

Cannock Chase District Council

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Dear [REDACTED], Please find attached the Conservative Group submission on the proposed new boundary for the Cannock North/Chadsmoor area. Yours sincerely, Olivia

Uploaded Documents:

https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/download_document?file=draft%2F1675716540_Cannock+North+Boundary+Commission+-+Stage+2+Submission.docx

Cannock North:

Border change:

When reflecting upon the Boundary Commissions original proposals for the Cannock North ward, our group propose an amendment to the border between Cannock North and Cannock West. Specifically, regarding the commission's proposal to have the border between Cannock North and Cannock West extend to Sankey Road, Hardie Green and Smillie Place which is frequently referenced within the district to be in the Chadsmoor community. Therefore, this proposal would divide a distinct community thus eroding the community identity condition recommended by the commission when drafting ward proposals.

Chadsmoor has a distinct community, and as outlined in our previous proposal, has several primary schools, a number of places of worship including Chadsmoor Methodist Church and has its own war memorial.

In conjunction with our original proposal, in order to ensure that this community is not divided and rather is kept together, we therefore propose that Cannock Road, from central corner roundabout, to Heath Gap Road and Common Lane to be the border between Cannock North and Cannock West, therefore moving Sankey Road, Hardie Green and Smillie Place into the Cannock North ward. **The drawing of this border is outlined in the map attached in our original proposal.**



Image of the junction of Cannock Road coming up to central corner roundabout.

Sankey Road, Hardie Green and Smillie Place are situated approximately 0.3 miles from the community high street in Chadsmoor, which is arguably a focal point of the proposed Cannock North ward.



The boxed areas in blue outlines the areas in which we propose should be moved into the Cannock North ward, alongside the existing areas already in the Cannock North ward. The Red x on the photo outlines the beginning of our proposed border between the Cannock North ward (Chadsmoor) and the Cannock West ward. Notably, this image demonstrates the close proximity of Chadsmoor C.E (VC) Junior School to Hardie Green, Smillie Place and Sankey Road.

Heath Gap Road and Common lane also provide more of a distinct boundary between the two wards, and this proposed boundary ensures that the Chadsmoor community is not divided.



Image of the Cannock Road, approaching central corner roundabout, with Short Street on the left hand side and Heath Gap Road on the right hand side.



Image of Common Lane, taken from the junction of Common Lane to the Old Hednesford Road.

Ward Name:

We shall also propose a name change for the proposed Cannock North Ward to **Chadsmoor.**

Reason: The ward encompasses, alongside our proposed changes, the entirety of the Chadsmoor community and the name Chadsmoor is also signposted in school and medical facilities names situated within the ward.

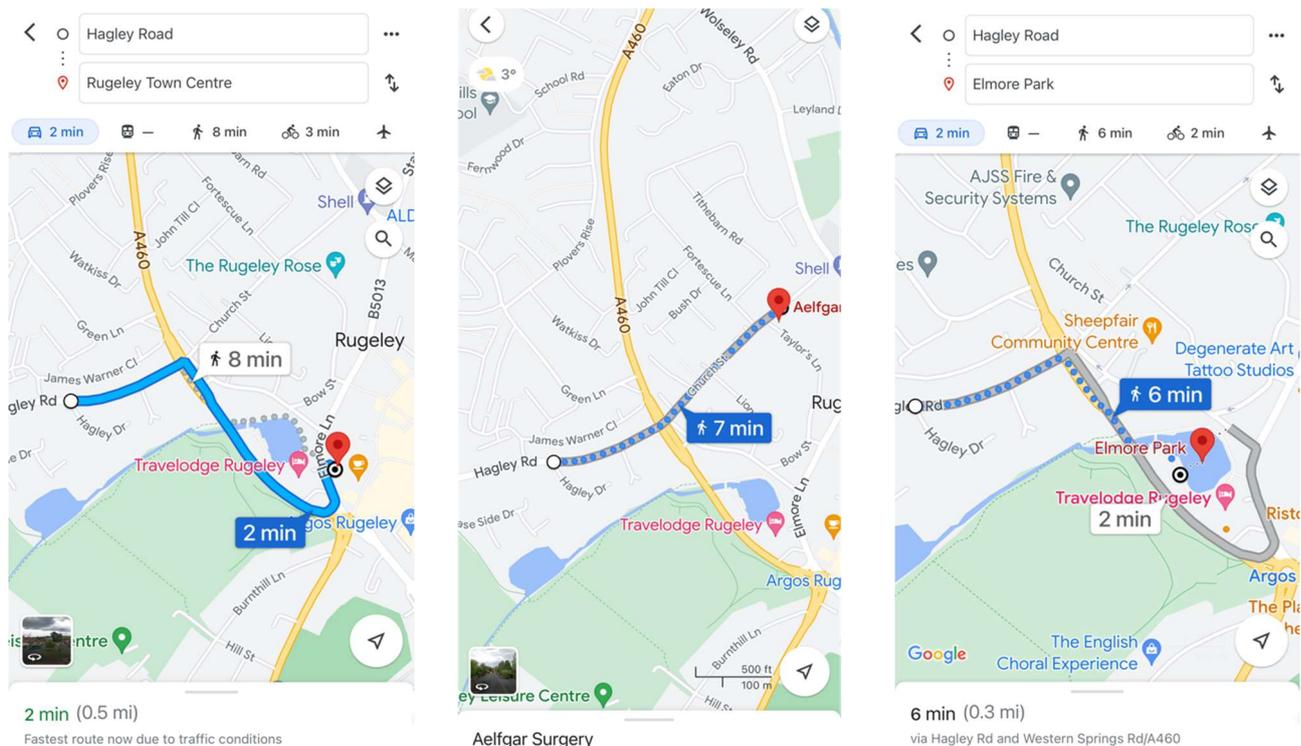


Image of Chadsmoor C.E (VC) Junior School, one of the several schools situated within the ward.

Western Springs

Whilst we welcome the majority of the commissions proposed boundaries for the Western Springs ward, we shall propose one slight amendment to the commissions current proposal for the Western Springs ward, which shall move Hagley Road, Hagley Drive, Bank Top and Chase Side Drive including Overpool Close and Pool Meadow Close into the Western Springs ward.

The proximity of these streets to core facilities within the Western Springs ward demonstrate the community links in which these streets have to the currently proposed Western Springs ward. Hagley Road is situated approximately 0.5 miles from Rugeley Town Centre, with it being a two minute drive to the Town Centre and also a eight minute walk. Rugeley Town centre is also the nearest shopping complex to residents situated on the Hagley Road, Hagley Drive, Bank Top and Chase Side Drive. Residents can access facilities such as Costa Coffee, Boots Pharmacy, The Crown Inn and also Brewery Street Shopping Centre.



The first image on the left outlines the proximity of Hagley Road to Rugeley Town Centre, an eight minute walk. The second image outlines the nearest medical facility to residents living on Hagley Road is Aelfgar Surgery, which is approximately a seven minute walk. The third image highlights the proximity of Elmore Park to Hagley Road, a six minute walk.

Both Elmore Park and Rugeley Town Centre reside in the current proposed Western Springs ward by the commission, as to which we welcome as these facilities are frequently used by residents who live in and around the town centre on Church Street, Fortescue Lane, Taylors Lane and Anson Street and residents who live in other areas of the Western Springs ward, however when considering the proximity and accessibility of these two core facilities to Hagley Road, Hagley Drive, Bank Top and Chase Side Drive including Overpool

Close and Pool Meadow Close we believe these roads should also be moved into the Western Springs ward. This, therefore, resulting in the boundary between the Etching Hill and the Heath ward and the Western Springs ward being the end of Penkridge Bank Road and the start of Hagley Road, with the start of Hagley Road by Chase Side Drive being the beginning of the Western Springs ward.

Moreover, the nearest medical facility of access to residents situated on Hagley Road, Hagley Drive, Bank Top and Chase Side Drive including Overpool Close and Pool Meadow Close is Aelfgar Surgery, which is approximately a seven minute walk, which is also situated in the current proposed Western Springs boundary. The nearest park of access to residents on Hagley Road, Hagley Drive Bank Top and Chase Side Drive including Overpool Close and Pool Meadow Close is Elmore Park. Elmore Park is a six minute walk and a two minute drive for residents who live on Hagley Road, which is also currently situated within the Western Springs ward. Elmore Park is frequently accessed by residents who live in and around Rugeley Town Centre.

As demonstrated, key amenities to residents on Hagley Road, Hagley Drive, Bank Top and Chase Side Drive including Overpool Close and Pool Meadow Close are located within the proposed Western Springs ward.



Image demonstrating the highlighted area in which we feel should be moved into the Western Springs ward alongside the commissions current proposed boundaries for Western Springs.