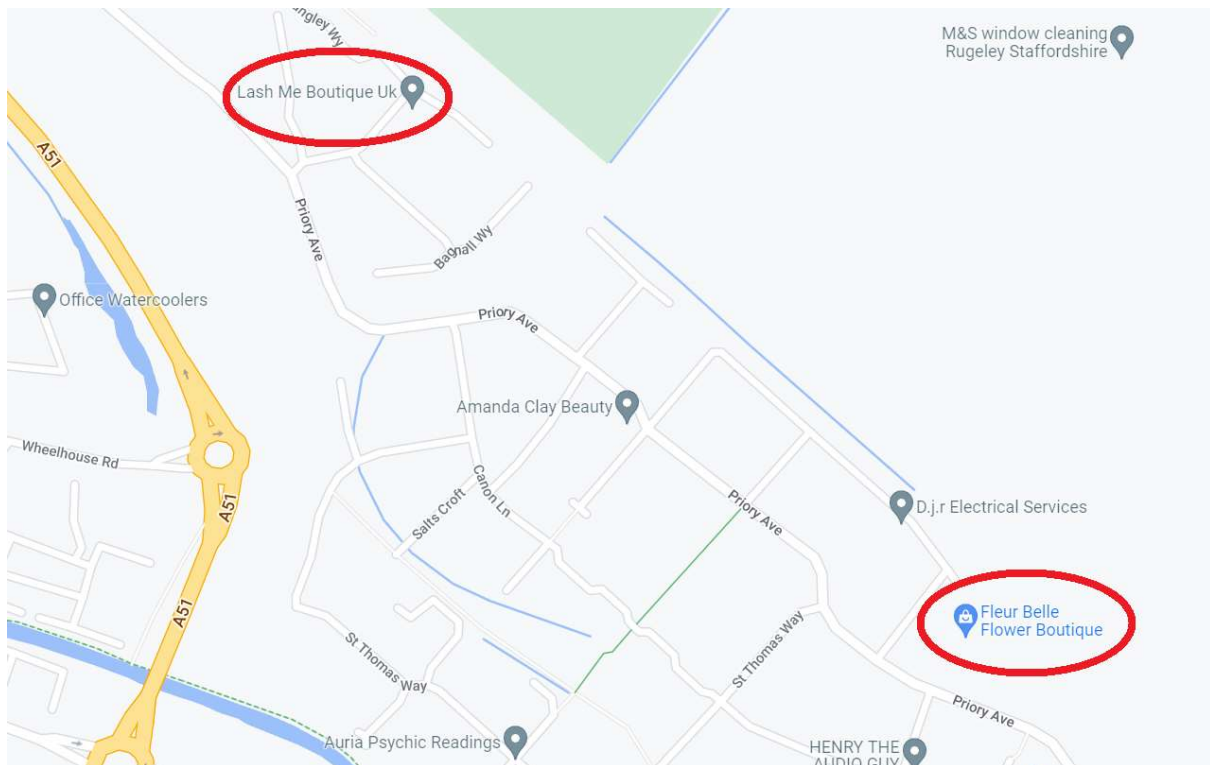
These developments are built on the Lea Hall Colliery site. The Lea Hall coal mine was a modern industrial operation, closing in 1990 after only 30 years in operation. The mine supplied coal directly to the Rugeley A power station by conveyor system. This was replaced by Rugeley B and later decommissioned in 2015. The flue gas desulphurisation plant dominated the skyline along with the cooling towers until they were demolished in 2021 ahead of redevelopment of the site. The space between the A51 and the proposed boundary is purely for employment use, with no residential dwellings – it is a continuation from the neighbour Power Station Road industrial estate (which already sits well within the Western Springs boundary) which continues towards Rugeley Town Centre. We feel that the proposed boundary between Western Springs and Brereton and Ravenhill Hill sits naturally as there are geographical boundaries already in place between the two with the A51, the industrial estate and the canal. In terms of the industrial site, the businesses have been canvassed and identify as being within 'Rugeley' rather than 'Brereton' – this is also evidence with the names, such as 'Rugeley Self Storage' rather than 'Brereton Self Storage'.





**The canal separating Western Springs and Brereton and Ravenhill (Photo taken from Wheelhouse Road Bridge).**

As the former Power Station site is in the process of being redevelopment from industrial used to residential use (it is currently a 139-hectare brownfield site) – there is no existing community identity. However, just the other side of the site is the ‘Pippins’ development, which is also known as ‘Hawksyard’. Although, this sits within the Lichfield constituency, the nearest town and amenities for residents is Rugeley Town. We have therefore canvassed residents on this site and determined that they identify as living with ‘Rugeley’ rather than ‘Brereton’. They also include ‘Rugeley’ within their addresses but not Brereton. This shows the natural inclination towards the Rugeley community within Western Springs, rather than the Brereton and Ravenhill Community.



**Above is a screenshot from Google Maps illustrated two 'home-based' businesses operating from residential homes on the Pippins Estate. On their website, both identify as 'Rugeley' based businesses rather than 'Brereton'**

This also become particularly clear during the public consultation process for the redevelopment of the former Power Station site, which the community identifying a need to ensure that the site connects into Rugeley Town Centre, rather than sitting along as a siloed development which is reflected in the consultation responses and the findings from the series of four community 'Renaissance Forums' run by the site developer, Engie. As such, the planning proposals enhance direct walkways and cycle paths into Rugeley Town Centre.



**Direct pedestrian access from Power Station Road into Rugeley Town Centre. These walkways are set to be improved and opened up further under the plans to redevelop the former Power Station site.**



There is no direct walkway from the site into Brereton and Ravenhill without crossing the busy A51 (which currently has no bridges or road crossings, nor are any proposed), the canal and walking through the industrial estate.

There is also currently only vehicular access from Brereton and Ravenhill onto the industrial park due to the existing road, Wheelhouse Road, over the canal being only one way (with no changes proposed).



**Only direct access from Brereton and Ravenhill is through the industrial estate, which is only accessible one way those Wheelhouse Road. Other roads either go through Lichfield Constituency or through Rugeley Town Centre.**

It is currently impossible to drive directly from Brereton and Ravenhill to the former Power Station site without either driving through the Lichfield Constituency or driving into Rugeley Town Centre (through the neighbouring district ward of Western springs) and back out.

Again, when considering the proposed redevelopment of the former Power Station site consideration was given to the local amenities that any future community may use. A purposed built 'all-through' school is proposed on the site (Western Springs will also be within the proposed catchment area) and a 'Community Hub' featuring a shop and extensive sports provision. The plans also propose a new public park on the floodplain neighbouring the River Trent and a 'Woodland Walk' which follows the River Trent into Rugeley Town Centre. As part of the existing provisions granted, existing amenities within Western Springs, such as Aelfgar GP Practice (which is the main GP practice serving Western Springs and located in the centre of the ward) has been allocated funding to enable them to meet the increase in demand once the site is developed.

The Southwest boundary follows the Trent and Mersey canal until it meets the railway line. This is a very distinctive, geographical boundary. The only exception to this is Bridgewater Road which we believe should remain within Brereton and Ravenhill. This is due to the fact that it is the only small residential development that cross the boundary of the canal – it is accessible from Armitage Road only via a small canal bridge.





**Access road to Bridgewater Place across the canal from Armitage Road.**

From the point where the canal and the railway line meet, our proposed boundary follows the railway line. This remains the existing boundary between Western Springs and Brereton and Ravenhill, with only one road, Arch Street, crossing the boundary. We propose to leave the existing boundary in place with half of Arch Street in Western Springs and the other half sitting within Brereton and Ravenhill. The areas are visually separate as there is a huge railway bridge representing the boundary.



**The Railway Bridge across Arch Street – which sits approximately one third of the way down Arch Street itself. This is a physical feature representing the boundary between Western Springs and Brereton and Ravenhill.**

Again, this is a natural boundary as it follows that ‘The Arches’ situated along Horsefair remain the separation point between Western Springs and Brereton and Ravenhill.



**The Arches at the end of Horsefair separating Western Springs and Brereton and Ravenhill.**



Where the railway line crosses 'The Arches' we propose that Horsefair remains the ward boundary with the right side (facing the Globe Island) of Horsefair (primarily retail) remaining in Western Springs as that forms the overspill from Rugeley Town Centre (Horse fair has always been the main route of vehicular access into the town centre as outlined in the name!). The left site of Horsefair will fall within Brereton and Ravenhill (this currently falls with the Hagley ward which will be dissolved under the new plans). Although, this proposal means one side of Horsefair falling within Western Springs and the other in Brereton and Ravenhill, it is quite a natural boundary as both sides are distinctly different with one side being retail and the other being residential. Both the northbound and southbound carriages on Horsefair itself are separated with allocated parking along the central reservation of the road.



**Photo taken from the central reservation on Horsefair showing the two separate and distinctive sides of the road.**

Once Horsefair meets the Globe Island, which is the largest and busiest traffic island in Rugeley.





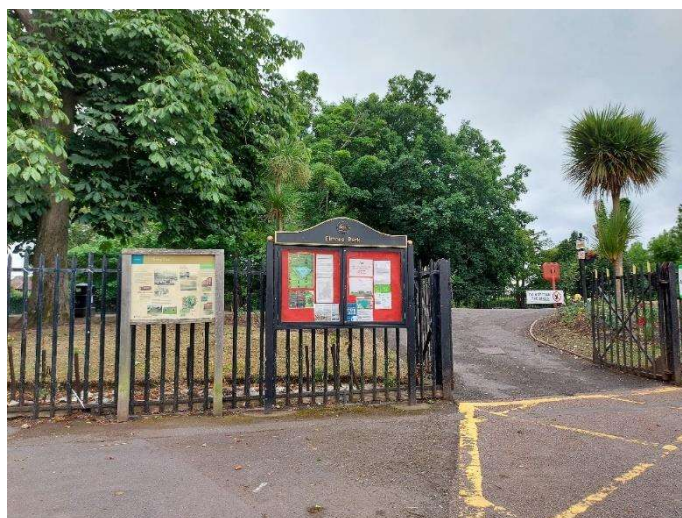
### **The Globe Island, Rugeley**

The boundary follows Sandy Lane which later merges into Hednesford Road. We propose that the boundary sits along the centre of the road in recognition of all of the individual residential estates with their own identities sitting just off the road (for example, the entrances to the Burnthill Lane estate which was built following the second World War and the modern twentieth century Birches estate to the right of the road which we propose remain within Western Springs and the Pear Tree and Draycott Estate sitting within Brereton and Ravenhill).

In terms of the Western boundary of Western Springs, we propose to include the residential estates only, ending at the top of Hednesford Road. There is a natural physical boundary here as you then enter a rural area of Cannock Chase and the Area of Natural Outstanding Beauty.

The boundary behind the Birches and Burnthill Lane Estates follows The Rising Brook. The Rising Brook runs through both Etchinghill and the Heath and Western Springs. It is a much-loved feature running through both wards and is integral to the identity of the wards.

In Western Springs Rising Brook runs through the main Elmore Park, which is a much-loved destination park, and into the centre of Rugeley Town Centre where it becomes a feature.



**Elmore Park – A destination park within the ward, and the lake within which the Rising Brook runs into.**

When a boardwalk over the Rising Brook was condemned in the Town Centre, a petition was signed by hundreds of residents requesting that the boardwalk be repaired to enable the brook to once again be enjoyed. This illustrates the significance of the brook and the sense of feeling within the local community.



The boundary between Etchinghill and the Heath will sit behind the properties along the Hagley Road (between Hagley Road and James Warner Close). The boundary has been drawn so as to ensure the properties facing onto both sides of Hagley Road remain with Western Springs, this is due to the close proximity to the Rising Brook (a number of whom have gardens backing onto the brook) as it enters the Town Centre.

The North-western boundary follows the main 'Western Springs Road' from the main four-way traffic lights between Western Springs Road, Church Street and Hagley Road up to the 'Stags Leap' Island.



No properties are located on the Western Springs Road itself, so it is a very natural boundary. All residential roads and properties to the left (facing the Stags Leap Island) will be located in Etching Hill and all those to the right will fall within Western Springs.



Again, as outlined earlier the Western Springs Road is the main bypass connecting to Rugeley Town Centre.



**Western Springs Road is the new boundary between Western Springs and Etchinghill and the Heath**

Our proposal sees the houses situated along the Wolseley Road remaining within neighbouring Western Springs Ward given that the Wolseley Road continues into the centre of the Western Springs ward. The minor change we have made within our proposals is to remove the Richardson Way estate from Etching Hill and move it into Western Springs. This is due to the fact that it is accessible only from the Wolseley Road, from which all other roads are within Western Springs.



**Richardson Way, located and accessible from Wolseley Road**

Western Springs is primarily a community and series of residential developments all surrounding and with easy access to Rugeley Town Centre which is at it's heart.

To the north of the Town Centre sits St. Augustine's Church which is the main Church of England with the ward. It is of significant importance within the ward, which a Church having been sited in that location for hundreds of years. The existing Church was built



in 1823 to replace the original parish Church, the Church is currently undergoing significant renovation works which the local church community have been fundraised for. The ruins of the original Church, known locally as 'The Old Chancel' are much loved and cherished within the local community. A local charity was established in 2020 called the 'Chancel Preservation Trust' which is run by local residents who are volunteering to their time to establish a plan to maintain what is left of the old church and preserve it.



**St. Augustine's Church**

Immediately, next to the Old Chancel is 'The Chancel Primary School' – this is currently the only Primary School within the Western Springs ward. The School play an active role within the local community, being heavily involved with the Church and the preservation of the Old Chancel (Year 6 pupils from the Chancel Primary School recently spoken in the importance of preserving the Old Chancel during Rugeley Town Council's Community Conference).



**The Chancel Primary School**

There are a number of small residential estates surrounding the Chancel School and St. Augustine's Church such as Millington Street (and the surrounding streets). This is a more modern, privately owned estate and includes an independent living facility for

older generations called 'Wilson Keys Count' which is managed by the Freemasons. Many of the properties in this area also bank onto the canal.

The Wolseley Road is one of the main 'a' roads running through the ward, linking much of the residential developments directly to the Town Centre (it is also very accessible by foot). There are a number of residential estates leading from the Wolseley Road, such as the Chadsfield Estate (which is a mix for both detached properties and bungalows) and the more modern Eaton Drive Estate (which tends to be home to many young families). On the opposite side of the ward, sits the large Old Eaton Road estate which is again an area home to a lot of families. There is a very strong sense of community within the areas on and surrounding the Wolseley Road which was evidenced both during the Queen's Jubilee celebrations when all of these roads came together to host large street parties and during the pandemic with the creation of the local 'Rugeley Neighbours Support Group'. This covered the area up to Brereton boundary as Brereton and Ravenhill had established another fantastic Group through Brereton Million.

To the far side of the Town Centre is the residential area on and surrounding both Heron Street and Talbot Street. This is much older, more traditional housing – again very accessible to the Town Centre.

The Town Centre sits at the heart of the ward and therefore is where the residents of Western Springs go for amenities. The Town Centre has developed from a beautiful market town (many of the old buildings are still visible – such as the old Mill along the canal and the features of Market Square). The greatest alteration to the town centre took place in 1878 when the old Town Hall was demolished and Anson Street was cut to connect the Market Place with Wolseley Road.



**The old Rugeley Market and Town Hall**





**Rugeley Town Centre - Top photo is looking into Brook Square and the bottom photo is looking out from the Town Centre onto the Globe Island**



**Rugeley Town Centre – The community celebrating the Queen’s Jubilee in 2022**

The south-west end of Church Street was also built up late in the 19th century. The Town Centre now includes 2 large supermarkets, an array of independent shops, travel agents, restaurants, cocktail bars, pubs, chemists and two market halls. As mentioned previously, the Town Centre is the beating heart of the Rugeley Community with monthly Artisan Markets run by Rugeley Town Council and the creation of a community group called ‘Rugeley in Bloom’ which have adopted many of the local flower beds and work with local businesses to brighten up Rugeley Town Centre. All of the Rugeley in Bloom Committee and the majority of the members live around the Town Centre within the Western Springs ward.

In addition to retail provision in the Town Centre, there is also a number of community facilities within the Western Springs ward, all of which are well utilised. They include St. Augustine’s Church and Church Hall, St. Joseph and St. Etheldreda Church and Church Hall and St. Paul’s Methodist Church and Church Hall.

Rugeley Community Centre is also situated on Burnthill Lane which is a real community hub providing an array of activities and support groups, including child development, stay and play for children, Rugeley Foodbank, Health Visitor drop-in sessions, sports classes and coaching sessions, art clubs and bereavement support. The Community Centre has grown in popularity and has become so established over the last 2-3 years that it is now open 7 days a week and has recently submitted a planning application to expand.





It is also complemented by Rugeley Leisure Centre located further up Burnthill Lane, which provides extension sports facilities including a swimming pool, outdoor pitches, a gym and full size indoor sports hall.



With Rugeley being the second main town in the district, the Western Springs ward is also home to the Police Station, the St. John Ambulance base and the Fire Station.

The whole of our new proposal for Western Springs currently sits within the catchment area for the Hart Secondary School. Although, this will change with the creation of the new 'all-through' school on the former Power Station site.







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**Existing Ward Name:** Cannock West

**Proposed New Name:** Shoal Hill

The proposed ward is a residential area north of Cannock Town centre, bordered by Bideford Way, Dartmouth Road, Old Hednesford Road, Heath Gap Road, Cemetery Road and Parkside Lane.

Situated within the ward are two High Schools: Cannock Chase High School and Cardinal Griffin Catholic High School, the catchment areas for these schools fall within the ward. Additionally, situated within the ward are two primary schools: St Luke's Primary School and Sherbrook Primary School, the catchment areas for these schools also fall within the ward. Other educational facilities that are located in the ward include Cannock College, which offers a variety of educational courses to assist the development of skills for people residing in the ward and also the wider district.

Cannock Park is a central part of the community, combining the two distinct areas within the ward. Local residents utilise the facilities on the park, including: the tennis courts, a playground, football pitches and the Golf Course.



Medical facilities such as Cannock Chase Hospital falls within this ward, and it serves local residents as well as residents throughout the district. The Nile Practice, GP surgery, is also located within the ward and many of the residents within the ward use this facility.

A variety of community groups serve within the ward including the Cannock Lions Club which offers assistance to the local community and supports local community projects. Members from this club predominantly live within the ward. The Rotary Club of Cannock is also present within the ward and they offer support to causes within the ward and also Cannock as a whole. Cannock Dementia Friends is another prominent community group within the ward. Soroptimist International of Cannock and District is also another community group that works within the ward. One of the projects in which the Soroptimists support is the Gifts for Womens refugees and food bank. Many members of the Soroptimists group live in the Cannock West ward. Moreover 1st Blackford Sea Scouts, located on the Old Fallow Road, is a community group which is utilised by young people living in the ward.

Key facilities in the ward include Cannock Leisure Centre, which is utilised by residents throughout the proposed ward boundaries in order to enhance their physical and mental health. The Leisure Centre is home to a swimming pool, badminton courts, a gym and other facilities. The Leisure Centre is a facility of great significance and pride to residents within the ward. Notably, also, situated within the ward are the Cannock Chase District Council Offices.



Numerous local residents within the ward utilise Cannock Library, which falls within the boundary of the ward, for both educational and leisure purposes. Alongside this Cannock Chase Advice Centre, which is located in the ward, is an integral amenity to the local community within the ward and is utilised often. The advice centre offers support and advice for people within Cannock and the wider district. Devon Court, located in the ward on Bideford Way hosts a variety of facilities for residents within the ward including: a post office, a Nisa Local and a pharmacy. Also located on Bideford Way, is St Stephens Church which is also accessed by residents surrounding Bideford Way and the wider ward.



Cannock Bus Station, is in the ward however is a shared facility used by residents in both wards of the existing Cannock West ward and the Cannock South ward in order to use this transport link to travel throughout the wider district and beyond. Hence, this was our basis for ensuring that this is bordering both wards. There is a bus stop located near St Lukes School which enables the bus routes to travel through the ward and connects residents to areas outside the district such as Penkridge.

Shoal Hill Common is of great significance to residents within the ward, despite this amenity being located in the South Staffordshire District, many residents use this amenity.

Cannock West is a community which is proud of its core facilities, both Cannock Park and Cannock Leisure Centre, which are integral parts to the communities identity.

### **Boundary notes to accompany map of proposal:**



Image of Cambria Street, which is the first road which goes into Cannock West from Cemetery Road.  
Leading onto the Bevan Lee Road.



Image of Cemetery Road. Border between Chadsmoor and Cannock West.



Image of Celtic Road.





Images of Heath Gap Road.



Image of Hawksville Drive, off the Old Hednesford Road. Border between Cannock West and Hawks Green. Hawksville Drive is within Cannock West and Old Hednesford Road is in Hawks Green.



Images of Barnard Way.







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**Existing Ward Name:** Etching Hill and The Heath

**Proposed New Name:** Etching Hill and The Heath

Etching Hill takes its name from a natural hill of that name – the hill is capped with an outcrop of red sandstone and its lower slopes are covered with gorse, heather and bracken. Due to this, we propose retaining the ward name 'Etching Hill and The Heath'. Etching Hill and the Heath is made up of a collection of small hamlets and residential areas which surround Etching Hill Rock, each with its own distinct community and identity. Etching Hill is served at a Parish level by both Rugeley Town Council and Brindley Heath Parish Council.



Both the existing ward and the ward in our proposals of the same name with updated boundaries, is a semi-rural ward. It boundaries Cannock Chase itself, green belt land adjoining Cannock Chase and the nationally designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The community has a strong affiliation to Cannock Chase, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and strongly believes in its protection.

Under this proposal, the East boundary of the wards sits along Bower Lane, later merging into Stafford Brook Road. This is a main 'A-road' which is a very distinctive geographical boundary. It is already the boundary between the Parliamentary boundaries of Cannock Chase and Stafford Borough with residential dwelling down one side of the road only (sitting within Etching Hill).

The North boundary of the Etchinghill and the Heath ward sits along the Wolseley Road. Again this is a main 'A-road' and forms a natural boundary – the majority of which follows the existing boundary. Our proposal sees the houses situated along the Wolseley Road remaining within neighbouring Western Springs Ward given that the Wolseley Road continues into the centre of the Western Springs ward. The minor change we have made within our proposals is to remove the Richardson Way estate



from Etching Hill and move it into Western Springs. This is due to the fact that it is accessible only from the Wolseley Road, from which all other roads are within Western Springs. All of the properties included within our Etchinghill proposals have their rear along Wolseley Road – instead they are accessible from either The Beeches or Springfields Road.

The East boundary naturally flows from the North boundary following around the 'Stags Leap' Island and up the main 'Western Springs Road' – the boundary will follow the main 'a' road until you reach the main four-way traffic lights between Western Springs Road, Church Street and Hagley Road. No properties are located on the Western Springs Road itself, so it is a very natural boundary. All residential roads and properties to the right (facing the traffic lights) will be located in Etching Hill and all those to the left will fall within Western Springs.

The East boundary of the ward meets the South boundary at the four way traffic lights. The boundary between Etchinghill and the Heath will sit behind the properties along the Hagley Road (between Hagley Road and James Warner Close). The boundary has been drawn so as to ensure the properties facing onto both sides of Hagley Road remain with Western Springs, this is due to the close proximity to the Rising Brook as it enters the Town Centre.

Back in 1880, a local landowner gifted land to the south-west of the hill and part of the hill itself to local inhabitants and it is administered under a charitable trust. 'Friends of Etchinghill' who have the motto 'love where you live' remains in place and consists of local residents who volunteer to undertake regular litter picks and clean ups. There are also popular allotments in this area (for which there is currently a waiting list) which also formed part of the original gift which were to originally 'benefit the labouring poor'. Both the 'Charity for the Provision of Allotments for the Labouring Poor of the Ancient Parish of Rugeley' and the 'Charity for the Provision of a Recreation Ground for Inhabitants of the Ancient Parish of Rugeley' remain active today and are responsible for land in this area.

Sitting immediately below the Etching Hill Rock is what has historically 'Etching Hill Village'. This is a residential community within itself, with its own amenities including a hair salon called 'WS15', the also Etching Hill Church of England Primary School and its own 'Etching Hill Village Hall' which sits just off East Butts Road. Although built in 1948, the village hall still features heavily within village life with its motto being 'serving the community'. Etching Hill Village Hall is home to many fitness groups (including yoga, pilates and dance), hobby groups (such as embroidery, WI and woodturning) and is well used by villagers for private functions. It is also a central location for community celebrations (such as the Jubilee celebrations) or in times of need (such as hosting the collection to support residents of Ukraine). The congregation of the 'Church of the Holy Spirit' tend to live primarily in this area.



**Church of the Holy Sprit is the main church serving the Etching Hill and the Heath ward.**

Brindley Heath is an area of heath land on Cannock Chase situated within Etching Hill, joining the boundaries of Hednesford and Rugeley. The hamlet has a very small community, with just over 800 residents in total. It is its own Parish Area.

The Springfields Estate is a post war housing estate built on the outskirts of Rugeley, between the Town Centre and Etching Hill. The estate is mainly formed of two storey prefabricated houses all of which are aesthetically similar with a unique pebbledash exterior. The Springfields estate is a traditional Council estate and, although the Cannock Chase District Council own many properties in the area, private ownership in the area has increased through the 'Right to Buy' scheme. The whole estate has a very strong sense of community, which a growing 'Springfields Residents Association'.

The Springfields Estate falls within the catchment area of 'Forest Hills Academy'. The school was formerly 'Western Springs Primary School' (*The name of existing neighbouring ward*) however it rebranded in 2020 when taken over by Perry Hall Multi-Academy Trust as the school community felt it no longer correctly represented them and suited the school. In deciding the new name of the school, a consultation exercise was undertaken and 'Forest Hills' chosen by the pupils due to a collective fondness of 'Cannock Chase Forest. The new school logo was also designed by the pupils and features a Stag surrounded by the forest.





### **New Forest Hill Primary School within Etchinghill and the Heath**

Local amenities are built into the design of the Estate, there is a newsagents called 'Pam's News and Booze' and a hot food takeaway in the heart of the estate (just off Bryon Close).



**Small shopping precinct on Bryon Close**

The estate also has leisure provision located at the centre of the estate with a children's play area and a full-size basketball court on Winstanley Place.



**Park on Winstanley Place, next to the park is the Basketball Court**

In terms of medical facilities, the 'Hillsprings Health and Wellbeing' Centre is a large, purpose-built medical centre central to the estate (Lovett Court, just off Winstanley Place). The Centre is run by the 'Horsefair Practice' who managed GP practices across Rugeley and Armitage – 'Hillsprings' being the largest and offering wider services including maternity and midwifery and a range of wellbeing services. The Springfields Estate itself suffers with higher levels of deprivation by comparison to other areas within Rugeley and therefore the central placement and wide-ranging services is beneficial. Being a large facility, other partner agencies lease space within the surgery, such as Social Services.



**Hillsprings Medical Centre**

Our proposals retain Allen Birt Walk, Jeffery Close and Watson Close within Etching Hill as the only entrance of these roads are from the main Springfields Road which also borders the Springfields Estate. This residential area has its own children's play area and open space at Jeffery Close. The main COOP supermarket which is the main supermarket serving the whole of Etching Hill and the Heath also sits just off Springfields Road.

Slitting Mill is a small village which under 200 dwellings which sits on the outskirts of Rugeley, about 1 and a quarter mile from Rugeley Town Centre. It has a very distinct identity and close-knit village community, with a village pub called 'The Horns'. It sits on the very edge of Cannock Chase and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) – The village wraps around Cannock Chase, with many roads bordering the Chase such as Post Office Lane, Penkridge Bank Road and Slitting Mill Road which is the primary road running through the centre of the village.



**The main Slitting Mill Road which runs through the centre of Slitting Mill village and links the village to wider Etching Hill and the Heath**

The Rising Brook and accompanying Heritage Trail forms an integral feature running through Slitting Mill - The name of Slitting Mill itself is derived historically from work along the stream where mills would split (slit) wood and metal. The stream originates



on the Chase, and runs through the village forming Horn's Pool, also known as Dutton's Pool. It then runs into the Western Springs ward and into the centre of Rugeley before joining the River Trent. The Heritage Trail is of great significance to the population of both wards and acts as a natural boundary between both wards.

Slitting Mil Victory Hall is a very well established village facility that continues to thrive. There are a number of local community groups and voluntary groups that regularly hire the hall, many of which have call the Victory Home for many years (including U3A, fitness groups, dance groups, photographic groups).



**The popular 'Slitting Mill Victory Hall' which serves the small population of Slitting Mill**

Slitting Mill also has its own, very small church called 'St. John The Baptists Church' which is over 200 years old. Again, the Church plays an important role within the village hosting regular Sunday services and coffee mornings.



**St. John The Baptist Church serving the small population of Slitting Mill**

Further along the Slitting Mill Road, after it exits the village, there are a number of small hamlets such as Fair Oak, Sheepwash and Forge. Whilst each of these very small communities have their own distinctive identities, they all have strong links with both 'Slitting Mill' and the wider 'Etching Hill'. Both Slitting Mill and all of the surrounding smaller hamlet identify as living within 'Etching hill' and proudly include it within their address.



Under our new proposals, Etching Hill and the Heath includes areas previously falling within the Western Springs ward, with the Western Springs Road being the natural boundary. There are areas within this area that already identify as living within Etching Hill, such as 'Huntsman's Walk, Dearleap Way and Mayflower Drive'. Again, this area falls with the catchment area of the schools based within Etchinghill, primarily Forest Hills but also Etching Hill Church of England Primary School and John Bamford Primary School.



### **Etching Hill Primary School**

Within our proposals the ward boundaries are changed so as to include Green Lane and the surrounding residential areas which fall naturally into this community.





**The area surrounding Green Lane is a built up residential community. The road is on a steep incline leading down from Etching Hill.**

It would also incorporate the Fernwood Centre Community Shopping Complex which is already well used by both the residents living within this area and the residents already living with the existing ward. The shopping complex includes a convenience store, an off licence, a funeral parlour, a hairdressers, a barbers, a tattoo studio, a number of takeaways, a bakery and a post office. The complex sits directly behind Forest Hills Academy and also includes a community church.



**Fernwood Community Shopping Complex just off Green Lane**

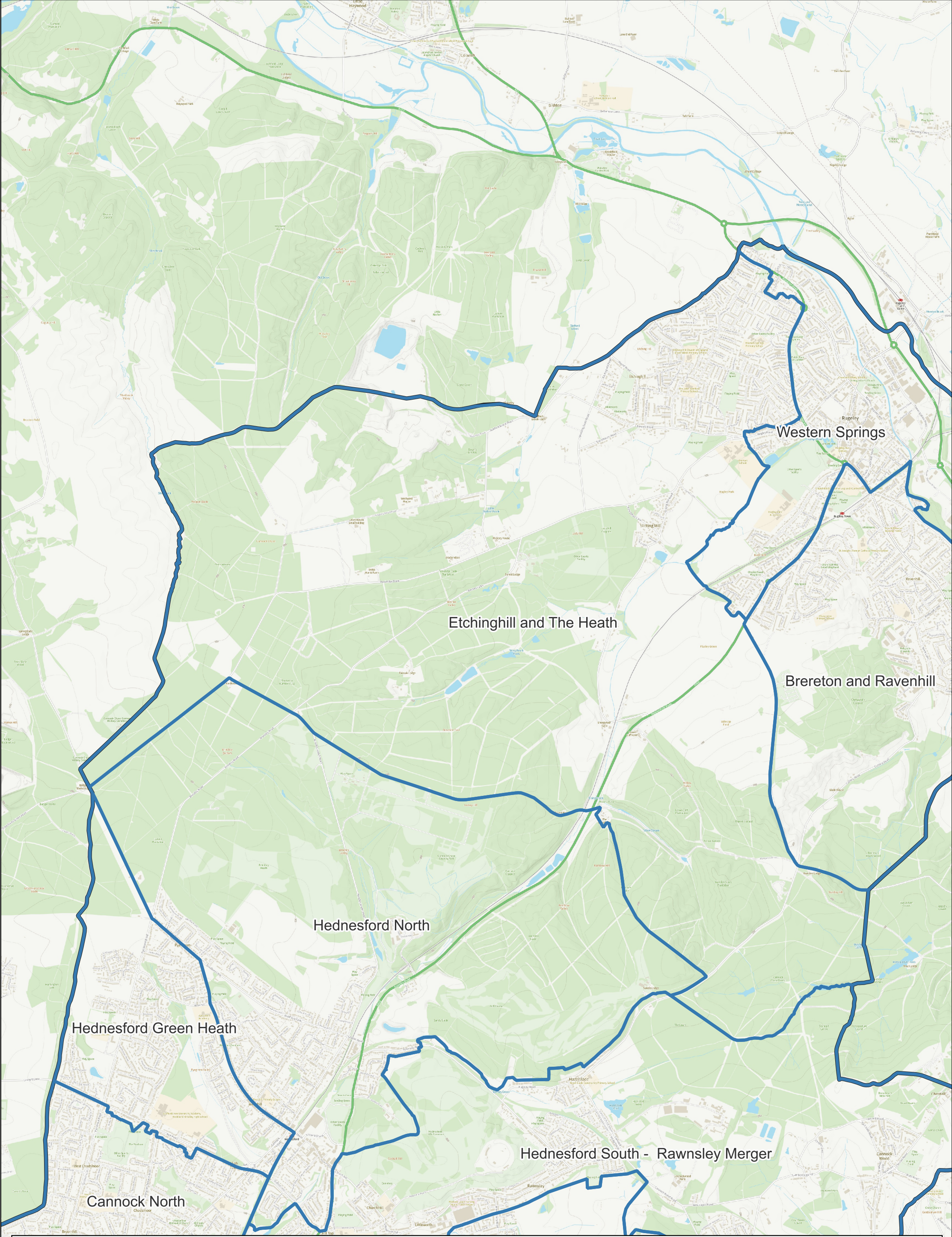
In terms of leisure and sports provision, Etching Hill and the Heath is well served by Rugeley Cricket Club which sits within the ward itself, Etching Hill Tennis Club and the large recreational fields which are hired by the weekend football leagues on Mount Road. Under the new ward boundaries, both the Green Lane Play Area and the Green Lane Playing Fields would sit within the boundary. These amenities are already well used by Etching Hill residents – with some of the Etching Hill Sports Teams already using the playing pitches on a regular basis.



**Photos above – Rugeley Cricket Club which is also the home of ‘Rugeley Runners’.**

The whole of our new proposal for Etching Hill and the Heath sits within the catchment area for the Hart Primary School.







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## **Proposed New Name: Chadsmoor**

Chadsmoor is an urban settlement approx. one mile from Cannock town centre, and borders Hednesford, Cannock, Hawks Green and Huntington which is South Staffs not within the Cannock Chase District.

Chadsmoor centre was developed around 1875 when the West Cannock Colliery Company built three collieries on adjacent land and the East Cannock colliery company quickly followed, Lord Hatherton then developed Littleton Colliery and the need for houses for miners and their families became a priority and the population of Chadsmoor grew extensively.

Chadsmoor centre is now classed as the main through road Cannock Road where there are shops, cafes, restaurants, fish and chip shop, book makers, working man's club and pubs.



**Image of the high street, with a variety of shops within Chadsmoor. Taken on the Cannock Road.**

The Trussell Trust also have their main hub in Chadsmoor, The Cannock and district Food Bank. Chadsmoor is a area of deprivation and therefore this helps to support the local community.

Chadsmoor also has a sports stadium Cannock Stadium, which is now ran by The friends of Cannock Stadium.





**Stadium gates in Chadsmoor, Cannock**

A community group called SPARK which help families in need they help with baby items, holiday clubs for school children and their siblings, provide equipment to expectant mothers and hold a weekly free community food table offering surplus foods to members of the community. Chadsmoor also has a Children's centre again this offers help and support to families in need and has a good contact and working relationship with the food bank, they help families with school uniforms, provide activities for children to attend free of charge, they also host free courses for adults, i.e. sewing, crafting, basic PC training helping members of the public to gain skills that could help with job searching.

Chadsmoor has five primary schools, Chadsmoor infant school Huntington Terrace Road, Chadsmoor C OF E V C Junior School in Burns Street, Chadsmoor Community Infant and Nursery school on Kingsway and Redhill Primary school in Wrights Avenue and Moorhill Primary School in Moorland Road. There is also a senior school on Belt Road Staffordshire University Academy sixth form.

SNAP (Special Needs Adventure Playground) is also popular with local families from within the ward.



**SNAP (Special Needs Adventure Playground)**

The bus that services this area is the number 26 this bus goes to both Hednesford and Cannock.

The medical facilities in Chadmoor are Chadmoor 4medical Practice in Princess Street and Moss Street Surgery in Moss Street, Dr J R Gallimore also holds a surgery at Moss Street surgery.



**Image of Moss Street Surgery located on Moss Street, used by local residents.**

The area has many places of worship Chadmoor Methodist church on Cannock Road, Bethany Baptist Church also on Cannock Road, St Chads Hawkyard Close, St Aidan's Church on St Aidan's Road and Cannock Christian Centre on Pye Green Road.



**Image of Chadmoor Methodist Church, used by local residents.**





**Bethany Baptist Church**

Chadsmoor has many pubs and clubs The Jubilee Pye Green Road, Broomhill Albion wmc. The Jolly Collier on Huntington Terrace Road, Belt Road Working Men's Club on Belt Road, The Bridge Inn on Belt Road, The Nest on Cannock Road, The Duck on Moss Street and Burn Street WMC in Burns Street all of these are well attended and memberships within the Working Men's Clubs are all full.



**Images of The Duck Pub located on Moss Street/ Cannock Road and Broomhill Working Mens Club, both popular and used by local residents.**

Chadsmoor also has its own war memorial on the corner of Cannock Road and Burns Street which was placed there in 2015 and was dedicated by RT REV CLIVE GREGORY.



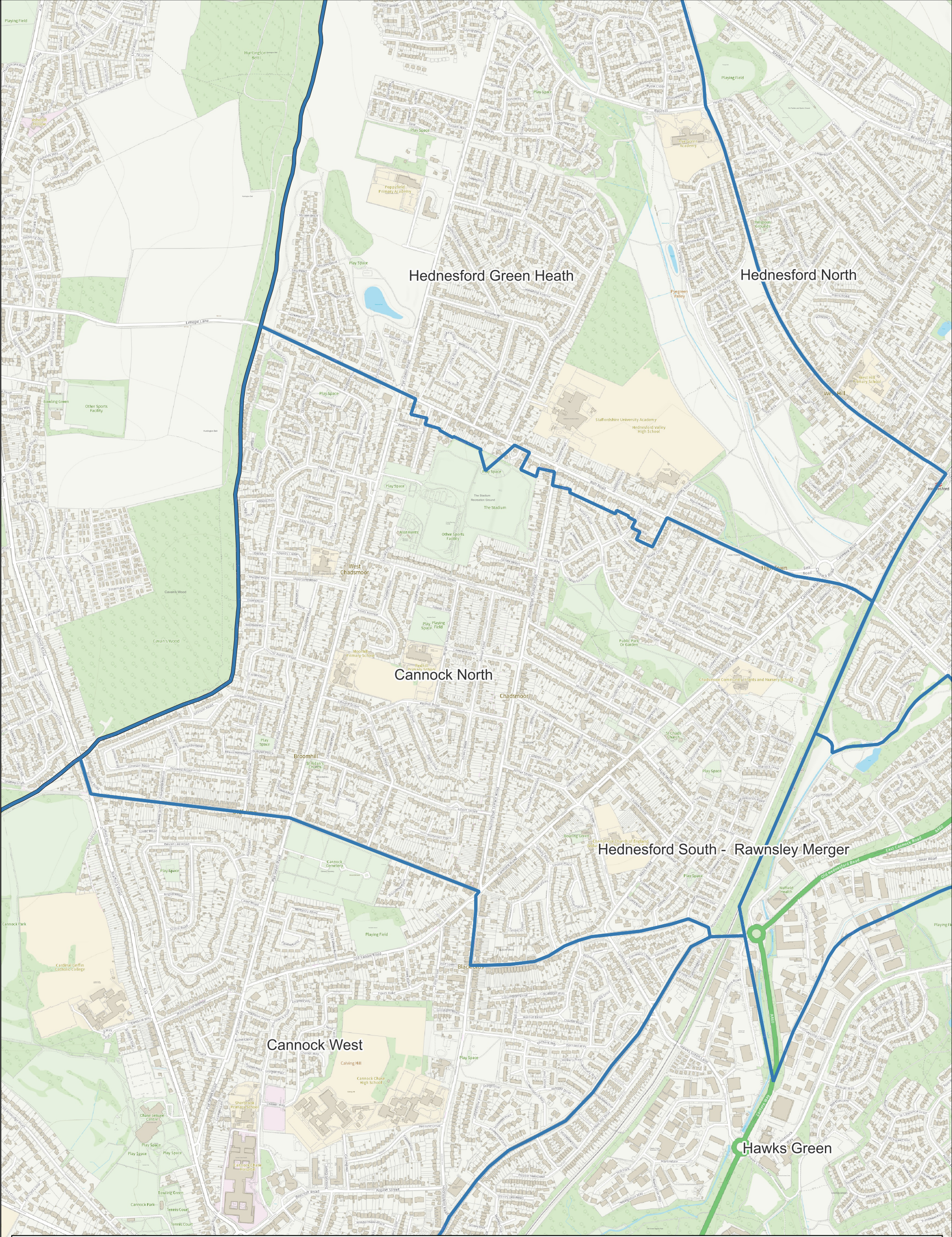
**Image of the war memorial in Chadsmoor, located by Cannock Road.**

**Boundary notes to accompany map of proposal:**



**Image of Common Lane and Heath Gap Road border between Cannock West and Chadsmoor.**







# Cannock Chase Boundary Review

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**Existing Ward Name:** Cannock South

**Proposed New Name:** Cannock Town and Villages

This proposed new ward is a densely populated community surrounding and expanding from Cannock Town Centre, encompassing Rumer Hill, Longford and Bridgtown. The existing Cannock South has witnessed significant further development in recent times which has increased the local population, particularly within Bridgtown where Walkmill Lane has been developed and now borders on the South Staffordshire District. Bridgtown Parish Council sits within and covers the district ward.

Situated within the ward are three primary schools: Longford Primary School, St Mary's Primary School and Bridgtown Primary School. All of the schools' catchment areas fall within the ward. Cannock Chase Grammar School is also located within the ward, this is a private school with an open catchment area. However, it still serves the local area with some students from Cannock and areas from the wider district attending the school. Alderwood Medical practice is the predominant medical facility used by residents within the ward and is located on the Longford Road, within the ward boundary. The ward also has three Chemists: Boots Chemist, Well Chemist and Pyramid Pharmacy.

Major supermarkets including: Aldi, Asda, Iceland and Morrison's serve as integral facilities to the residents within the ward. Cannock Town Centre is the central community hub for local residents, amenities in the Town Centre include: boots, banks, bookmakers, and cafes. The current shopping precinct in Cannock Town Centre has a number of varied shops including jewellers, green grocers, clothing stores, opticians, games and mobile phone and beauty products shops. There is also an outdoor market in the Town Centre on Tuesdays and Fridays, which is accessed by numerous residents from the ward and it brings residents into Cannock Town Centre. The Bowling Green also resides in Cannock Town Centre and has historical significance to residents within the ward. This facility is utilised by the local Cannock Bowling Team. Miller and Carter Steak restaurant is also situated within the ward. Along with other restaurants - four restaurants in the town centre and three in Bridgtown offering Asian, Oriental, and Continental cuisine.





Cannock Train Station is an integral transport link for residents within this ward and residents in Cannock, connecting residents to the wider District and areas outside the district including Walsall and Birmingham for both employment and educational opportunities. The Bus station also serves as a transport link for residents within the ward, hence this is the basis for the Bus station being on the border between the existing Cannock South and Cannock West.

The ward also hosts a number of parks: Wellington Drive Park, Bridgtown Park, Laburnum Avenue Park, Lakeside Boulevard park and York Road park all utilised by local residents, specifically young people, on their respective estates and surrounding areas. Wellington Drive is also receiving funding in order to improve the parks facilities.

The proposed ward hosts a variety of entertainment and leisure facilities including a cinema, two gyms and Cannock Prince of Wales theatre, all utilised by local residents. Within the ward is Avon Road Community Centre, which is utilised by a variety of local community groups. Moreover, Cannock South is proud of its military heritage, with the 116 CORPS Regiment being located within Bridgtown. Situated in the existing Cannock South are two war memorials: the war memorial in Cannock Town Centre and the war memorial in Bridgtown. Within the Town Centre there are also two band stands that are utilised for public events and town celebrations.



There are a number of charities that are prominent within the ward including the Salvation Army which has a shop in the Town Centre and has a hub on Wallhouse Street which is used as a polling station in the ward. Moreover, MASE is another prominent charity in the ward which is a twice monthly support group that meet at St Luke's Church, located within the ward, which supports local families and individuals suffering from Alzheimer's. The Heart Foundation also has a shop within the Cannock South ward, located in the town centre, which is run by local volunteers, in order to raise funds for those who suffer with heart conditions. Other charities located in Cannock Town Centre, supporting local residents, include The Beacon Centre for the Blind which supports people with sight loss. Facilities they provide include audio books and they also offer the services of guide dogs. Additionally, there is a Stroke support group run by local residents for the local community in the Bethel Church located in Bridgtown.

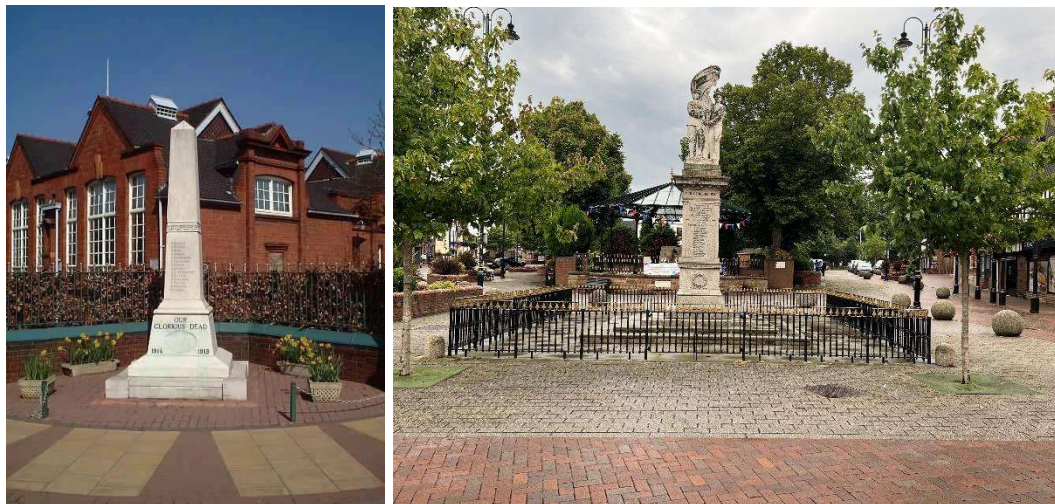
St Luke's Church also hosts a weekly drug addiction support group, supporting local residents who suffer from drug addiction and are in rehabilitation. St Luke's Church hold a monthly Mother's Union and Friendship/befriending group. There are also a "kids club" that meet on Sunday mornings and a Craft Cafe that meets every 2nd

Saturday. St Luke's also utilise St Barnabus Church Hall in Hampton Street to cater for other functions, which is also the polling station for the Laburnum Estate.



The Bethel Church, Bridgtown is the meeting place for Bridgtown Historic Society, the Parish Council and recently has become the polling station for Bridgtown.

To summarize, this area has a proud community, which expands from Cannock Town Centre, passionate about its military heritage and also its mining heritage, with a former mining colliery being located at the top of Rumer Hill.





**Boundary notes to accompany map of proposal:**



Image of border between existing Cannock West and Cannock South. Facing down the image is Beech Tree Lane and Dartmouth Avenue, both in our proposal. The car is driving down Dartmouth Road.



Image of Oakwoods Drive which is moving into the proposed ward from the existing Cannock West.



Image of Dartmouth Avenue.



Image of Longford Road.



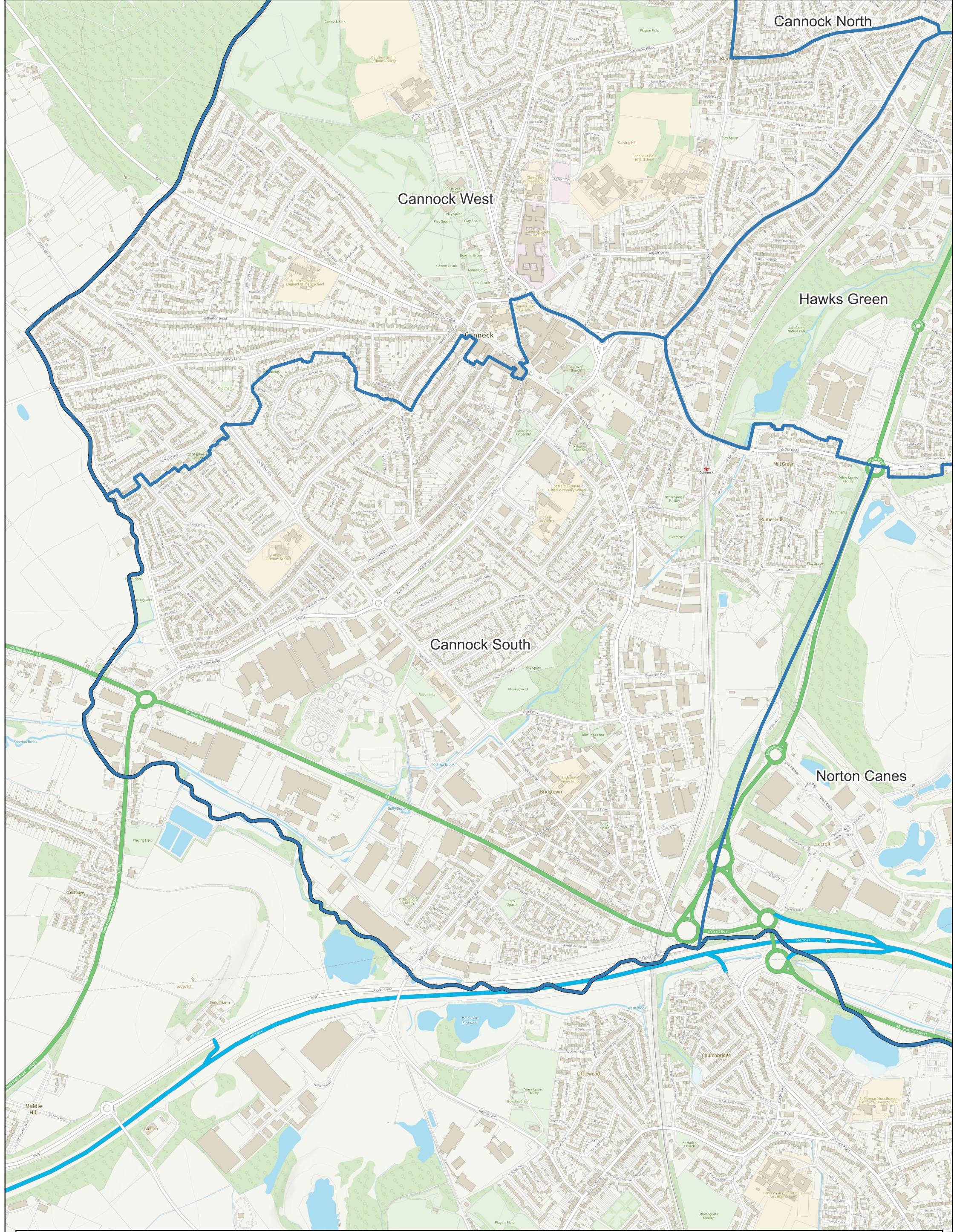


Image of South Close, off Dartmouth Avenue, moving from the existing Cannock West into the existing Cannock South. This is covered within our proposal.



Image of Elms Drive moving from existing Cannock West into existing Cannock South. This is covered within our proposal.







# Cannock Chase Boundary Review

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**Existing Ward Name:** Heath Hayes and Wimblebury

**Proposed New Name:** Heath Hayes and Wimblebury

Heath Hayes and Wimblebury are two separate villages, linked by a number of main roads, namely Wimblebury Road and Keys Park Road. It represents a large 'L' shape so the road network naturally flows and connects the two villages. The number 60 bus links the two villages by way of public transport. The existing Parish Boundary includes both Heath Hayes and Wimblebury.

Heath Hayes and Wimblebury have three primary schools - Gorsemoor Primary School, Five Ways Primary School and Heath Hayes Academy. The catchment areas cover Heath Hayes and Wimblebury.

Five Ways Island is a large feeder island that acts as one of the primary entrances into Heath Hayes. It is also the natural boundary between Heath Hayes and Wimblebury. More widely, the island acts as the main connection from Heath Hayes to Norton Canes, Burntwood, Cannock and Hednesford.

The main road from Five Ways Island into Heath Hayes (Hednesford Road) is the central Heath Hayes High Street which is the main community hub and village centre for Heath Hayes. Located on Heath Hayes High Street is a pub, 2 churches, a library, a chemist, a post office and shops. Historically, this was the location of the only shops within the village. However, over time it has grown and community facilities are now spread on and around Heath Hayes High Street, with the High Street remaining the central street. Heath Hayes Medical Centre sits on the junction between Hednesford Road and Gorsemoor Road (along the main stretch of Heath Hayes High Street).

The library, sitting just off the Hednesford Road, is home to a number of community groups, such as Heath Hayes Arts Society and Grandparents Club formed by local residents. During the Covid-19 pandemic, a Covid-19 support group was established to assist local residents which covered both Heath Hayes and Wimblebury.

Historically and before the village became of such a size that it required an island, the pub located at the end of Hednesford Road (currently Five Ways Pub, formerly Coach and Inn) represented the far corner of Heath Hayes village. For this reason, it is affectionally known by older generations as 'The Corner'.

The Five Ways Pub is home to a number of Heath Hayes community groups, including Five Ways Ramblers and Five Ways Strollers. It is also the home of the 'Community Shop' which is a charity concept and offers greatly discounted food and toiletries. Although membership is primarily from Heath Hayes and Wimblebury, it does attract members from the wider area.

The gates for Heath Hayes Park lead off from Five Ways Island. Although owned by Cannock Chase District Council, the park is managed by a local community Group called Friends of Heath Hayes Park. The gates to Heath Hayes Park are memorial gates and act as Heath Hayes War Memorial to remember local residents lost.

Directly opposite Heath Hayes High Street (across Five Ways Island) is Wimblebury Road.

Wimblebury was created as Heath Hayes expanded, although has a distinct identity. Due to recent developments, growth has connected the two villages more closely. There is now no undeveloped land between the two villages.

Wimblebury has a small village centre with 3 shops, a post office, a pub and a working man's club called Bate's Working Man's Club. Bate's Working Man's Club is the only club licensed to sell alcohol. Having canvassed the gentleman who regularly drink in the club and reside within the local vicinity, they currently fall within the 'Rawnsley' ward but are adamant that they *'live in Wimblebury and have always lived in Wimblebury'*.

Wimblebury Park is located between Scot Street and Arthur Street, this again would have been located in original centre of Wimblebury. Wimblebury Community Centre sits at the heart of the old Wimblebury Centre.

Again, Wimblebury has expanded greatly in recent years with a number of new estates which have been developed off the Keys Park Road. Wimblebury Park is the main park from all of the residents which have moved into these newer estates. The Brickworks Nature Reserve sits behind the old Wimblebury Village Centre. All of the new developments surround the original nature reserve.

The residents of the new developments identify as living with 'Heath Hayes'. Having canvassed residents, the identify was clear and all but 4 children residing in the area attended Heath Hayes Academy or Fiveways Primary School.

At present, half of Sweetbriar Way (modern estate) is in Heath Hayes and half is in Hednesford South.

Given that the football ground is located in the centre of the new developments which self-identify as Heath Hayes, it is a natural fit within the ward. It is the home of 'Hednesford Town Football Club' but the ground itself is called 'Keys Park' (Keys Park



Road already sits partly within Heath Hayes ward). Stand names at the ground include 'Wimblebury Terrace' and the 'Heath Hayes End'.



**Picture of the new estate surrounding Hednesford Football Club (Pitmen Way)**

It terms of the natural boundaries, the north of our new ward boundaries is a series of industrial parks (Upper Keys Business Park and Anglesey Business Park) but form a district barrier between the residential properties based in Heath Hayes and Wimblebury and Hednesford Town. On the Western side of the new ward, there are a number of self-contained modern estates based within Hawks Green, all of which were built at the same time. They residential properties along this Heath Hayes and Wimblebury boundary architecturally differ. The Eastern boundary sits behind fields fronting onto Wimblebury Road, the other side of the fields would be Prospect Village, Cannock Wood and areas within the Lichfield constituency, all of which have very distinctive identities. The southern boundary links with Norton Canes. However, there is a greenbelt buffer between the two. Due to this, we feel that the Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Boundaries are easily identifiable.

### **Boundary notes to accompany map of proposal:**



**Image of Bryan's way which would move into the ward.**





**Image of Wimblebury Road heading up to the Trafalgar Pub. At the traffic lights the road turns into Littleworth Road, which is the border between Heath Hayes and Wimblebury and Hednesford South and Rawsley.**



**Image of Hill Street which is in Heath Hayes and Wimblebury in our proposal. It is the border between Heath Hayes and Wimblebury and Hawks Green.**



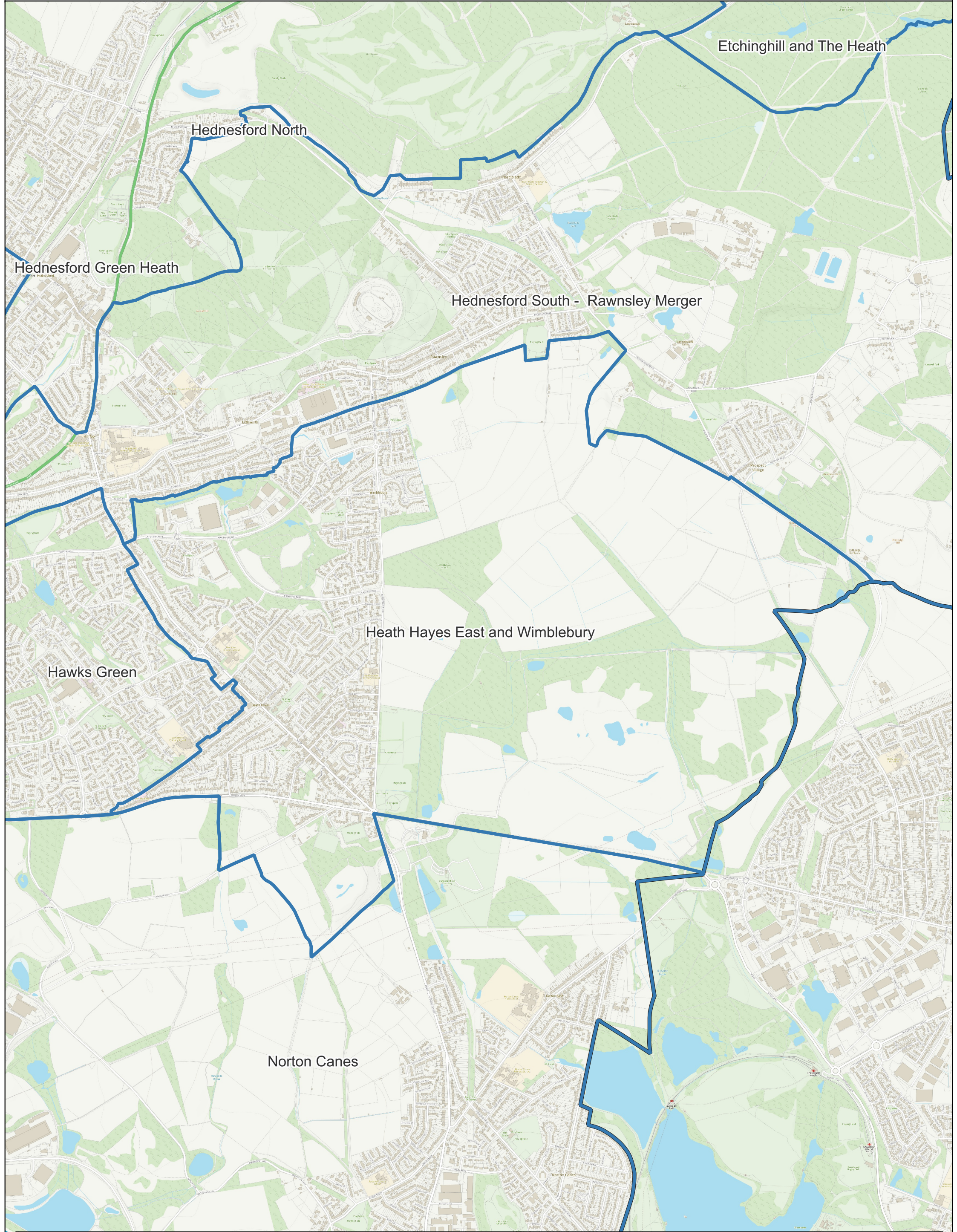
**Image of Nelson Drive which would move into the ward.**





**Image of Nelson Drive which would move into the ward.**







# Cannock Chase Boundary Review

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## **Proposed New Name: Hawks Green**

Hawks Green is made up of a series of self-contained modern developments surrounding a community hub, which situates: a petrol centre, the Winding Wheel pub, a bistro, a card shop, Tesco Superstore and a charity shop. This is interpreted by residents within the ward as the central community centre within the ward. The Panshi Curry House is situated on this complex which is a popular curry house used regularly by local residents.



**Image of Tesco, located on the central community hub alongside Hayes Community Centre in the Ward.**

Within this focal community hub, Hayes Green Community Centre is situated which hosts the Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish Council meetings. Hawks Green falls within the Heath Hayes and Wimblebury Parish.





**Image of Hayes Green community centre, situated on the central community hub alongside Tesco and other amenities.**

In addition to the local community amenities and eateries within the main Hawks Green complex, the ward also features a further pub which is the Newhall Farm. Newhall farm is located on Lichfield Road and is primarily used by residents of Hawks Green from the newer developments from Meadow Way all the way down to Pheasant Way (including all streets in between leading off Lichfield Road).

Gorsemoor Primary School sits within the ward and its catchment area falls within the ward of Hawks Green. The school sits off Gorsemoor Road (the entrance of the school is in Heath Hayes and the rear is in Hawks Green) but the school predominantly serves the children of Hawks Green.

The self-contained modern developments are connected by a series of nature reserves namely: Milking Brook Nature Reserve and Mill Green and Hawks Green Valleys Nature Reserve. These Nature Reserves are used by residents within Hawks Green to walk to local amenities specifically the focal community hub situated around Hayes Green Community Centre and to the McArthurglan Designer Outlet.

The 'West Midland Designer Outlet Village' owned by McArthurglan is a £160 development which opened on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 with approximately 40 stores. The second phase of the development, which includes a substantial extension, is due to commence shortly following the success of phase 1. The development was secured after a number of Staffordshire based councils competed to attract the development. During the planning process, McArthurglan selected the name 'West Midlands

Designer Outlet Village' which disappointed residents. The favorite name amongst locals was 'Mill Green' (as was quoted by the Press) which represented the local connections within surrounding community. It is affectionately known as this.

Hawks Green Brook travels from Lichfield Road through Hayes Way and past Eastern way, which then merges with the Ridings Brook on McArthur Glen side of Eastern Way, thus arguably creating a connection between the Designer Outlet and the surrounding nature reserve to the outlet (Mill Green and Hawks Green Valleys Nature Reserve) to the Hawks Green ward.



**Image of Eastern Way, to the right is the designer outlet village.**



**Image of the Designer Outlet Village**

In the ward changes we have moved the Council owned depot, which has always been known as Hawks Green Depot (and is officially known as Hawks Green Depot), Hawks Green Lane, Old Hednesford Road, Pebble Mill and Stoney Lea.





**Image of Pebble Mill Drive, which shall move in Hawks Green.**

The new development called "The Hills" which opened in 2021 continued the ongoing modern development in Hawks Green after having condensed the Council's Depot onto a smaller site, using the disused half to provide a further 44 new homes.



**This image portrays the new estate on The Hills which is off the Old Hednesford Road, which will move into the Hawks Green ward.**





**Image of the Hawks Green Depo on Hawks Green lane, which will move in our proposal to Hawks Green.**

In terms of geographical boundaries, the northern boundary of the new ward features industrial sites along Hemlock Way. There is no residential development in this area – the industrial estates and Milking Brook nature reserve the separates Hawks Green from Hednesford.



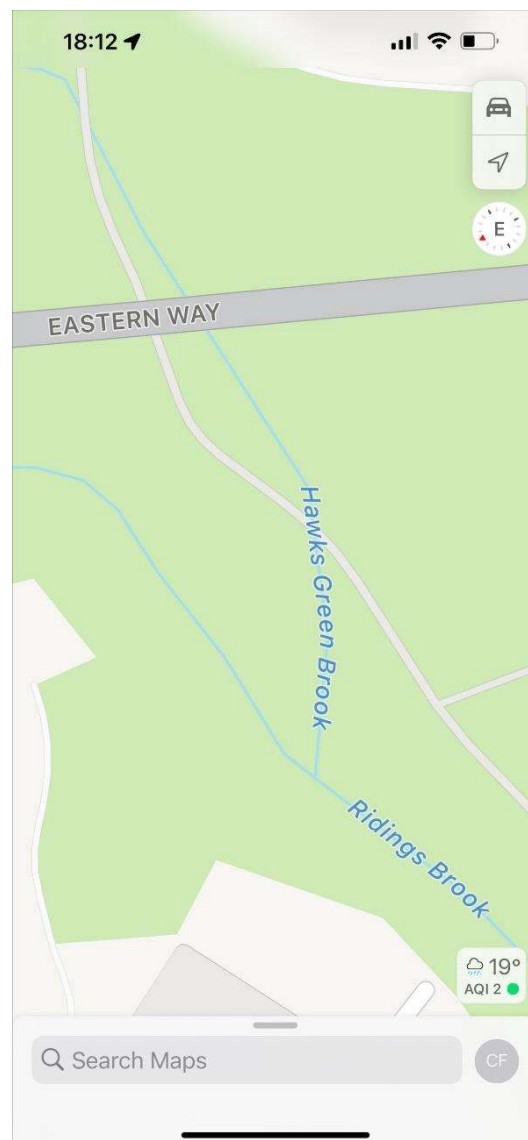
**Image of one of the entrances to Milking Brook Nature reserve.**

The Eastern boundary abuts the traditional Heath Hayes village with the boundary line being Gorsemoor Road, Hednesford Road and Hill Street, all of which are busy A-roads. The entire southern boundary sits naturally along Lichfield Road which is an A-Road, of which the other side is the Recycling Centre ('The Tip'). Finally, the western boundary sits along the A461, Old Hednesford Road leading to the A5910 which is the far end of the Lichfield Road (southern boundary). This sits adjacent to Cannock Town and forms a natural geographical boundary.

Traffic in and around the boundaries of the ward flows naturally through the ward and around the ward boundaries. There is currently no bus serving this community but there is well connected pedestrian access across the ward, which the new

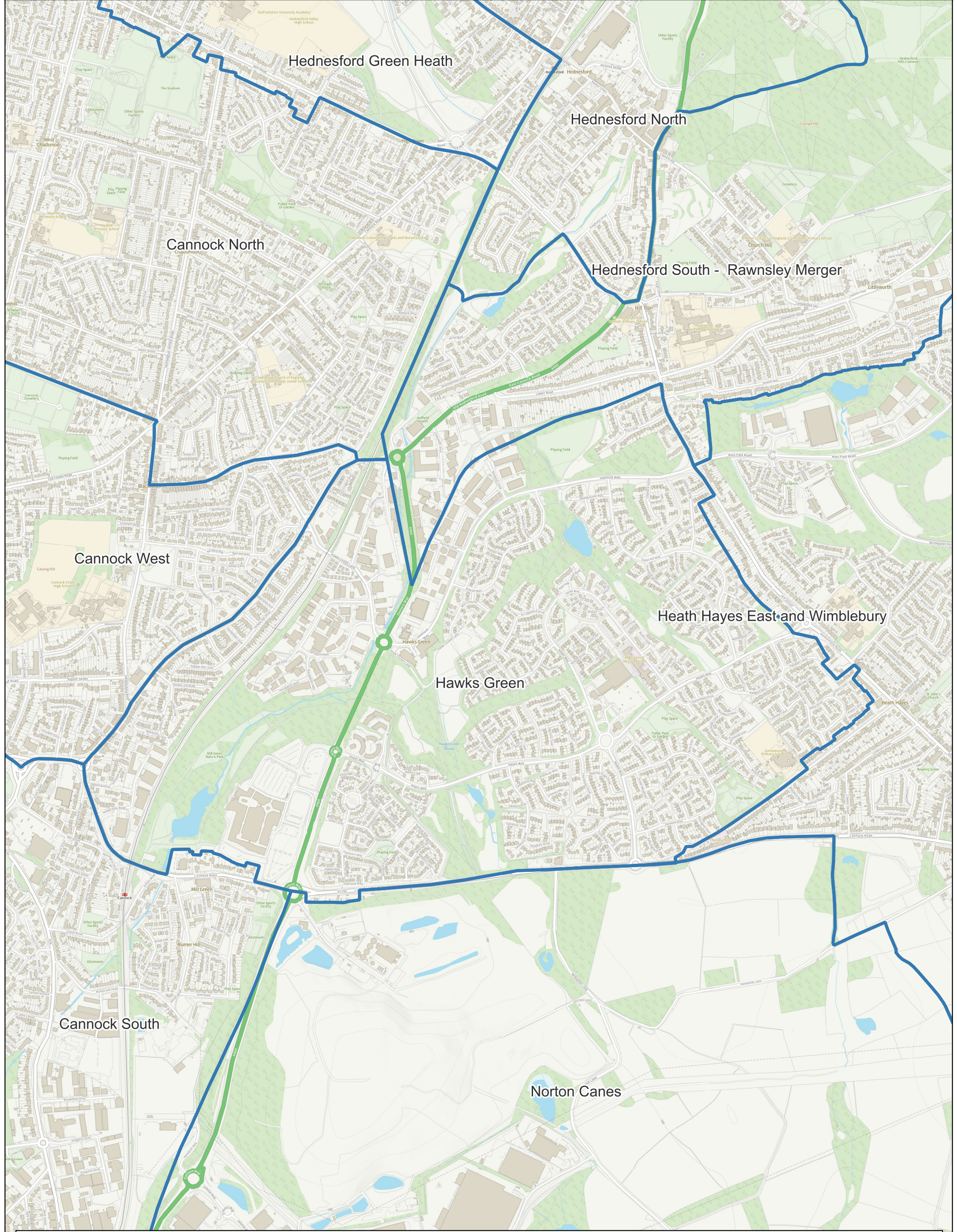


developments being served by link alleyways and formal pathways through the nature reserves.



**This image demonstrates the merger of Hawks Green Brook and Riding Brook on the Designer Outlet Village side of Eastern Way**







# Cannock Chase Boundary Review

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## **Proposed New Name: Hednesford Green Heath**

Hednesford Green Heath is made up of a series of housing estates, of varied aged, bordered by Green Heath Road, Belt Road, Pye Green Road, Broahurst Green and Cannock Road. Hednesford Green Heath has had the recent addition of numerous housing estates, both small and large, in excess of 2,000 houses of which has added substantial development to the ward. Situated in these new developments are a number of recreational grounds.

Within the ward, there are four schools: Pye Green Academy, Pye Green Valley Primary School, Poppyfield Primary Academy and Staffordshire University Academy, all of which fall in the catchment area for young people living in the ward.

Hednesford Train station, which splits the boundary of Hednesford Green Heath and Hednesford North arguably creating a natural boundary between these two areas of Hednesford, enables transport links for residents residing in the ward to the wider the District and also surrounding areas such as Walsall and Birmingham for employment opportunities. Moreover, Hednesford Railway Station has an extremely active friends group called 'Friends of Hednesford Railway Station', who keep the train station free of litter and the station is always provided with seasonal flower boxes. There are also long term plans to have a railway cafe on the station. The Chairman and a number of the committee members live in Hednesford Green Heath, with also a number of the members living in Hednesford North. Hence, this is a contributing factor behind the split being between these two Hednesford wards being the Train Station.

The Northern Corner of Hednesford Green Heath, namely Broadhurst Green, borders on to Cannock Chase AONB an amenity which local residents access regularly. A further mile from this, is the German and Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery of which is also of great importance to residents of Hednesford Green Heath. Situated in the ward is Littleton Lodge Care home, of which a number of residents elderly relatives reside.

At the heart of Hednesford Green Heath, there is a community hub called Rosehill Parade comprised of the Samson Blewitt Pub, a local supermarket and takeaway establishments utilised by local residents from the ward. The Samson Blewitt Pub is popular amongst residents within the Hednesford Green Heath Ward.





**Image of Rosehill Parade. Located on Rosehill Parade is The Samson Blewitt Pub, takeaway eateries, and a One Stop Shop.**

The Skelly, of which is of great importance to residents in Hednesford Green Heath as it an old Brownfield Site, is a parkland area bordering Belt Road, nearby Staffordshire University Academy of which a river stream is located and is well used by the residents of Hednesford Green Heath, particularly residents from the new Pit Pony Way estate. The Skelly provides a beautiful area of open space for residents, dog walkers and young people within the ward.







**Images of the new housing estate of which the Skelley is opposite. (Pit Pony way is one of the roads located on this new estate.)**

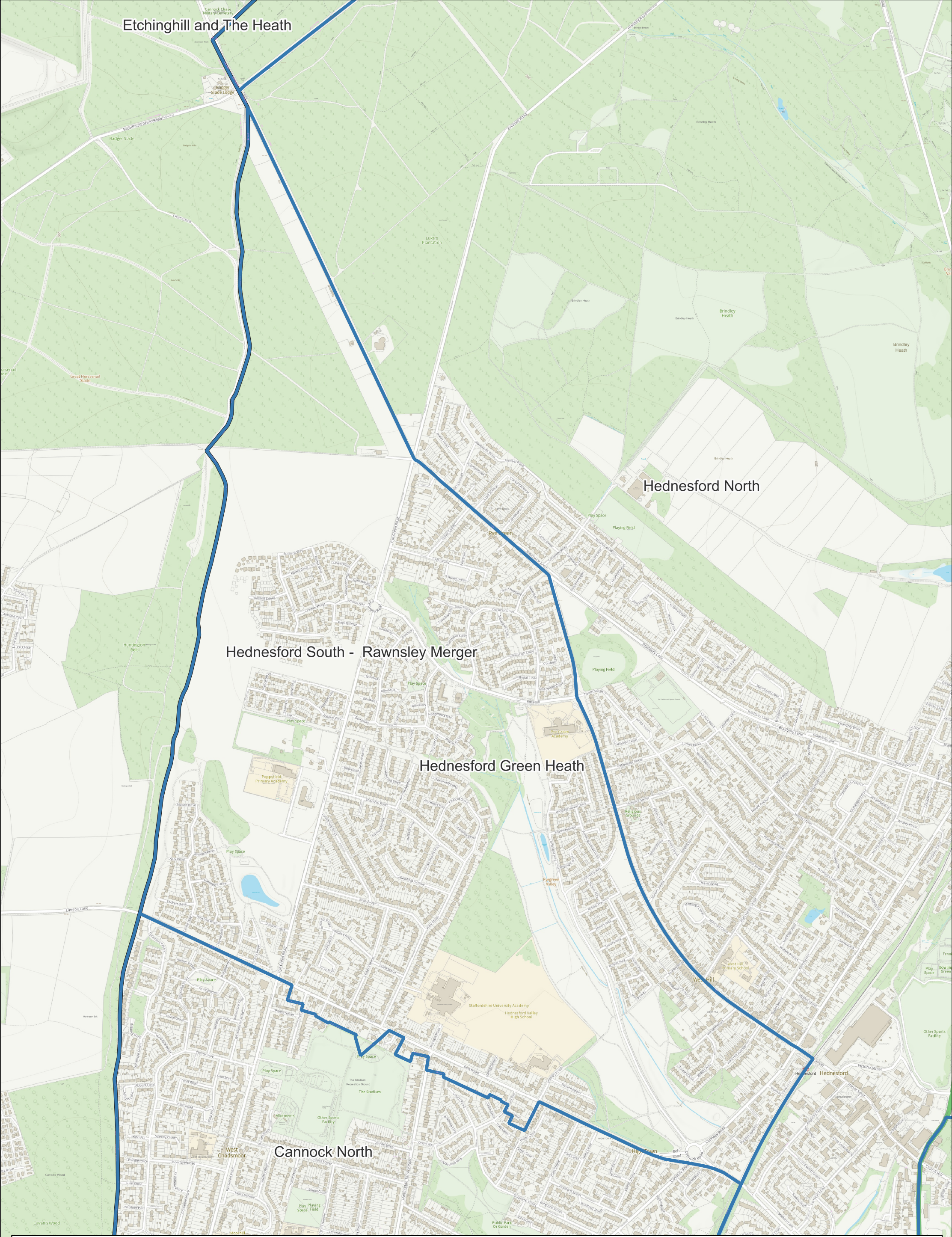
There is a road splitting the new estate and the Skelley by the Bridge Pub leading up to Pye Green Academy. It is pivotal to note, Hednesford itself is an ex-mining community and is proud of its heritage.

Despite the new developments witnessed within Hednesford Green Heath, there is still an overwhelming passion in the identity of the ward, specifically based around its mining heritage and also the passion for The Skelley.



**Image of the Skelley.**







# Cannock Chase Boundary Review

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## **Proposed New Name: Hednesford Town and Pye Green**

This is an old mining community, bordered by Rugeley Road, Green Heath Road, Stafford Lane, Uxbridge Street and Rawnsley Road. Residing in the ward is West Hill Primary School, which falls in the catchment area for young people in the ward.

Situated within the ward is Hednesford Town Centre, which is the focal community arena for residents in Hednesford North. Within Hednesford Town Centre there are a variety of shops and facilities, namely: Weatherspoon's and our Member of Parliaments Offices. Moreover, in the town centre there is a large memorial dedicated to Mining which is of great significance to residents in Hednesford North, this is looked after and cared for by a voluntary group called the Miners Memorial Group. The friends of Hednesford Community Volunteers, is also located in Hednesford Town Centre.

Additionally, there are other local community groups in this ward such as the umbrella voluntary group called Hednesford in Partnership, of which they organise Hednesford Festival attended by thousands of residents from within this ward and residents from the wider district.

Major supermarkets, such as Tesco and Aldi, and amenities such as Whitehouse Butchers and Pizza Hut are also within the ward, located on Victoria Street. On the opposite side of Victoria Street is Hednesford Park, which is an integral amenity to the residents of this ward and wider Hednesford residents. Located on Hednesford Park are Tennis Courts, outdoor Gym equipment, a football pitch and open space for local residents to utilise in order to enhance their mental and physical health. Hednesford Park will also host the districts first Chase Pride event in September, which will add to the long lasting legacy of Hednesford Park. Hednesford Park also holds a pavilion and busy cafe, as well as available for woodland education used by a variety of local schools.



**Hednesford Park entrance - An integral amenity to the residents of this ward.**



The mining heritage is of significance in this area, as it is the home of the Museum of Cannock Chase which was once the home of the Valley Colliery and is free to enter and tells the story of Cannock Chase, including its military role. It used by local schools for educational purposes.



**Valley Road, location of Museum of Cannock Chase.**

The Fives sports facility in the ward is a football facility with ample parking and state of the art facilities, utilised by young people in in this ward for exercise and social purposes. It is built on the old fives colliery miners club, reminding residents of their heritage.

The ward also houses the main Hednesford War Memorial, which is proudly maintained by community volunteers.





**Image of Hednesford War Memorial, which is, of course, of great significance to residents in Hednesford.**

This ward also encompasses medical facilities such as Lloyds Pharmacy and Hednesford Valley Health Centre, which are used by residents. Alongside this Hednesford Library is also in the ward and is owned by Staffordshire County Council but it is run by local volunteers, many of whom live in this ward.



**Image of Station Road sign, located on this street is Hednesford Valley Medical Practice.**

Pye Green Community Centre also sits in this area, and hosts Hednesford Town Council meetings. It is run by the Town Council but leased by the District Council. A variety of community groups use this facility. There was recently a petition surrounding the Pye Green Community Centre and thousands of residents from within this ward signed it in order to save this integral community facility and maintain its existing use. The facility is used by many Pye Green residents and community groups, all of which illustrated their passion towards the saving centre.

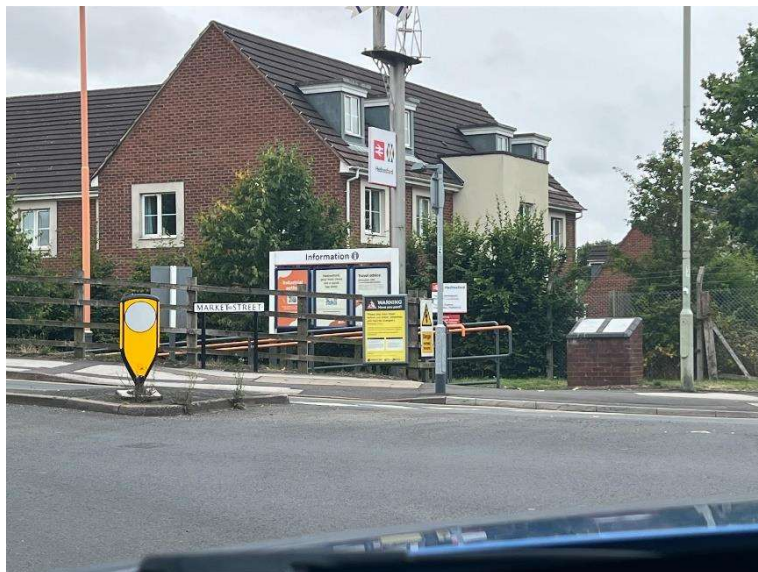
Pye Green Tower is a distinctive feature and landmark recognised by local residents.





**Image of Pye Green tower. Considered a landmark amongst residents.**

Transport links within the ward include Hednesford Train Station connecting residents to the wider District and towns and cities that surround the District such as Birmingham for both University and employment opportunities, with the railway line also being the border between this ward and Hednesford Green Heath. The reasons for this are outlined within the Hednesford Green Heath narrative. Other transport links within the ward include the Taxi Rank by Weatherspoon's in Hednesford Town centre.



**Image of Hednesford Train Station, which is the border between the two Hednesford wards, which arguably creates a natural between the two wards as it's a shared resource connecting residents in Hednesford to the wider district.**

Residents within this area are significantly proud of their mining heritage and their vibrant town centre.

**Boundary notes to accompany map of proposal:**



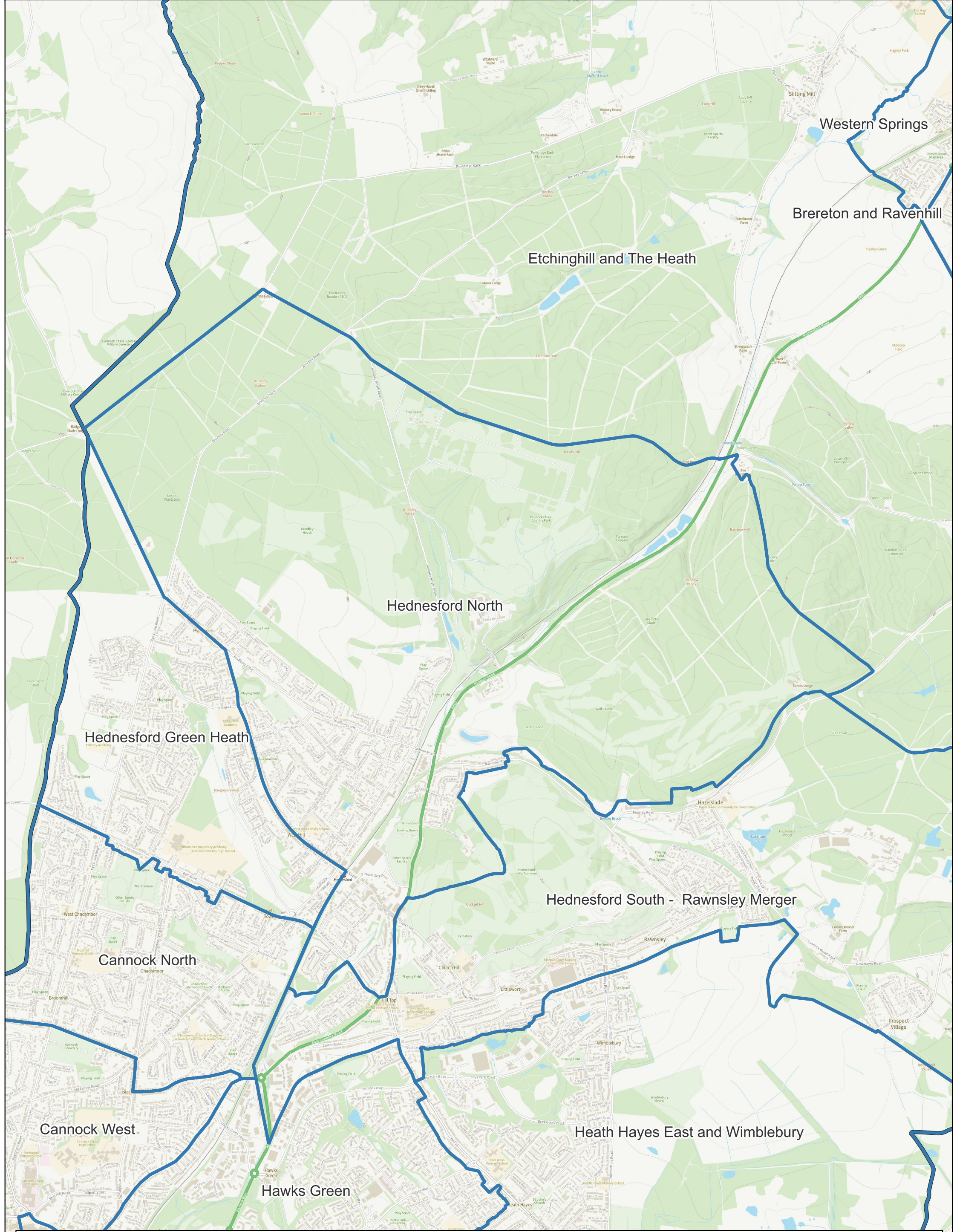


**Roundabout where Cannock Road, Belt Road and Stafford Lane meet. This roundabout sits between the border of this ward (up the Cannock Road in this image towards Hednesford and the roundabout does sit within Hednesford North) and Hednesford Green Heath (down Stafford Lane) and Cannock North (on the Cannock Road approaching this island from Chadsmoor).**



**Image of Broadhurst Green (border between this ward and Hednesford Green Heath) situated in this ward.**







# Cannock Chase Boundary Review

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## **Proposed Ward Name: Brereton and Ravenhill**

The proposal retains the name of the previous district ward boundary, which also shares the name with the county division boundary and the parish boundary. The name refers to the villages of Ravenhill to the west and Brereton to the east. Both villages have merged through development and have also merged with the neighbouring town of Rugeley.

### **North East Boundary**

The north east boundary follows the Trent & Mersey Canal which provides a physical boundary between the community to the south and the planned housing development on the former Power Station site. This new, and yet to be built, development falls within the parish boundary, however, the new community will be separated from the existing Brereton and Ravenhill community by three significant physical boundaries; the canal, a series of industrial sites – the Amazon site BHX1 and Towers Business Park, and finally the A51. There are no direct footpaths through these barriers and the single road which goes over the canal and through the business park is one way.



**Above: The three physical boundaries between Brereton & Ravenhill villages and the new development on the former Power Station site. The canal, industrial estate, A51 main road.**

The sole exception to the canal boundary is the inclusion of The Mossley and Bridgewater Road which connect a small housing development to Armitage Road across the canal.



**Left: The bridge across the canal linking the houses on Bridgewater Road to Armitage Road and the rest of Brereton.**



### **Eastern Boundary**

The eastern boundary follows the district boundary between Cannock Chase and Lichfield, encompassing the villages and green belt providing the limit of residential development.

### **Southern Boundary**

The southern boundary follows the parish boundary along Startley Lane and onto Stile Cop Road through Cannock Chase Forrest and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The AONB and green belt to the south of the Brereton and Ravenhill villages provides a natural barrier to the residential development.

### **Western Boundary**

The western boundary starts at the junction of Stile Cop Road with Hednesford Road A460. The boundary follows the Hednesford Road, the main A road leading into Rugeley from Cannock Chase Forrest and Hednesford. The Hednesford Road leads over the railway onto Sandy Lane towards the Globe Island. The Draycott Estate and Pear Tree Estate are both on the east Hednesford Road.



**Left: Hednesford Road A460, access to Draycott and Pear Tree estates on the right-hand side. The Birches estate (within the proposed Western Springs ward) behind the hedges on the left-hand side.**

### **Northern Boundary**

The north boundary follows Horse Fair from the Globe Island to the large brick bridge carrying the Chase Line railway. The boundary then follows the railway line further north to meet the Trent & Mersey Canal.



**Above: Horse Fair leading from the Globe Island to the railway bridge, known as “The Arches”.**



### **The Pear Tree and Draycott Estates**

The Pear Tree and Draycott Estates fall within the Rugeley Town parish boundary, however, are within the Brereton and Ravenhill county division. The Pear Tree estate is adjacent to Ravenhill village. Although there is no direct road link between the two, there are strong pedestrian links between the two estates with numerous pathways linking different parts of both estates.



**Above: Pathways linking Pear Tree Estate to Ravenhill – blue fencing is entrance of St Josephs RC Primary School.**



**Left: Red lines on map indicate pedestrian footpaths between the Pear Tree estate and Ravenhill. Photo depicts the end of Queensway on the Pear Tree estate and the houses of Ravenhill beyond the footpath.**

The pathways include links between Hardie Avenue to Rugeley Town Train Station, between Hardie Avenue to Newman Grove – providing access from the Pear Tree to St Josephs RC Primary School in Ravenhill, between Queensway to Coulthwaite Way and Queensway to Sutton Close. The Pear Tree and Ravenhill village are also demographically similar, both are former Coal Board estates with distinct identities.

The Pear Tree estate has a distinct community identity, it is a former Coal Board estate with a distinct architectural style. Although mainly council owned there are an increasing number of private properties due to Help to Buy and the development of disused garage sites. The estate is served by Queensway community shops which include a Co-Op, pizza shop, an off-license, fish & chip shop, beauty salon, barbers and convenience store.





**Above: Pear Tree Estate community shops along Queensway.**

The Church of the Good Shepard sits at the centre of the estate and whose congregation reside mainly on the estate. The Peartree Club is a social venue and hosts community and charity events within a venue hall. It is on the eastern side of the estate but has strong pedestrian links to Ravenhill village.



**Left: The Peartree Club on Hardie Avenue, behind can be seen St Josephs RC Primary School in Ravenhill, with a footpath linking the two.**

### **Community Amenities**

Ravenhill Park sits at the centre of the proposed ward between Brereton and Ravenhill villages and between Main Road and Armitage Road. The park hosts sports facilities, a large children's play park, the Ravenhill Allotments, the Brereton and Ravenhill Parish Council building and village hall and is home of Brereton Town FC. The park is also used to host the annual Brereton Carnival which is organised by B.R.A.C.E. and involves many of the areas community groups and charities.







**Above: Community amenities within Ravenhill Park.**

### **Brereton Community Hub**

The Brereton Community Hub on Armitage Road is home to Brereton Million, a community group involved in numerous community activities across the villages, providing youth services, assistance for the elderly and co-ordinated Covid community support across Brereton, Ravenhill villages, the Pear Tree and Draycott estates.

### **St Michael's Church**

St Michael's Church, also on Main Road, is the main church for the Brereton and Ravenhill villages and hosts many charity and community events.

### **Lea Hall Miners Welfare Centre and Social Club**

Lea Hall Club on Sandy Lane is a focal point for social and community activities with strong links to the local areas coal mining heritage. The club hosts numerous community groups including Lea Hall Brass Band, the Stroke Association, Rugeley & Armitage Camera Club, Rugeley Phoenix Club, Dancing Club, Snooker Club and many more. The Club hosted the local collection of aid for Ukraine. There is a pedestrian link over the railway footbridge to Ravenhill and the Pear Tree.

### **Rotary Club & Community Library**

The Brereton Rotary Club, among many local activities, runs the Brereton Library on Talbot Road.



**Above: Left to right – Brereton Community Hub, St Michael's Church & Lea Hall Club.**



### Local Services - Doctors

The Brereton Doctors Surgery is in a central location on Main Road and serves the residents of the proposed ward.

Another reason for the exclusion of the development on the former Power Station site is future health care provision. Within the planning proposal the local CCG was given monies to provide health care for the new residents. A new doctor's surgery on the site was turned down by the local CCG. Instead, the money is being given to expand capacity at Aelfgar Surgery on Church Street within the current ward of Western Springs. It can be assumed that the majority of residents within the new community will join Aelfgar Surgery as it will have additional capacity to meet the demand.



**Left: location of additional healthcare provision for the new development on the former Power Station site.**

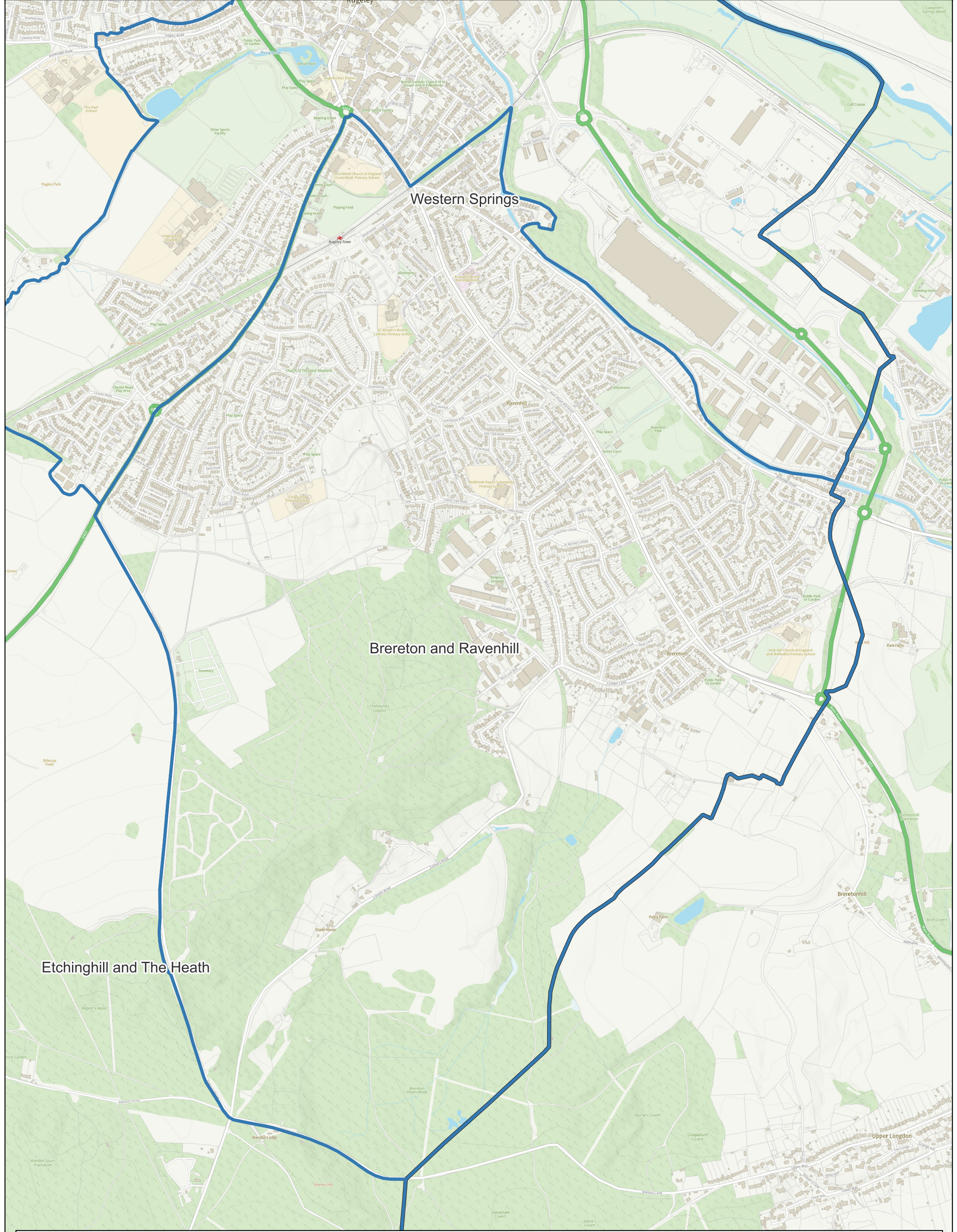
## Local Services - Schools

The proposed ward includes 4 primary schools with catchment areas across the proposed ward.

A further reason for the exclusion of the development on the former Power Station site is future education provision. Within the planning proposal for the new development there will be a new “all-through” school. The new residents will not be dependent on the primary schools across Brereton and Rugeley.

The proposed ward falls within the catchment area of The Hart Secondary School, which sits within the current Etching Hill and the Heath ward. The construction of the “all-through” school on the former Power Station site will provide additional choice for residents.







# Cannock Chase Boundary Review

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## **Proposed New Name: Norton Canes**

Norton Canes is an industrial village situated three miles outside Cannock town centre, it has borders with Heath Hayes, Burntwood, Cannock, Brownhills and Great Wyrley all of these borders apart from Heath Hayes & Cannock are in other districts.



**Image of Norton Canes sign, located on Norton Hall Lane leading onto the new housing estate attached below and wider Norton Canes**



**Image of the district border which divides Norton Canes from Brownhills.**





**Image of Border between Norton Canes and Burntwood. With road to the right off the roundabout heading towards Norton Canes.**



**Image of Chasewater, despite not being in the district it is accessed by people with Norton Canes. The access point is located on Norton East Lane.**

The village has seen significant development over the past few years with a number of large, modern housing estates.





**One of the new housing estates image from Norton Hall Lane, roads on new housing estate include Rosefinch Drive.**

Norton Canes has a parish council, two primary schools Jerome Primary school & Norton Canes Primary Academy, and one high school Norton Canes Academy. Jerome Primary school was named after the family who owned the coal pit which the site is now built on. There is a community centre in the village on Brownhills Road that is very well used and is a host venue for many local clubs, line dancers, Derby & Joan club, Tots group, dance group, judo group & craft group.

Norton Canes also has a doctors surgery with a pharmacist, the village has three pubs The Vic on Norton East Road, The Yew Tree on Walsall Road & The Railway on Norton Green Road it also has a Club The Lido on School Road.

Norton Canes has a library that is managed by The friends of Norton Canes Library.

The village has a central shopping street Brownhills Road where you will find the COOP, a fish & chip shop, a newsagent, Indian restaurant, Chinese restaurant and a hairdresser.

The number 60 bus services the area and the number 3 bus covers the new meadow hall estate, there are also new build houses on Brownhills Road that were built on the former garden centre site with a mixture of private & social housing.

Norton has three parks The Cema, Red Lion Park and the community centre park where there are also football pitches, the village also borders Chase Water which is a collection of manmade lakes formed through old mining pits and a reservoir that feeds the west midlands canal system. Chasewater offers water sports along with a play area and café.

Norton Canes also straddles the UK's first Toll Road M6 Toll which has its Northern Toll Plaza and Norton Canes Services are the only services for that motorway. The Orbital retail centre is an essential community asset to residents of Norton Canes. On the retail centre there are shops including: Sainsburys, Pets at Home, Marks and



Spencer's and SCS. Moreover, there is also a KFC located on the retail centre. All these retail facilities are accessed regularly by residents from Norton Canes.



**Image of sign showing Kingswood Lakeside and Orbital Centre, both located in Norton Canes.**



**Image of Sainsbury's on the Orbital Retail Centre, an essential amenity to residents in Norton Canes and the wider district.**





Images of shopson the Orbital Retail Centre.





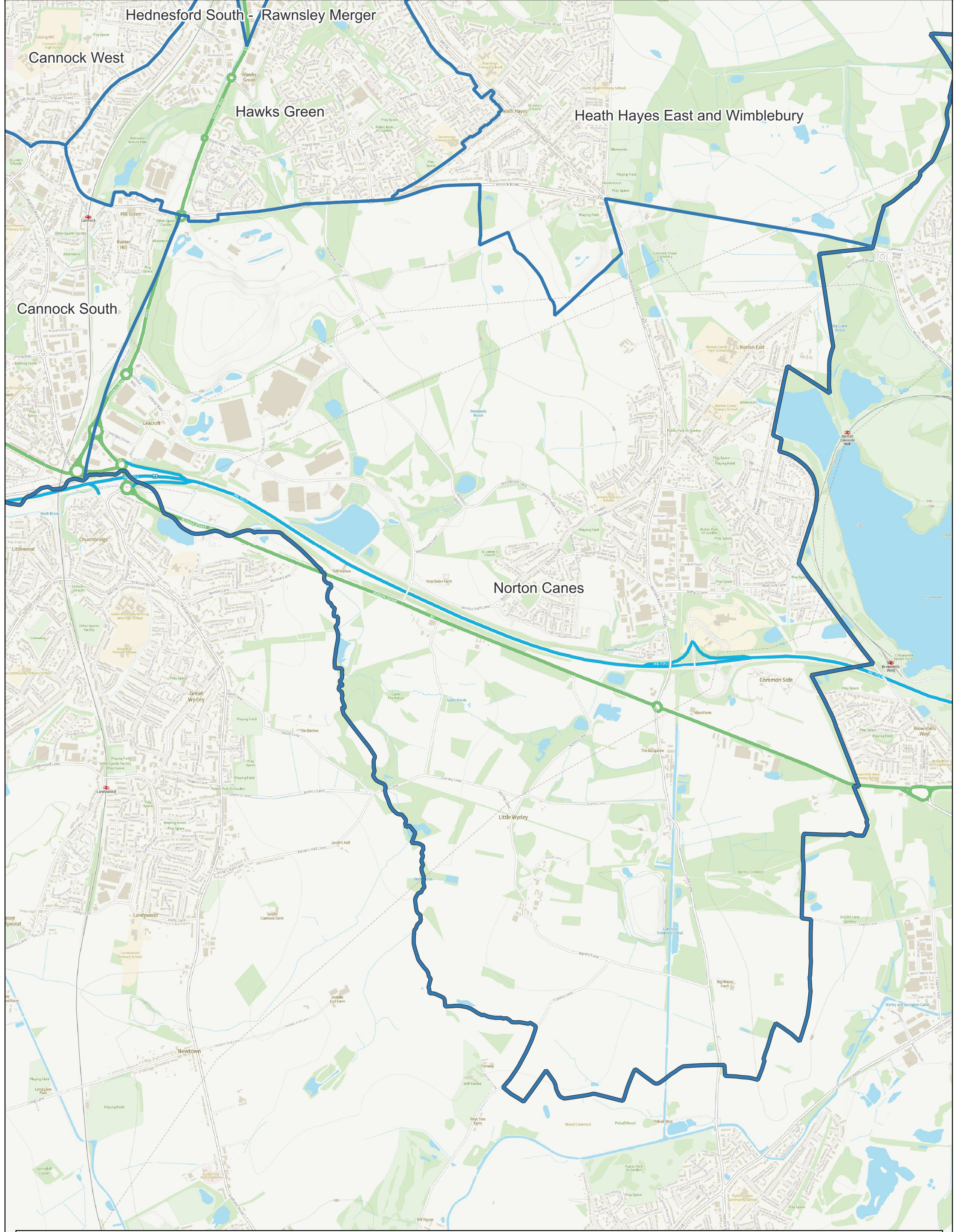
### **Image of KFC on Orbital Retail Centre**



**Biffa Poplars Waste Site, located within Norton Canes on the roundabout opposite the Designer Outlet (Eastern Way).**

Norton has two churches St James on Church Road & Trinity Methodist on Popular Street.







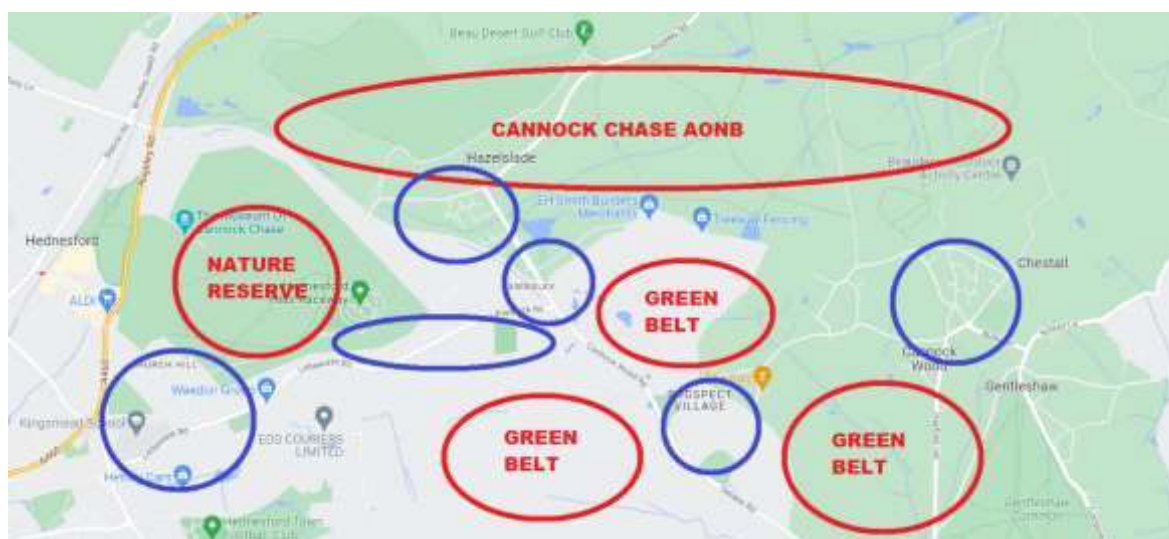
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**Existing Ward Names:** Hednesford South Ward & Rawnsley Ward

**Proposed New Name:** Hednesford Hills and Rawnsley

The proposal, the Hednesford Hills and Rawnsley ward takes its name from the Hednesford Hills Nature Reserve which provides a natural barrier to the north west between the communities within the ward and the town of Hednesford proper. Rawnsley is the current ward name of the rural area to the east. The name derives from the largest community within a collection of small villages and hamlets situated to the east within the green belt and partially within the Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The natural continuation of rural and natural elements - nature reserves, green belt and AONB is a continuous feature of the ward.



Above: Red circles indicates natural feature. Blue circles indicates community identities.

## Northern Boundary

Cannock Chase Forest provides the natural boundary to the north of the ward, with the boundary sitting behind the Rawnsley Road, following the Brindley Heath Parish boundary.



Above: Cannock Chase Forest AONB seen from Hazelslade and Cannock Wood villages.



### **Eastern Boundary**

The eastern boundary follows the District boundary between Cannock Chase and Lichfield constituencies and conforms to the Cannock Wood Parish boundary.

Another natural boundary lies to the south east with farm land and green belt providing a barrier and residential limit of the communities of Prospect Village and Rawnsley.

### **Southern Boundary**

The south western boundary follows a series of industrial estates and parks which separate residential estates and communities. From east to west, these industrial barriers are the Anglesey Business Park off Littleworth Road, the Upper Keys Business Park and the Lower Keys Business Park off Keys Park Road, Milking Brook Park behind Lower Road, Oaklands Business Park at the end of Lower Road and Brindley Business Park off Old Hednesford Road A460.



**Above: Brindley Business Park and Lower Keys Business Park.**

### **Western Boundary**

The Chase Line railway provides the boundary to the west, which is also the Hednesford parish boundary. The road link crosses under the railway via a large brick bridge. There is a large road sign stating “Welcome to Hednesford” beyond the bridge at the start of the Old Hednesford Road A460 identifying the railway bridge as a clear boundary between communities.



**Left: Chase Line railway is a physical boundary, sign beyond welcoming people to Hednesford.**

### **Western Boundary**

The western boundary follows from the railway and through the Anglesey Nature Reserve to Stafford Lane towards the double roundabout at Hill Top. The boundary then follows Uxbridge Street A460



towards the crossroads which separate the residential estates which boarder the nature reserves and Hednesford Town proper.



**Above: Boundary of Anglesey Nature Reserve and Stafford Lane towards the Hill Top roundabouts.**



**Above: Double roundabout at Hill Top and Uxbridge Street A460.**

### **Communities – Church Hill**

Church Hill is the community on the western boundary. It is within the Hednesford parish boundary and is the eastern fringe of Hednesford adjacent to Hednesford Hills Nature Reserve to the north. The community has three churches, The Church of Our Lady of Lourdes (Catholic) on Uxbridge Street, St Peters (CoE) on the road of Church Hill and Kingsmead Independent Baptist Church on Hill Street. There are two primary schools, St Joseph's RC and St Peters CE with ward residents within both catchment areas. There is a single secondary school, Kingsmead Technology College, which serves the proposed ward and beyond – it is the only secondary school in the local area to the east of the railway line.

### **Communities - Littleworth**

Littleworth is the adjacent community, comprising houses and cul-de-sac's along the Littleworth Road. This is the main road through the proposed ward and links the rural villages in the east to the larger towns of Hednesford and Cannock to the west. Littleworth is confined along the Littleworth Road, with the Hednesford Hills Nature Reserves and Cannock Chase AONB to the north and Anglesey Industrial Estate and Heath Hayes and Wimblebury parish boundary to the south.

There is no community shop in Littleworth, however, there is the Trafalgar Pub at the T junction with Littleworth Road and Wimblebury Road.





**Above: Houses along the Littleworth Road. AONB behind the houses on the left-hand side of the road. Trafalgar Pub in the photo on the right.**

### **Communities – Rawnsley and Hazelslade**

Littleworth Road flows into the village of Rawnsley which in turn flows into Hazelslade via Rugeley Road and Cannock Wood Street. The two villages are separated by Bentley Brook. Both villages have limited amenities, both have a convenience store, Rawnsley has Cannock Cricket Club off the Littleworth Road and Hazelslade has Hazelslade Primary School, The Hazelslade Pub and a post office – all three are next to each other at the T junction between Rugeley Road and Cannock Wood Street. The primary schools catchment area covers the surrounding villages within the proposed ward.

Hazelslade also sits within the Cannock Chase AONB and adjacent to the Hazelslade Nature Reserve – which is the continuation of Bentley Brook deeper into the AONB. Sitting within the AONB creates a barrier for the village expanding.



**Above left: Entrance to Hazelslade via Rugeley Road surrounded by the AONB and Cannock Chase Forest to the north.**

**Above right: The Hazelslade Pub and Primary School at the top of Cannock Wood Street.**

### **Communities – Prospect Village**

Prospect Village is the next community to the east, located within green belt. The village has no community shops and the residents need to travel to the adjacent villages to reach their nearest shop. The village has a community village hall with childrens play area and sports field.

### **Communities – Cannock Wood**

The most eastern community is the village of Cannock Wood. The village has a number of amenities; a hair salon, an active community hall hosting many community groups and sports fields, a village pub



- the Park Gate Inn, the Ancient Monument of Castle Ring and the Beaudesert Park to the north of Cannock Wood village. The village falls fully within the Cannock Wood Parish Council. Like Hazelslade, the village is entirely within the Cannock Chase AONB which restricts further expansion of the village.



**Above left: Cannock Wood Village Hall is a community centre hosting lots of community groups and sports teams.**



**Above right: Cannock Wood attracts tourists with the Ancient Monument of Castle Ring and Beaudesert Park.**



