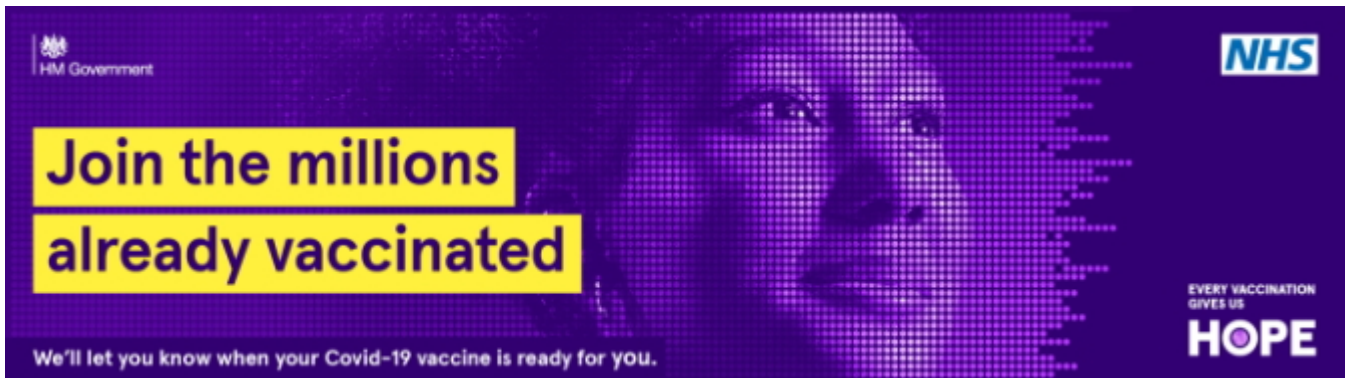


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With reference to the draft proposed changes and recommendations for Cannock South Ward made by the Boundary Commission, I as the ward councillor and resident of Cannock South would in principle agree with the proposed changes

Moving Rumer Hill estate into Hawks Green Ward makes logical sense as it is

- Closer to the proposed new boundary of Hawks Green (McArthur Glen retail outlet) than Cannock.
- It falls to the right-hand side of the railway track (heading in a northerly direction) which creates the natural boundary between the wards
- It helps meet the required electorate numbers for the Hawks Green Ward.

Contrary to comments made, Rumer Hill is not a community, it is the same as Pebble Mill, Barnard Way, Badgers Way, and Bevan Lea, it is merely a housing estate. None of these have the attributes of what would be considered a community. Neither of them can be considered the same as Pear Tree and Springfields in Rugeley that are communities, and have shops, schools, churches, public houses, community groups and medical provision.

The one slight amendment I would like to support that was discussed at the last working group meeting would be to move the outer boundary between Cannock West and Cannock South to Park Road. Heading in a southerly direction, towards Dartmouth Road from the bus station, which is in Cannock South, the left-hand side of the road would fall into Cannock South and the right-hand side into Cannock West. Park Road would act as a definitive boundary between the two wards. The amendment would allow the whole of the Town Centre to be captured by one ward, namely Cannock South.

There are no living dwellings in Market Place or High Green so there would be no deviation in the electorate numbers. In terms of facilities, Cannock West would not lose any facilities, the boundaries are only in place to define wards for electoral equality purposes, it would not stop the residents utilising any of the amenities in the town centre and I doubt it would bother any of the residents of Cannock West. This part of the town has a library which resides on Manor Avenue which we have collectively agreed to move into Cannock South in our submission and as noted in the boundary commissions draft document. A club which is open to everyone irrespective of home location, and the college. The college is used by students from all over Staffordshire County.

Historically the college was built as a training facility for miners who worked in the local collieries, namely Mid Cannock, Cannock and Leacroft, Hawkins and Littleton collieries. After the closure of the local coal mining industry the college was transformed into an engineering college, which I also attended.

The remaining retail shop, Londis on Park Road, remains in Cannock West as it is on the Cannock West side of the proposed boundary. The college entrance being on Cannock South side of the building by the bus station which serves both the In-shops Shopping Centre, the town centre and students using the college. The few businesses that are currently in the Cannock West see themselves as being part of the town centre, not part of a residential area. The impact of moving the boundary to accommodate this small section of the Town centre into the Cannock South Ward will have no impact whatsoever on Cannock West.

I am aware that the councillors for Cannock West are not in agreement with the proposal and they feel this area should remain in their ward, However I do not believe their reasoning would be a material consideration, it is purely emotive and adds no weight as an objection. Their objections are:

- Why should it be changed after 40 years
- They will lose facilities – this is not the case, the facilities are accessible to everyone irrespective of which ward or area they live in
- We are trying to make an issue out of something that is not an issue
- It was not highlighted by the Boundary Commission so should not be considered
- We should be concentrating on changing the boundaries in areas that do make a difference

I'm aware that some case work may relate to residents of Cannock West having concerns about the town centre, however I don't see what bearing this would have on where the boundary is, as previously stated the boundary is purely for electoral equality purposes.

Other Town centres in the district, namely Hednesford and Rugeley are both in single wards respectively so why does Cannock which is of comparable size have to be divided between two wards. Cannock South covers 90% of the town centre so there is no logical reason for the remainder to be in another ward. I have discussed the boundary with a member of Democratic Services who stated that the Boundary Commission like to see town centres all in one ward, which we both agreed was logical. At the working committee group meeting the proposal was suggested and discussed, there were no clear objections raised to this amendment being made.

There was some debate surrounding the naming of the current Cannock South and West wards. I've left the Cannock West councillors to suggest an appropriate new name for their ward. Talking to councillors that remember the last boundary review in 2001, they have made me aware that Cannock South ward has always been called Cannock South even prior to the last review. As the councillor for Cannock South, I did suggest keeping the name the same as the draft proposal shows the area as being the town centre and the southerly part of Cannock. As an alternative I suggested Cannock or Cannock Town, unfortunately this was not universally accepted by other non-Cannock councillors who insisted on a naming the ward Cannock, Bridgtown and Longford, I objected to the proposed name.

As a resident of this ward and having lived here all my entire life, I know the territory and area well. I live on Wolverhampton Road, A4601 and do not see myself as part of a separate community to Cannock, my address is Cannock and I identify myself as a Cannock resident not a Longford resident. I have asked my neighbours and they feel the same, they see themselves from Cannock. One resident who has lived here since 1965, which was when the houses were built, has told me the Longford Estate only covers a section of the area. At that time when the houses were built, Longford as it is known now was called Meadow Fields and only covered the area from Ascot Drive to the border of Bideford Way. With the council's proposal to the Boundary Commission, using the name Longford in the name of the ward would not truly reflect the area as it would only cover 1/3 of that part of Cannock. Bridgtown is a small Parish on the most southerly part of Cannock South that consists of the old village and the large new housing development on Lakeside. The old village and Lakeside are of comparable geographic size, and number of

dwellings. Any future housing developments would be located on Lakeside due to land availability etc. An example of this would be the newly built housing development on Walkmill Lane.

The name that the other councillor's proposed is long winded and could be open to other estates feeling alienated and requesting their names be reflected in the ward name. With reference to all the other wards being renamed, none of them will be renamed in this way, for example Hawks Green will not be called Hawks Green, Pebble Mill and Rumer Hill it will remain as Hawks Green, Etching Hill and the Heath will not be called Etching Hill, the Heath and Springfields, and Brereton and Ravenhill won't be called Brereton, Ravenhill and Pear Tree although in this case there may be a potential issue as the new ward is made up of two different communities. In my opinion, I do not consider the suggested names for Cannock South and Cannock West appropriate.

As mentioned, I would ideally like the name of the ward to remain the same or just Cannock. If the Boundary Commission is insistent on a name change for the ward, I would like to propose a compromise name, namely "**Cannock Town and Lakeside**". The Cannock Town part of the name would reflect the centre of Cannock, and Lakeside would represent the new developing part of Cannock. Although Lakeside is technically in Bridgtown, it is separated by the A5, Watling Street. The area sees itself as a separate community to the old part of Bridgtown, so much so it has its own social media page, "Lakeside Boulevard, Chenet Way" As a Parish Councillor for Bridgtown, I find it surprising there is no interaction with Lakeside and there is no representation on the Parish Council by anyone from the area. I am also aware of the history that surrounds Bridgtown. There is an element of animosity towards Cannock as they historically saw Cannock trying to turn Bridgtown into an Industrial Area, hence the reason they formed the action group called BRAG (Bridgtown Residents Action Group) and the formation of the Parish Council. Over the years there have been publications released highlighting their struggle against Cannock Council and to this day there is still an element of animosity towards Cannock and people of Cannock. I believe using Cannock Town and Lakeside for the new ward name would be most appropriate to reflect the area and encompass the new and old parts of Cannock. It would also give Lakeside an identity and display how the area has evolved

Looking at the Boundary Commissions draft proposed changes for Cannock West boundary, I cannot understand why the following roads/area have been moved into the Cannock West Ward. Smilie Place, Sankey Road and Hardie Green. All these are part of Chadsmoor, in terms of distance they are 0.3 miles from the centre of Chadsmoor. I have family friends who live in Hardie Green, they like all the other residents there identify themselves as being from Chadsmoor and not Cannock. The elderly residents historically would use Chadsmoor, Cannock Staffs as their postal addresses. I see Central corner, the junction of Old Fallow Road, Cemetery Road, Huntington Terrace Road, and Cannock Road as being the boundary between Cannock West and Chadsmoor, see photo 14



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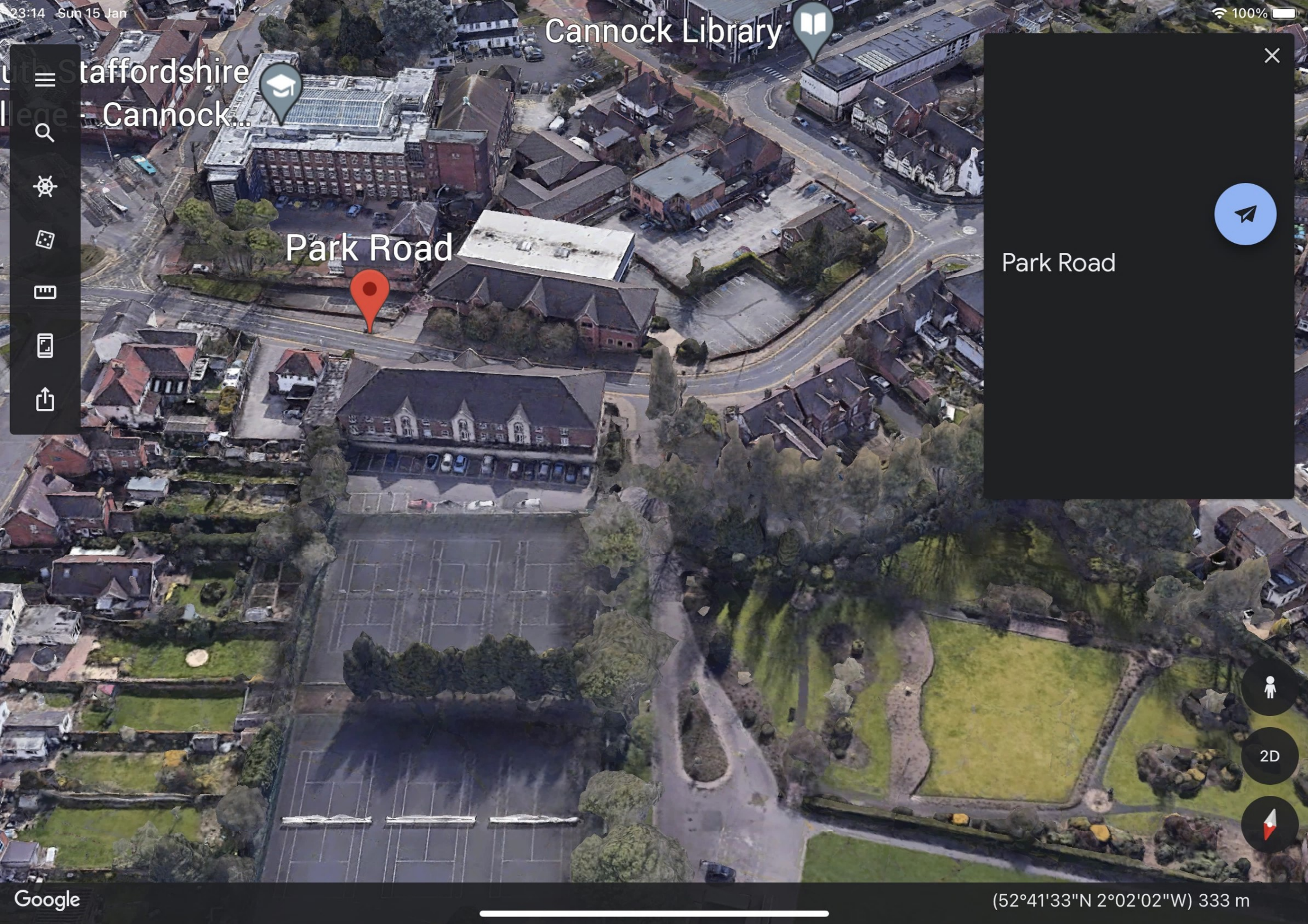
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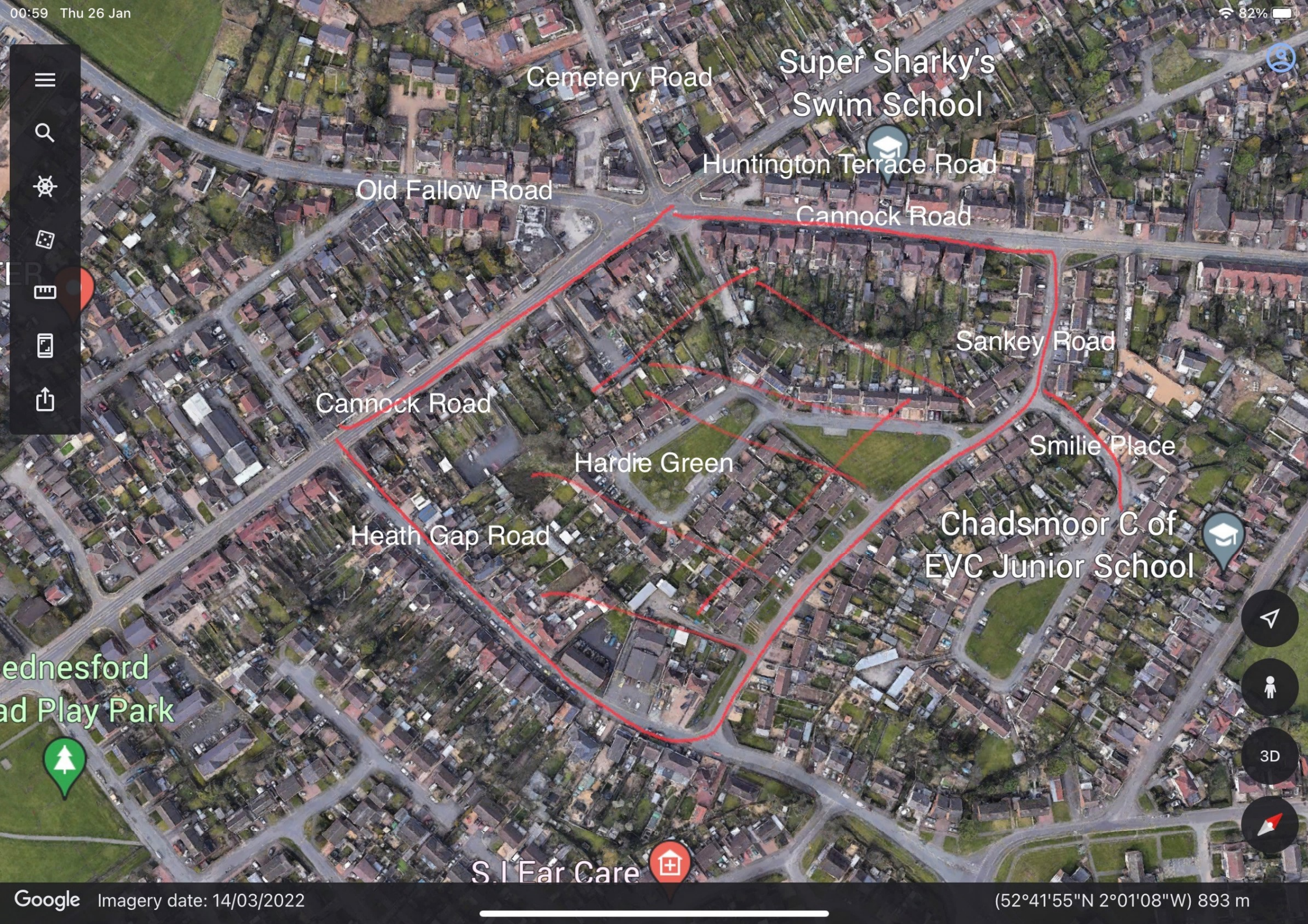
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Proposed move into
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Photo's

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| Photo 1 | Shows start of Park Road opposite college |
| Photo 2 | Shows the view looking down into the town, the bus station on the left-hand side which is in Cannock South and the entrance right opposite into Cannock College |
| Photo 3 | The view looking southerly towards Dartmouth Road from the start of Park Road. This would be the boundary between the two wards, the left-hand side is Cannock South, the right-hand side is Cannock West |
| Photo 4 | Kelvestone House is the only dwelling in Park Road and would remain in Cannock West |
| Photo 5 | This shows the island at the end of Park Road. Turning left into High Green would be where Cannock South starts. Going in a southerly direction into Dartmouth Road or turning right into Old or New Penkridge Road would be going into Cannock West |
| Photo 6 | This is the view from the island looking into the town, High Green. The club on the left side and the library on the far right. |
| Photo 7 | This shows the view approaching the island once more that will be the boundary. On the right is the convenience store, Londis |
| Photo 8 | This photo shows the view coming from the town centre and approaching the island. The roads on the other side of the island are Cannock West |
| Photo 9 | This is the view from the bus station in Cannock South, to the left of the photo we have the In-Shops Shopping Centre in Cannock South and directly centre of the photo the entrance to the college can be seen, this is on the Cannock South side of the building |
| Photo 10 | Photo 10 shows the library. Manor Avenue has been moved into Cannock South by the group proposal and the |

recommendations of the Boundary Commission. The address for the library is in Manor Avenue

- Photo 11 Photo 11 is a Google Earth image showing Park Road from the bus station to the traffic island at the junction of Dartmouth Road, Old Penkridge Road and New Penkridge Road. The college, club and library can be seen in the image, these building would move into Cannock South under the proposal.
- Photo 12 I have tried to mark up on this photo the new boundary on the photo. The red arrows show the Cannock West side of Park Road, the blue arrows show the proposed area to be moved into Cannock South. This would enable Park Road to be used as the definitive boundary between the two wards. The broken blue line area to the right of the photo shows the bus stop and area that is already in the existing Cannock South ward.
- Photo 13 Shows the Old Mining College and Bus Stop, the entrance to the college on Cannock South side
- Photo 14 This photo depicts the area that should be moved into the new Chadsmoor ward. The area within the red boarder includes those roads mentioned in the text. As stated, the distance noted is 0.3 miles, 3 minutes' walk from the centre of Chadsmoor