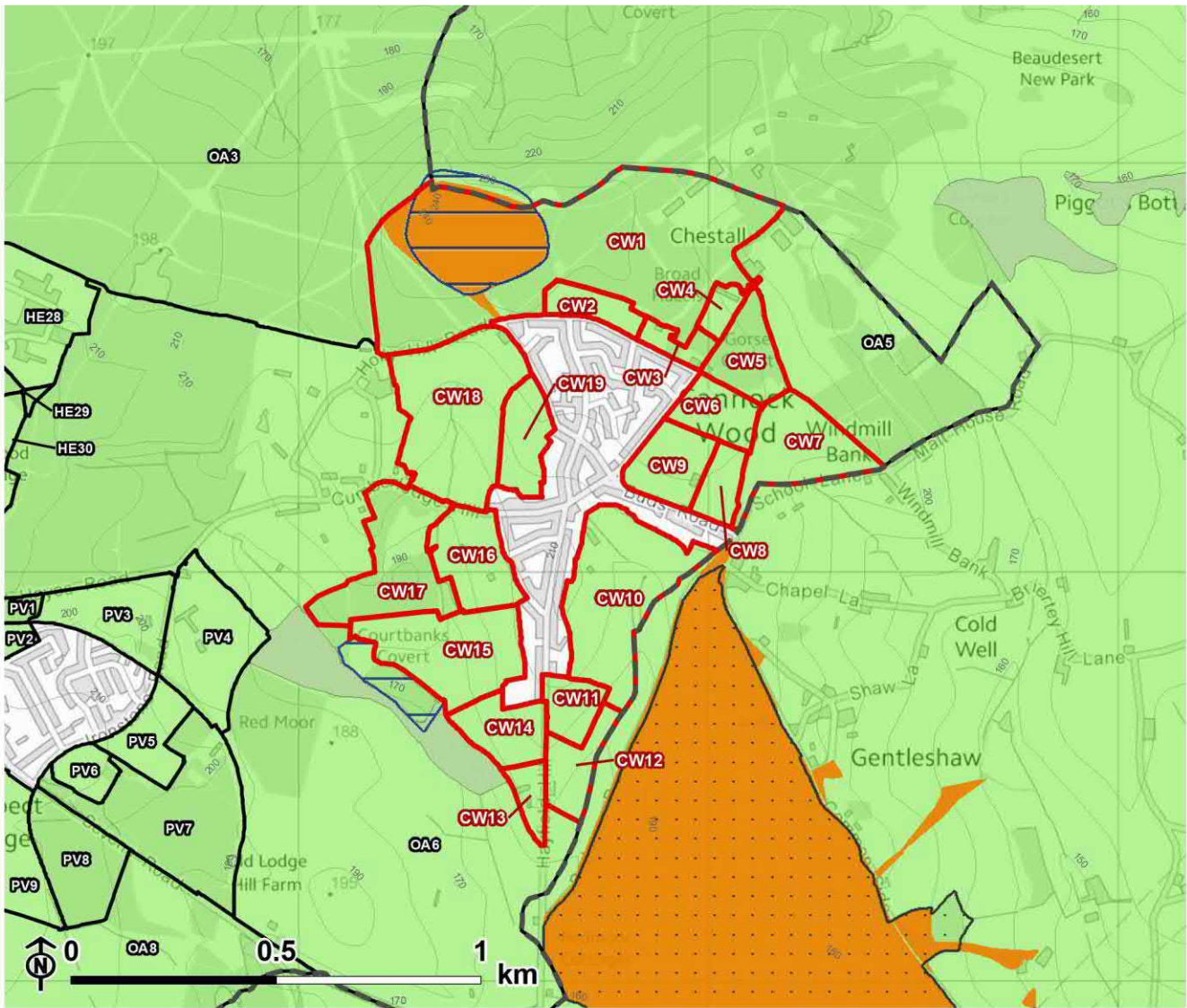


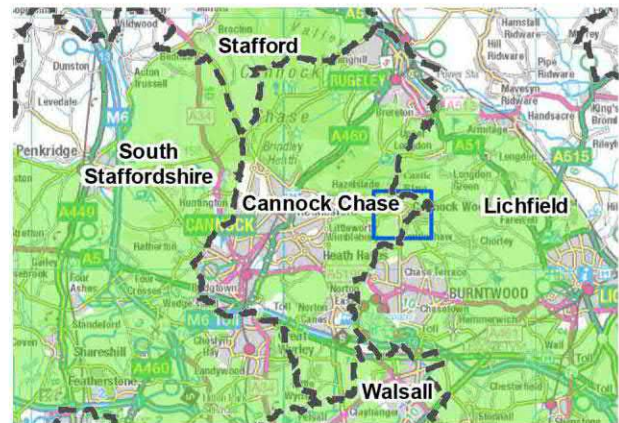
**Appendix B**

**Detailed Harm  
Assessments  
Cannock Wood**

# Cannock Wood

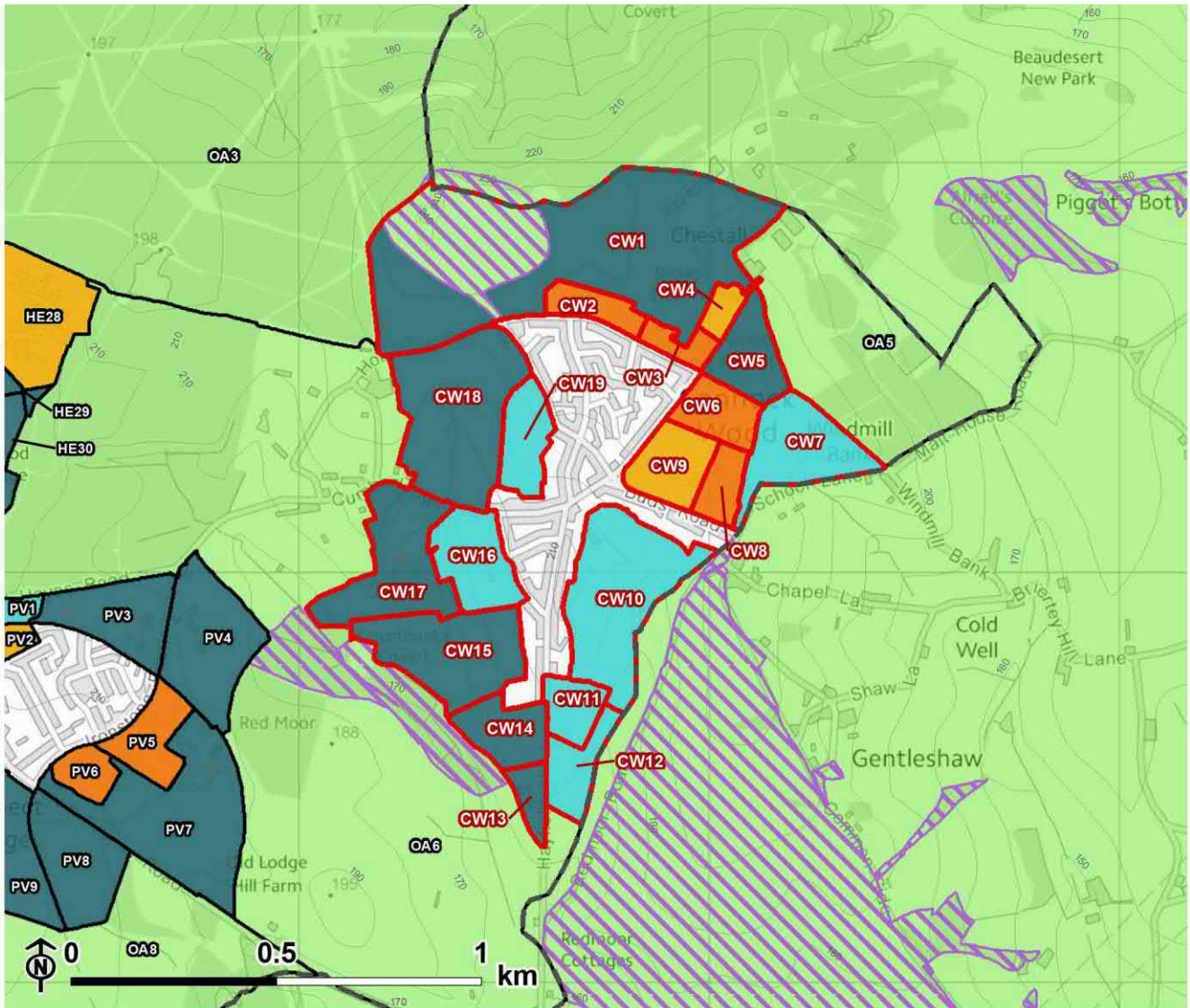


- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- ▭ Cannock Wood parcel
- ▭ Neighbouring parcel
- Absolute constraints**
- ▭ Ancient woodland
- ▭ Site of Special Scientific Interest
- ▭ Scheduled monument
- ▭ CRoW registered common land





# Cannock Wood



- Local Authority boundary
  - Green Belt
  - ▭ Cannock Wood parcel
  - ▭ Neighbouring parcel
  - ▨ Absolute constraint(s)
- Harm rating**
- Very High
  - High
  - Moderate-High
  - Moderate
  - Low-Moderate
  - Low
  - No/Very Low



## Components of harm assessment

The analysis of contribution applies to each parcel as a whole, and considers:

- the relevance of each Green Belt purpose, given the parcel's location relative to large built-up areas, towns, countryside and historic towns;
- the extent to which the land can be considered open in Green Belt terms;
- for Purpose 1-3, the degree of distinction between the parcel and urban area(s) - that is, the extent to which land is associated with the urban area or with the wider countryside. A stronger distinction from the urban area increases contribution to these purposes, where relevant.

The analysis of the harm of releasing the parcel indicated on the maps above considers:

- the loss of that parcel's contribution to the Green Belt purposes;
- additional harm resulting from the weakening of adjacent Green Belt land.

## Notes on harm ratings

As all harm ratings are for the release of land as an expansion of an existing inset area, it is assumed that any intervening land to the inset edge will also be released. No assumptions are made regarding what intervening land might be released between the parcel and inset edge. Where a release of land would encompass areas with different harm ratings, the overall harm rating will always equate to the highest component harm rating.

Harm ratings are not given for areas subject to absolute constraints on development, or areas which have been judged to have no openness, in Green Belt terms. These are indicated on the maps for each assessed parcel of land. Absolute constraints include:

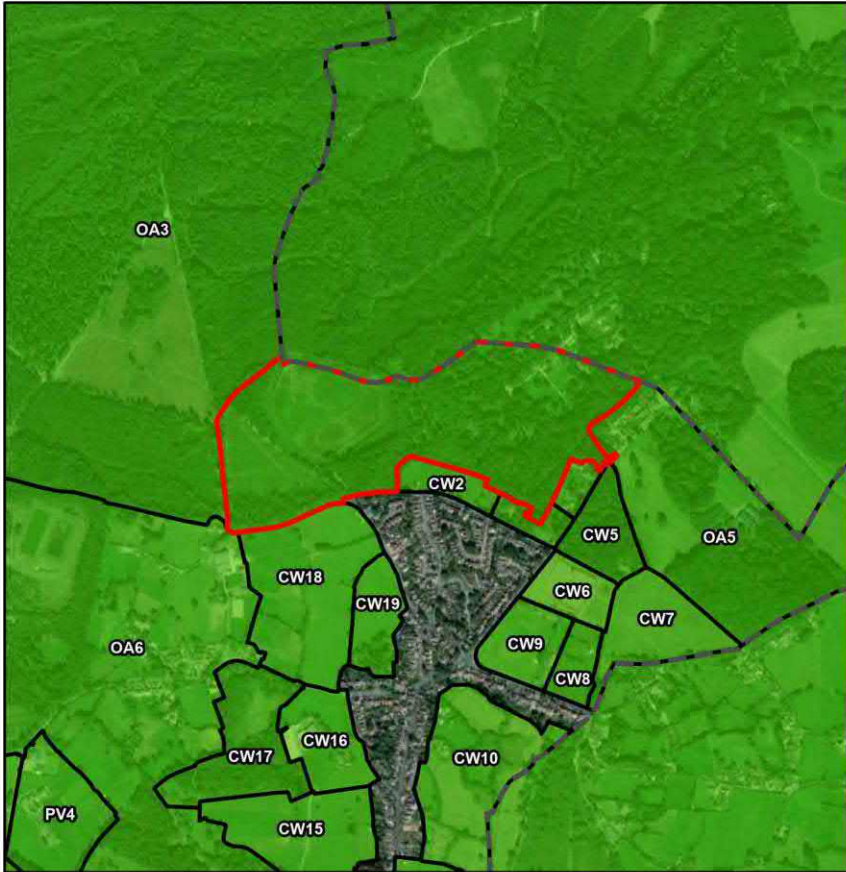
- Special Areas of Conservation;
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest;
- Ancient woodland;
- Scheduled Monuments;
- Registered Parks and Gardens;
- Common land;
- Cemeteries;
- Flood Zone 3









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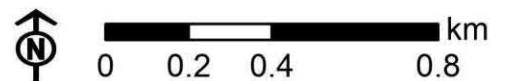
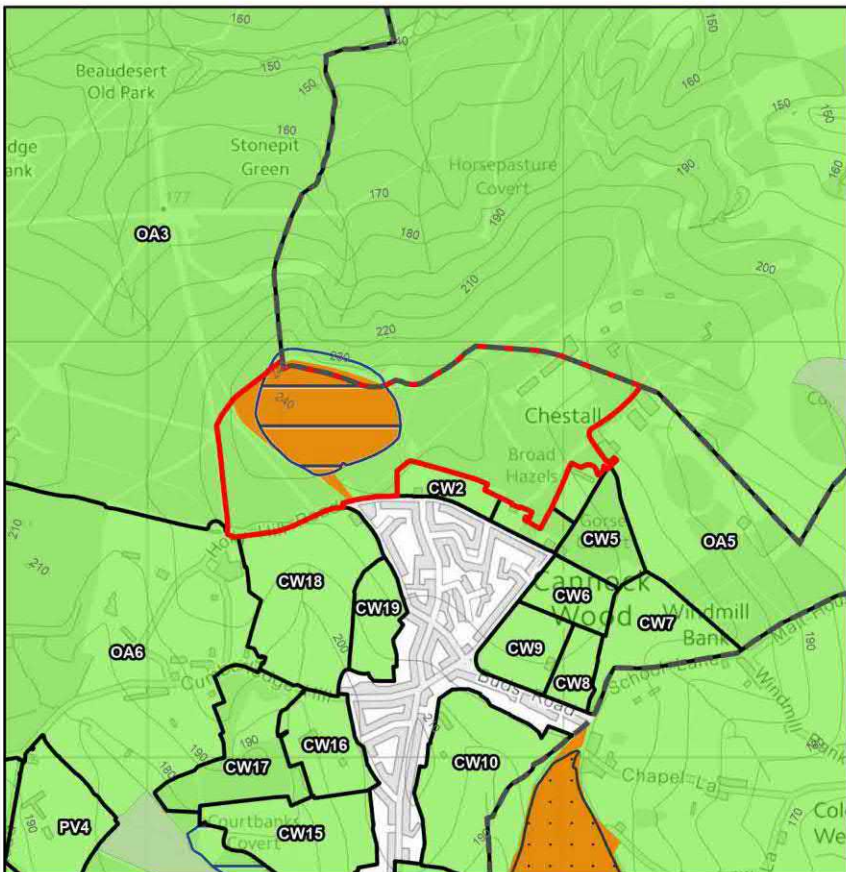
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# Harm of release of land in CW1



-  CW1
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  Ancient woodland
-  CRoW registered common land



# CW1

## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 29.02ha

The parcel is located north of Cannock Wood. Cannock Wood does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town. Castle Ring is an absolute constraint located north of the parcel.

Land is open and is dominated by tree cover. Grassland is located in the west of the parcel, and an activity centre is located in the north east of the parcel. However, this is 'appropriate development' within the Green Belt and therefore does not impact openness.

## **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

Tree cover is very prominent within the parcel, making it significantly different from Cannock Wood, and forming a strong boundary feature that creates separation from the inset area. The woodland extends a significant distance from the inset area and is not contained by urban development. Views are dominated by open countryside. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# CW1

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
Land does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:  
Contribution: Strong  
Land is open countryside and there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:  
Contribution: Equal  
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.



# CW1

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of CW1 as an expansion of Cannock Wood:

Rating: Negligible

Extensive woodland extends northwards from the parcel, so its release would have negligible impact on the wider Green Belt.

The adjoining land within CW2, CW3, CW4, CW5 and CW18 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel CW1 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore it makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside. The additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be negligible. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cannock Wood would be high.

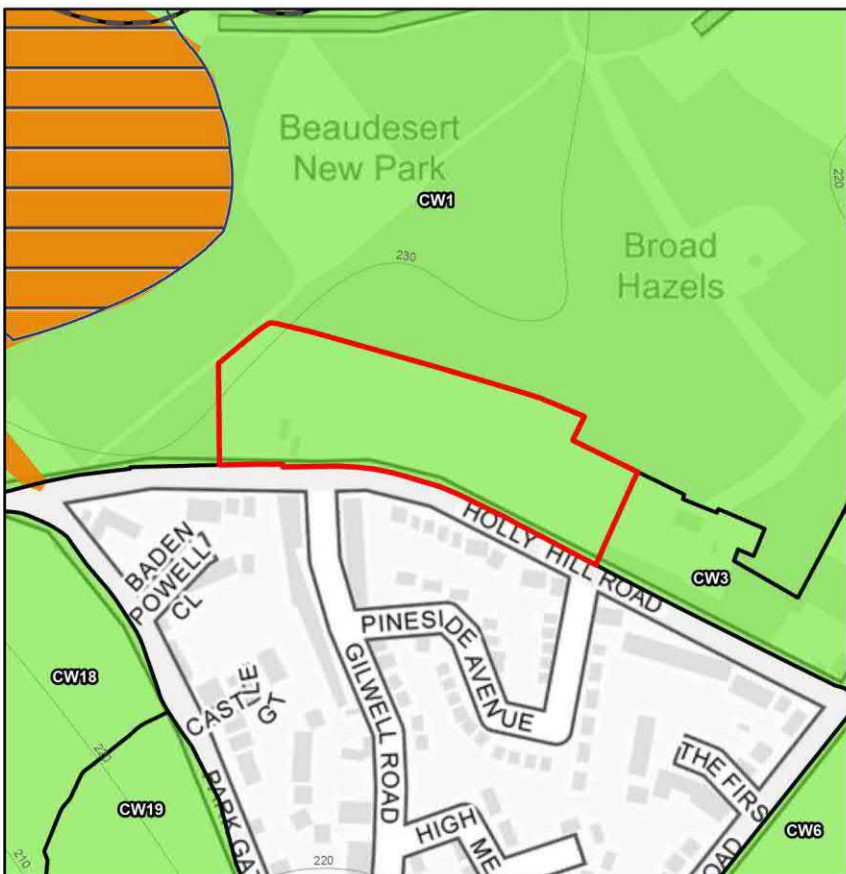
**High**

- <div>Mitigation measures are not considered necessary as the impact on adjacent Green Belt land is judged to be negligible.</div>

# Harm of release of land in CW2



-  CW2
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument
-  CRoW registered common land



# CW2

## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 1.77ha

The parcel is located on the northern edge of Cannock Wood. Cannock Wood does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of several paddocks. There are stables located in the southeast of the parcel, but this scale of development does not impact openness.

## **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

The parcel is not contained by urban development. The whole of the parcel lies in close proximity to the settlement, but the road at the inset edge is a consistent boundary to the northern edge of the village. As such, neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# CW2

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:  
Contribution: Relatively strong  
The parcel is open countryside. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:  
Contribution: Equal  
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.



# CW2

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of CW2 as an expansion of Cannock Wood:

Rating: Minor

Although the woodland of CW1 would form a strong Green Belt edge, the loss of the current consistent boundary would constitute a minor adverse impact on adjacent Green Belt.

The adjoining land within CW3 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel CW2 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside. The additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cannock Wood would be moderate.

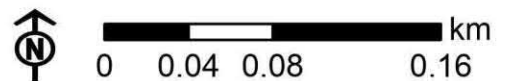
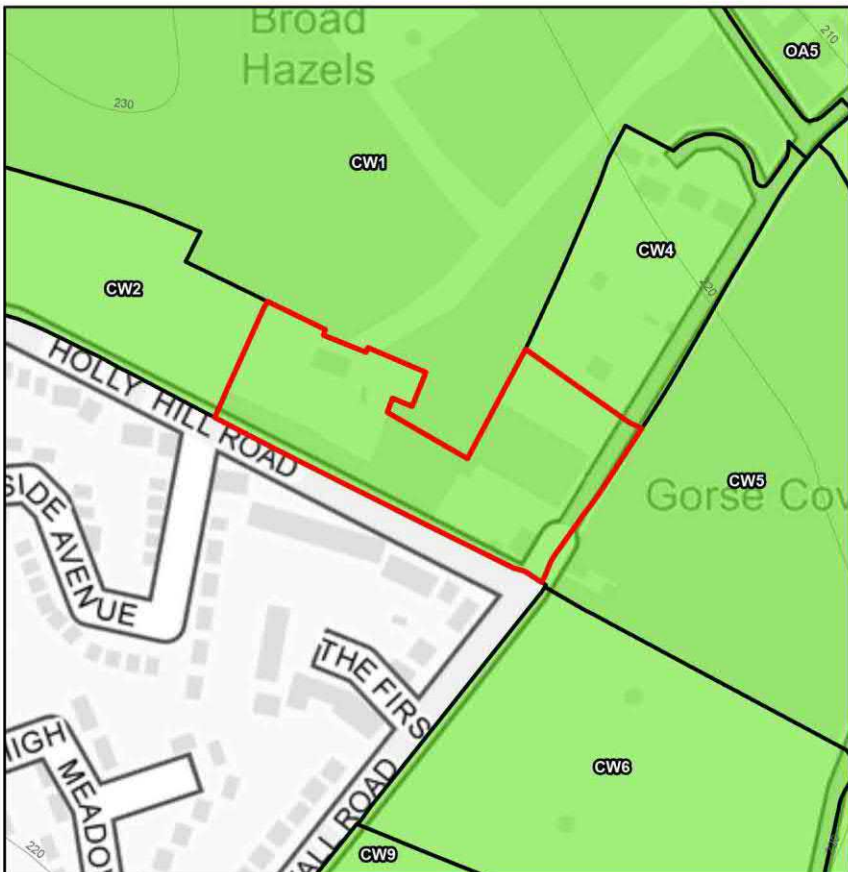
**Moderate**

- <div>Harm could potentially be reduced by the enhancement of existing woodland/woodland belts that form the boundaries of CW2 and the introduction of new native broadleaved woodland planting within the parcel This would form a strong Green Belt boundary and would help reduce any urbanising visual influence of development. This would also help conserve the historic character of the Beaudesert Old Park and enhance the wooded farmland character to the north, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (2017).</div>

# Harm of release of land in CW3



-  CW3
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



# CW3

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 1.2ha

The parcel is located on the northern edge of Cannock Wood. Cannock Wood does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of tree cover and grassland. Holly Hill Farm is located in the west of the parcel, but this is considered to be 'appropriate development' in the Green Belt. There is a residential property located in the southeast of the parcel, but this scale of development does not impact openness.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

The treeline at the inset edge provides some separation from the inset edge, and Holly Hill Road is a consistent boundary along the northern edge of the village. The whole of the parcel lies in close proximity to Cannock Wood and it is contained to an extent by residential development to the northeast.

However, the tree cover within the parcel is relatively prominent, providing some distinction and limiting visual intrusion from the urban area. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# CW3

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:  
Contribution: Relatively strong  
The parcel is open countryside. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:  
Contribution: Equal  
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.



# CW3

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of CW3 as an expansion of Cannock Wood:

Rating: Minor

The release of CW3 would not have an impact on the distinction of land within CW1 to the north or CW5 to the east, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes. However, although the woodland of CW1 would form a strong Green Belt edge, the loss of the current consistent boundary would constitute a minor adverse impact on adjacent Green Belt.

The adjoining land within CW2 and CW4 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel CW3 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside. The additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cannock Wood would be moderate.

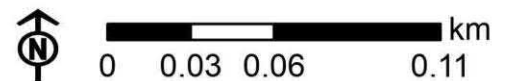
### Moderate

- <div>Harm could potentially be reduced by the enhancement of existing woodland/woodland belts that form the boundaries of CW3 and the introduction of new native broadleaved woodland planting within the parcel This would form a strong Green Belt boundary and would help reduce any urbanising visual influence of development. This would also help conserve the historic character of the Beaudesert Old Park and enhance the wooded farmland character to the north, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (2017).</div>

# Harm of release of land in CW4



-  CW4
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



# CW4

## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 0.97ha

The parcel is located to the north of Cannock Wood. Cannock Wood does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

The parcel has some residential properties within it, although development is not dense. The parcel is therefore considered to be relatively open.

## **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

Development within the parcel has some urbanising visual influence, but Holly Hill Road forms a consistent settlement boundary and tree cover in and around the parcel add further distinction from the inset area. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# CW4

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:  
Contribution: Relatively strong  
There is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside, but washed-over development already has some urbanising influence. Overall the area makes a relatively strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:  
Contribution: Equal  
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.



# CW4

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of CW4 as an expansion of Cannock Wood.:

Rating: Negligible

The release of CW4 would not have an impact on the distinction of land within CW1 to the northwest or CW5 to the east, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel CW4 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, but the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be negligible. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cannock Wood would be low moderate.

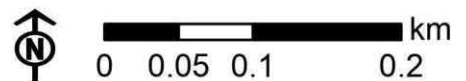
**Low-Moderate**

- <div>Mitigation measures are not considered necessary as the impact on adjacent Green Belt land is judged to be negligible.</div>

# Harm of release of land in CW5



-  CW5
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



# CW5

## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 3.19ha

The parcel is located on the northeast edge of Cannock Wood. Cannock Wood does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of an area of Broad Hazel's Wood.

## **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

The parcel is not contained by urban development. The wooded land cover provides significant distinction from the settlement, prevents views of the urban area and acts as a strong boundary feature, providing a strong degree of separation from Cannock Wood. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# CW5

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:  
Contribution: Strong  
The parcel is open countryside. There is very strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:  
Contribution: Equal  
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.

# CW5

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of CW5 as an expansion of Cannock Wood.:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of CW5 would weaken the strong boundary distinction of land to the east.

The adjoining land within CW3, CW4, CW1, CW6 and CW7 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel CW5 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside. The additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cannock Wood would be high.

**High**

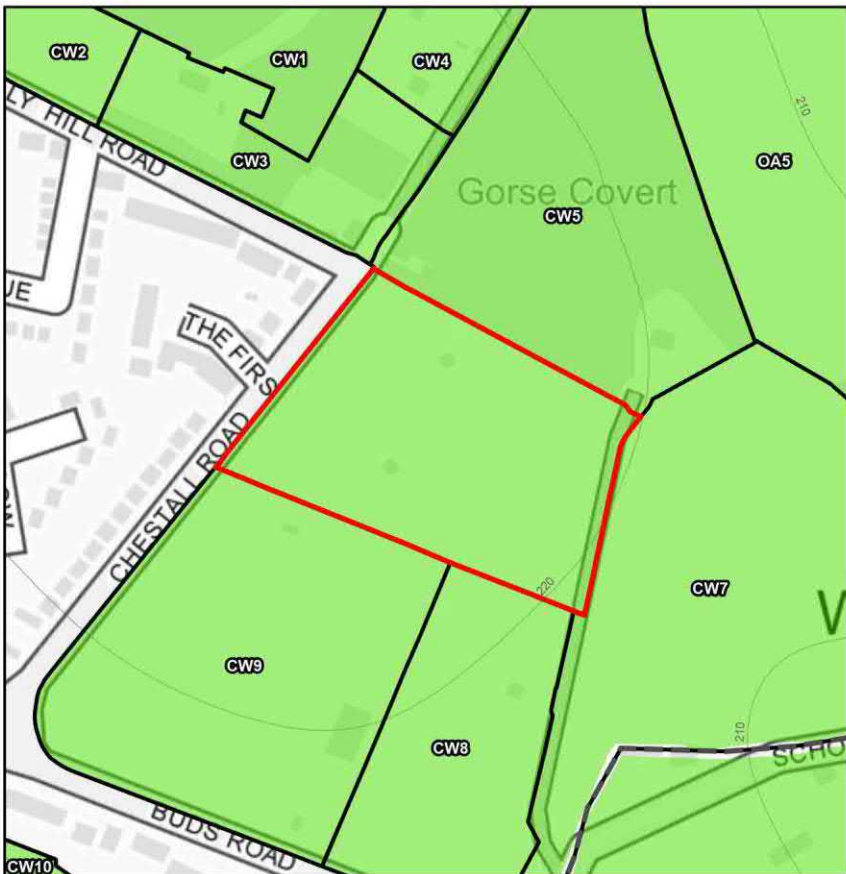
- <div>Harm could potentially be reduced by the enhancement of existing woodland/woodland belts that form the boundaries of CW5. This would form a strong Green Belt boundary and would help reduce impact on the distinction of land to the east. This would also help conserve the historic character of the Beadesert Old Park and enhance the wooded farmland character to the north, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (2017).</div>



# Harm of release of land in CW6



-  CW6
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



# CW6

## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 2.53ha

The parcel is located on the northeast edge of Cannock Wood. Cannock Wood does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of a Covered Reservoir (Gentleshaw Reservoir).

## **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

The road at the inset edge to the west provides only a weak degree of separation from Cannock Wood, but views are balanced between the urban area to the west and open countryside to the east. The parcel is partially contained by urban development to the west and south. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# CW6

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:  
Contribution: Moderate  
The parcel is open and characterised by reservoir uses which are associated with the urban area and diminish the extent to which it is perceived as countryside. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:  
Contribution: Equal  
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.

# CW6

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of CW6 as an expansion of Cannock Wood:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release of CW6 would weaken the landform distinction of lower-lying land to the east within CW7 and, in the absence of a strong boundary feature, would diminish the distinction created by its distance from the inset settlement edge. It would also increase urbanising containment on land to the southeast in CW8. The release would have negligible impact on land to the north within CW5.

The adjoining land within CW9 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release



- Parcel CW6 makes a moderate contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor-moderate. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cannock Wood would be moderate.

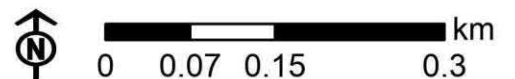
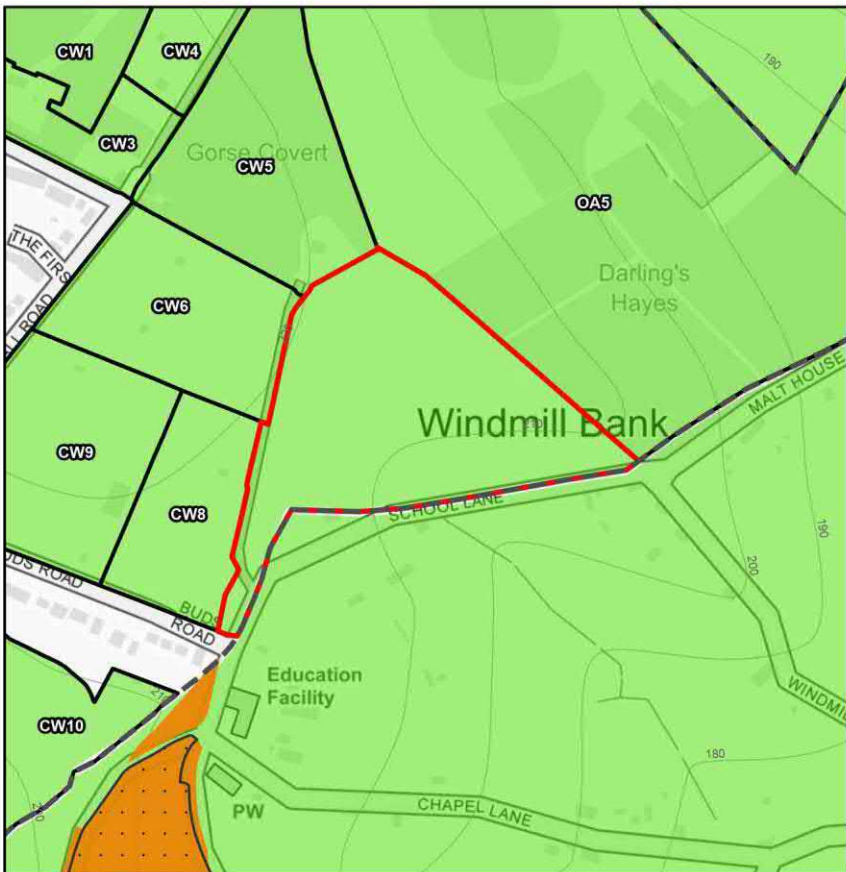
**Moderate**

- Harm could potentially be reduced by introducing hedgerow tree cover within CW6 to the east and south to form a stronger Green Belt boundary. This would also help enhance the settled farmland landscape character, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (2017).

# Harm of release of land in CW7



-  CW7
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  CRoW registered common land





# CW7

## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 5.18ha

The parcel is located to the east of Cannock Wood. Cannock Wood does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of a large agricultural field.

## **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

There are no strong boundary features between the parcel and the urban edge to the west, beyond Chestall Road, but the parcel extends a significant distance from Cannock Wood and the sloping landform within the parcel provides some distinction from the inset area. The parcel is not contained by urban development. Neither the urban area nor the countryside dominate views. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# CW7

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:  
Contribution: Strong  
The parcel is open countryside. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:  
Contribution: Equal  
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.

# CW7

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of CW7 as an expansion of Cannock Wood.:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of CW7 would increase urbanising containment on land within CW5 to the northwest, and would weaken separation from the settlement of land to the east of CW5. The Darling's Hayes woodland provides a strong boundary to the east of the parcel, so there would be no significant harm to Green Belt land in this direction.

Land to the south, in Lichfield District, does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release






- Parcel CW7 makes a strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside. The additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cannock Wood would be moderate-high.

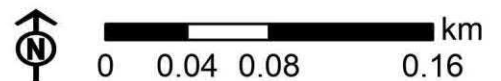
### Moderate-High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing and/or introducing hedgerow tree cover within CW7 particularly to the south to form a stronger Green Belt boundary. This would also help enhance the settled farmland landscape character, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (2017).

# Harm of release of land in CW8



-  CW8
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  CRoW registered common land



# CW8

## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 1.76ha

The parcel is located on the east edge of Cannock Wood. Cannock Wood does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of three small fields.

## **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

Minor roads and field boundaries do not provide much boundary separation from the urban area, and the parcel is subject to a degree of containment due to inset area lying to the south and the west. In addition, the parcel lies in close proximity to Cannock Wood. However, there are still views of open countryside to the east. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.



# CW8

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:  
Contribution: Relatively strong  
The parcel is open countryside. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:  
Contribution: Equal  
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.

# CW8

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of CW8 as an expansion of Cannock Wood.:

Rating: Minor

The release of CW8 would, in the absence of a strong boundary feature, diminish the distinction created by CW7's distance from the inset settlement edge.

The adjoining land in CW9 and CW6 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release






- Parcel CW8 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside. The additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cannock Wood would be moderate.

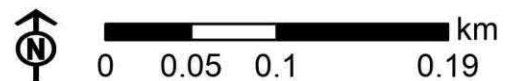
**Moderate**

- Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing and/or introducing hedgerow tree cover within CW8 along its boundaries, particularly to the east, to form a stronger Green Belt boundary. This would also help enhance the settled farmland landscape character, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (2017).

# Harm of release of land in CW9



-  CW9
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  CRoW registered common land



# CW9

## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 3.2ha

The parcel is located on the eastern edge of Cannock Wood. Cannock Wood does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of grass sports pitches. There is a village hall in the east of the parcel, but this scalar of development does not impact openness.

## **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

The parcel is subject to some degree of containment due to the inset area lying to the south as well as the west., but there are still views of open countryside to the east. The parcel lies in close proximity to the settlement and the road at the inset edge provides only a weak degree of separation from Cannock Wood. Therefore, there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# CW9

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
Land does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:  
Contribution: Relatively weak  
The parcel is open and is characterised by sports pitch uses which are associated with the urban area and diminish the extent to which it is perceived as countryside. There is weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which reduces the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside. Overall the area makes a relatively weak contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:  
Contribution: Equal  
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.



# CW9

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of CW9 as an expansion of Cannock Wood:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of CW9 would leave the narrow belt of land in CW8 more tightly enclosed by urban edges, with weakened boundary separation from the settlement edge. It would also leave land in CW6 to the north more tightly enclosed by the settlement edges.

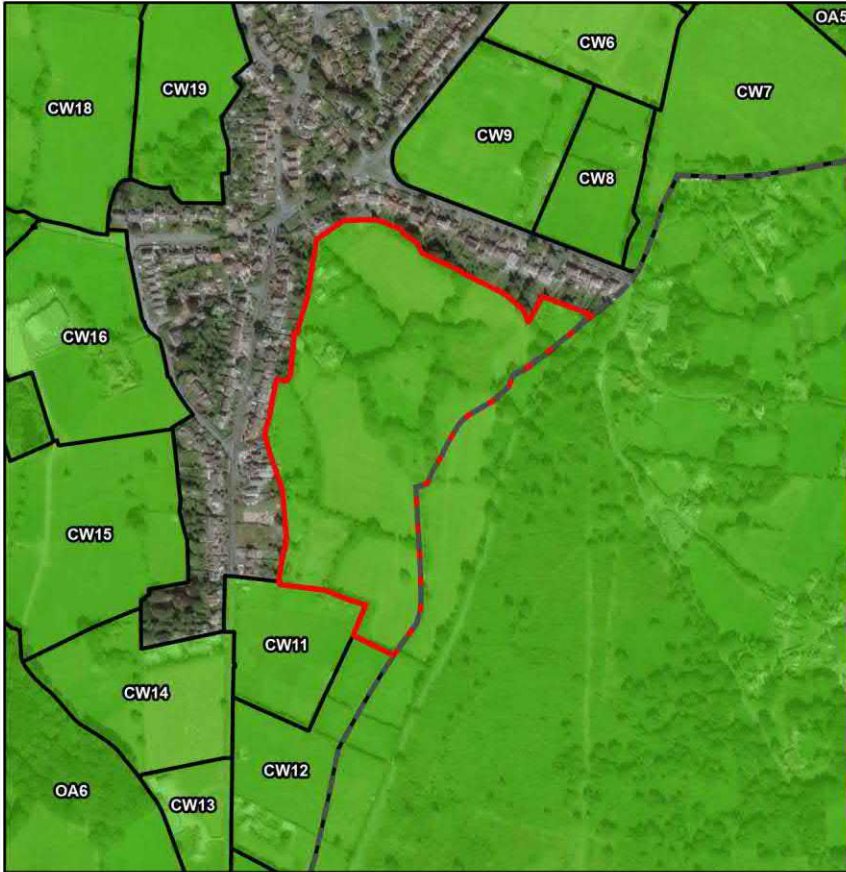
## Overall harm of Green Belt release









- Parcel CW9 makes a relatively weak contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor-moderate. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cannock Wood would be low moderate.

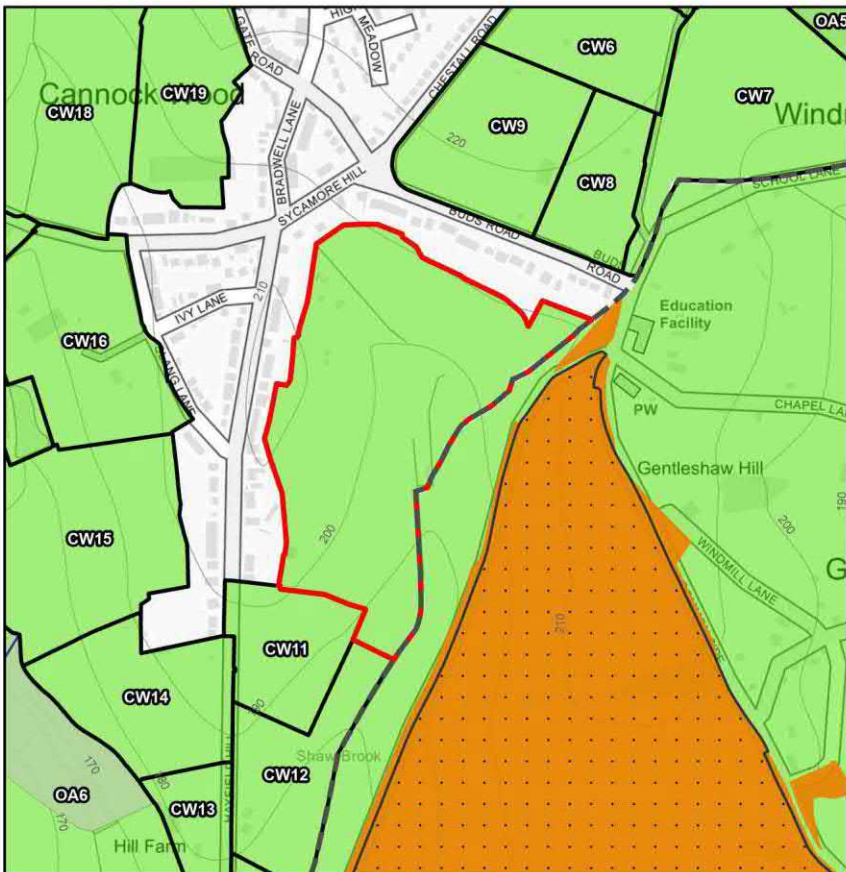
### **Low-Moderate**

- <div>Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing and/or introducing hedgerow tree cover within CW9 to the east and north to form a stronger Green Belt boundary. This would also help enhance the settled farmland landscape character, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (2017).</div>

# Harm of release of land in CW10



-  CW10
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  Ancient woodland
-  CRoW registered common land



# CW10

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 9.22ha

The parcel is located on the east edge of Cannock Wood. Cannock Wood does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of multiple agricultural fields. There are two residential properties in the west of the parcel, but this scale of development does not impact openness.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is subject to a degree of containment due to the inset area lying to the north as well as the west, but although in places the garden boundaries at the inset edge provide only a weak degree of separation from Cannock Wood, there is sufficient mature tree cover to create a reasonable degree of physical distinction. There are views of open countryside to the east, and the sloping landform down to the valley floor of Shaw Brook is a prominent feature creating distinction from the ridge-top urban area. Most land within Cannock Chase District lies in close proximity to the inset edges, but Redmoor Road in neighbouring Lichfield is a stronger physical boundary feature than the district boundary. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# CW10

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:  
Contribution: Strong  
The parcel is open countryside. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:  
Contribution: Equal  
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.

# CW10

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of CW10 as an expansion of Cannock Wood:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of CW10 would weaken the boundary distinction of land to the east in the neighbouring District of Lichfield, resulting in a narrow area adjacent to Gentleshaw Common SSSI forming the Green Belt adjacent to the inset edge. However, the constraint to development provided by the SSSI would prevent any impact beyond Redmoor Road. The release would weaken the landform distinction of land to the south within CW12 which lies on the same valley slope.

Land to the south in CW11 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel CW10 makes a strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cannock Wood would be moderate-high.








### **Moderate-High**

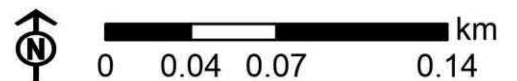
- Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing and/or introducing hedgerow tree cover within CW10 to the east and south to form a stronger Green Belt boundary. This would also help enhance the settled farmland landscape character, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (2017).



# Harm of release of land in CW11



-  CW11
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  Ancient woodland
-  CRow registered common land





# CW11

## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 1.98ha

The parcel is located on the southern edge of Cannock Wood. Cannock Wood does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of agricultural fields.

## **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

The parcel lies in close proximity to Cannock Wood and the garden boundaries at the inset edge provide only a weak degree of separation.

However, the sloping landform within the parcel provides distinction from the inset area and, despite the parcel's close proximity to the settlement, there are views of open countryside to the south and east. The parcel is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# CW11

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:  
Contribution: Relatively strong  
The parcel is open countryside. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:  
Contribution: Equal  
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.

# CW11

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of CW11 as an expansion of Cannock Wood:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of CW11 would weaken the boundary and landform distinction of land within CW12 to the south, and would also create some additional containment around land to the north in CW10, diminishing the distinction between Cannock Wood's ridge top location and the valleys that frame it.

The adjoining land within CW10 and CW14 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

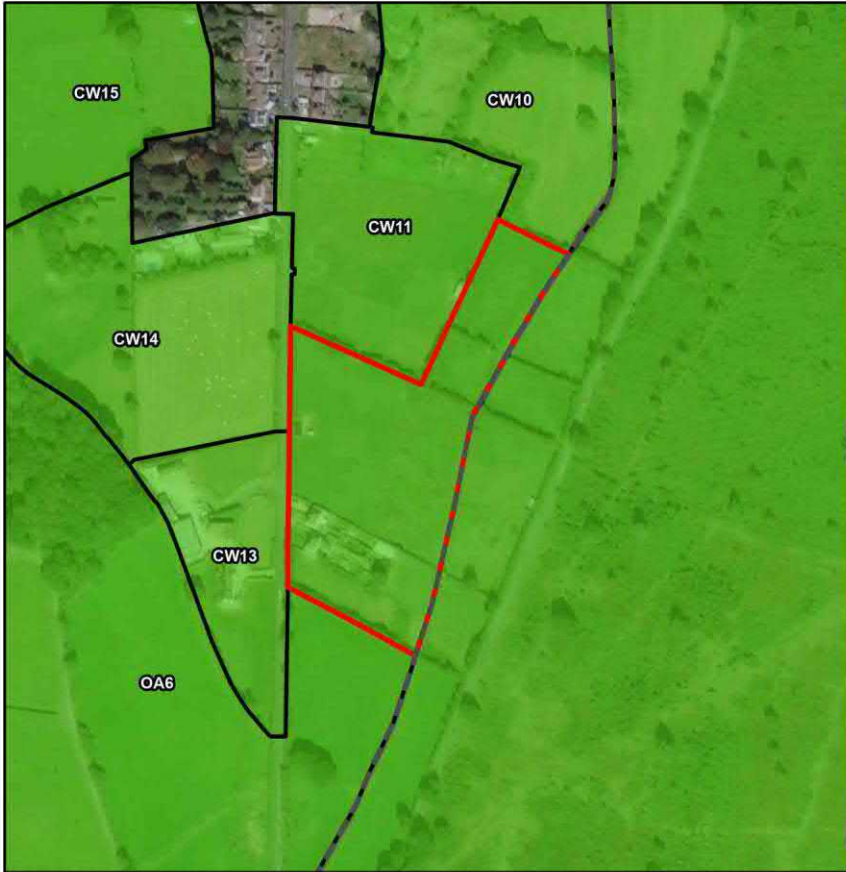
## Overall harm of Green Belt release








- Parcel CW11 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor-moderate. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cannock Wood would be moderate-high.

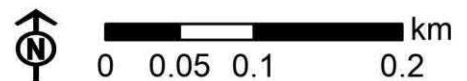
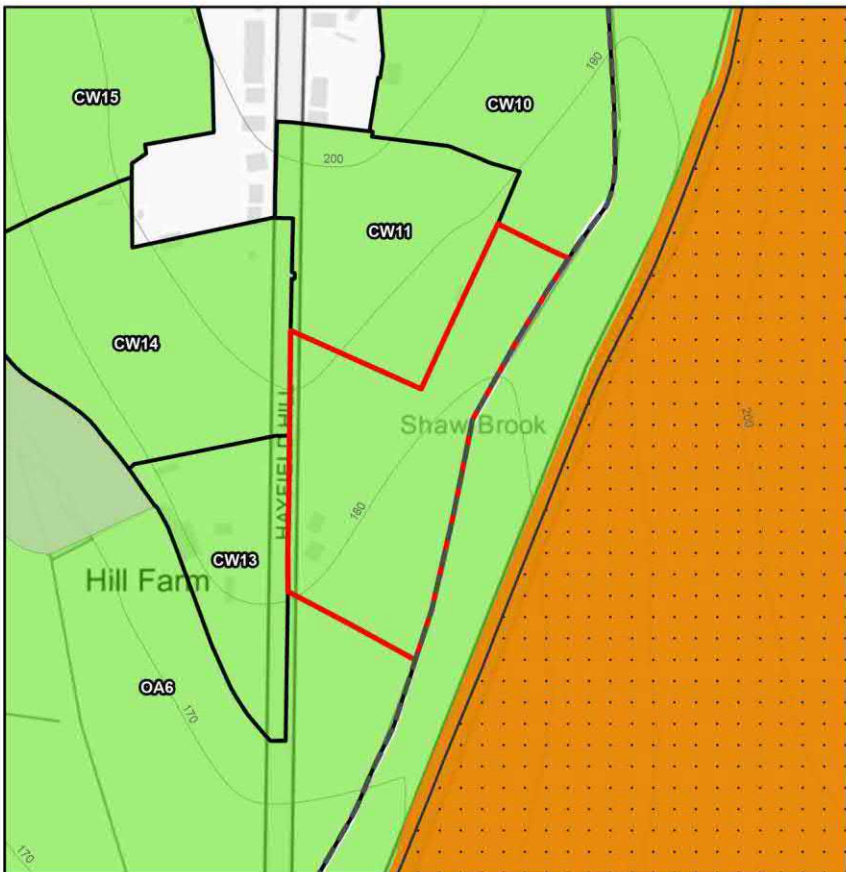
### Moderate-High

- <div>Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing and/or introducing hedgerow tree cover within CW11 along its boundaries to form a stronger Green Belt boundary. This would also help enhance the settled farmland landscape character, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (2017).</div>

# Harm of release of land in CW12



-  CW12
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  Ancient woodland
-  CRoW registered common land



# CW12

## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 2.49ha

The parcel is located to the southeast of Cannock Wood. Cannock Wood does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town. Gentleshaw Common SSSI lies to the east.

The parcel is open and is comprised of agricultural fields. There are two residential properties in the south of the parcel, but this scale of development does not impact openness.

## **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

Although field boundaries provide fairly weak separation from the settlement the parcel forms the western slope of a valley containing Shaw Brook, which provides landform distinction from the inset area. The parcel is not contained by urban development and views are dominated by open countryside.

Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# CW12

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:  
Contribution: Strong  
The parcel is open countryside. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:  
Contribution: Equal  
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.



# CW12

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of CW12 as an expansion of Cannock Wood:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of CW12 would weaken the strong boundary and landform distinction of land to the south, but the constraint to development provided by the SSSI would prevent any impact to the east of Redmoor Road, and the ridge crest along Hayfield Hill would limit impact on land to the west.

The adjoining land within CW14 and CW13 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor-moderate.

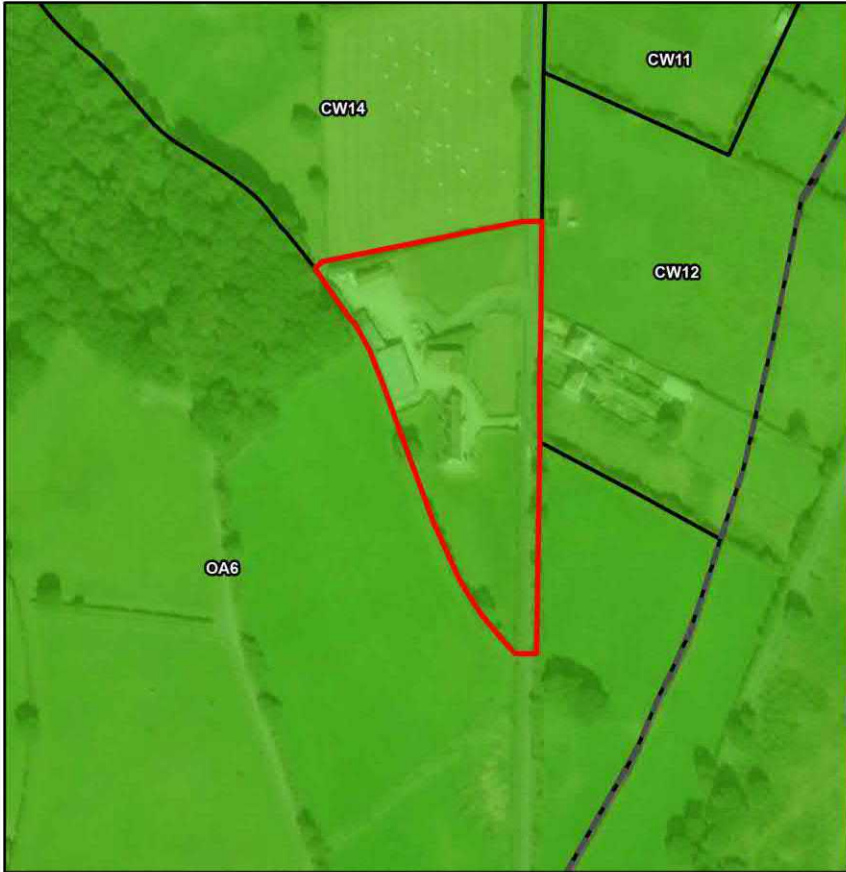
## Overall harm of Green Belt release








- Parcel CW12 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cannock Wood would be moderate-high.

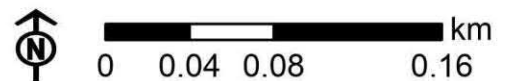
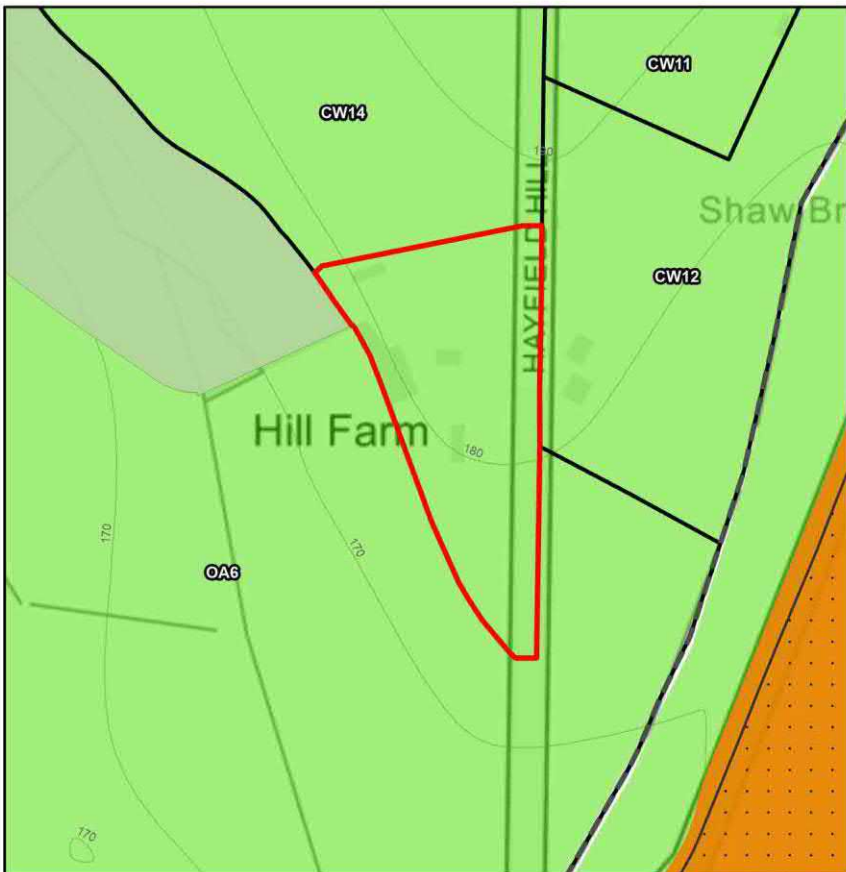
### **Moderate-High**

- <div>Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing and/or introducing hedgerow tree cover within CW12 along its boundaries to form a stronger Green Belt boundary. This would also help enhance the settled farmland landscape character, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (2017).</div>

# Harm of release of land in CW13



-  CW13
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  Ancient woodland
-  CRoW registered common land



# CW13

## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 1.25ha

The parcel is located to the south of Cannock Wood. Cannock Wood does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of agricultural fields and some commercial development, including an architectural salvage store. This scale and form of development does not impact openness.

## **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

The field boundary and intervening land in the adjacent parcel to the north provide a moderate degree of separation from the settlement. The sloping landform within the parcel provides strong distinction from the inset area. Furthermore, the parcel is not contained by urban development and views are dominated by open countryside. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# CW13

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:  
Contribution: Moderate  
The parcel is open and is peripheral to a moderate gap between Wimblebury/Heath Hayes and Burntwood and Although the settlement gap is robust, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:  
Contribution: Strong  
The parcel is and there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:  
Contribution: Equal  
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.

# CW13

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of CW13 as an expansion of Cannock Wood:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of CW13 would weaken the boundary and landform distinction of land to the south.

The adjoining land within CW12 and CW14 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release









- Parcel CW13 has very strong distinction from the urban area, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside. It also makes a moderate contribution to preventing neighbouring towns merging into one another. The additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cannock Wood would be high.

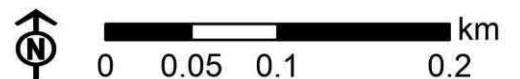
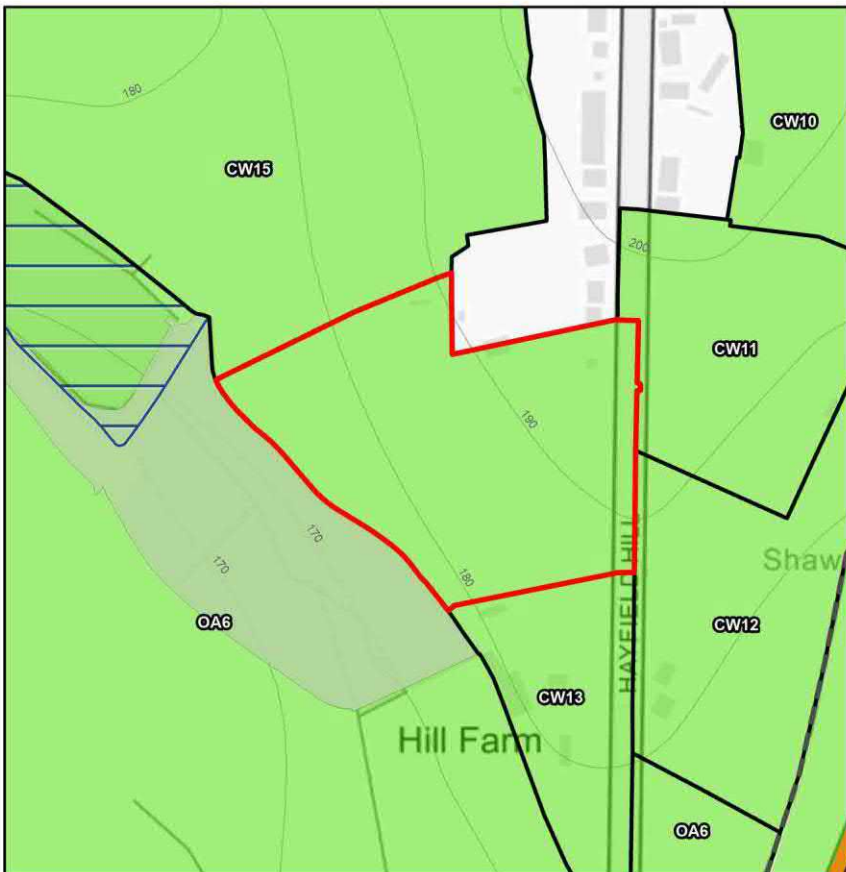
**High**

- <div>Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing and/or introducing hedgerow tree cover within CW13 along its boundaries to form a stronger Green Belt boundary. This would also help enhance the settled farmland landscape character, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (2017).</div>

# Harm of release of land in CW14



-  CW14
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  Ancient woodland
-  CRoW registered common land





# CW14

## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 2.98ha

The parcel is located on the southwest edge of Cannock Wood. Cannock Wood does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town. An area of Ancient Woodland lies to the southwest.

The parcel is mostly open and is comprised of agricultural fields. The Green Belt boundary cuts across the southernmost residential dwellings on the west side of Hayfield Hill: these properties are considered developed, and do not contribute to Green Belt openness.

## **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

The parcel lies in close proximity to the inset area and the garden boundary in the northeast of the parcel provides only a weak degree of separation. However, the sloping landform within the parcel provides clear distinction from the inset area, and this together with well-treed back gardens means that views are dominated by the countryside. The parcel is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# CW14

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:  
Contribution: Moderate  
The parcel is open and is peripheral to a moderate gap between Wimblebury/Heath Hayes and Cannock. Although the settlement gap is robust, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:  
Contribution: Strong  
The parcel is open countryside. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:  
Contribution: Equal  
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.

# CW14

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of CW14 as an expansion of Cannock Wood:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of CW14 would weaken the boundary and landform distinction of land to the south within CW13 from the settlement. The release would increase urbanising containment of land to the north within CW15 and, by moving the inset settlement edge downslope, would weaken the distinction from the settlement provided by the sloping landform. The release would not have a significant impact on the distinction of land within CW12, as the ridge crest along Hayfields Hill would preserve separation.

The adjoining land within CW11 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel CW14 makes a strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and it makes a moderate contribution to preventing neighbouring towns merging into one another. The additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor-moderate. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cannock Wood would be high.

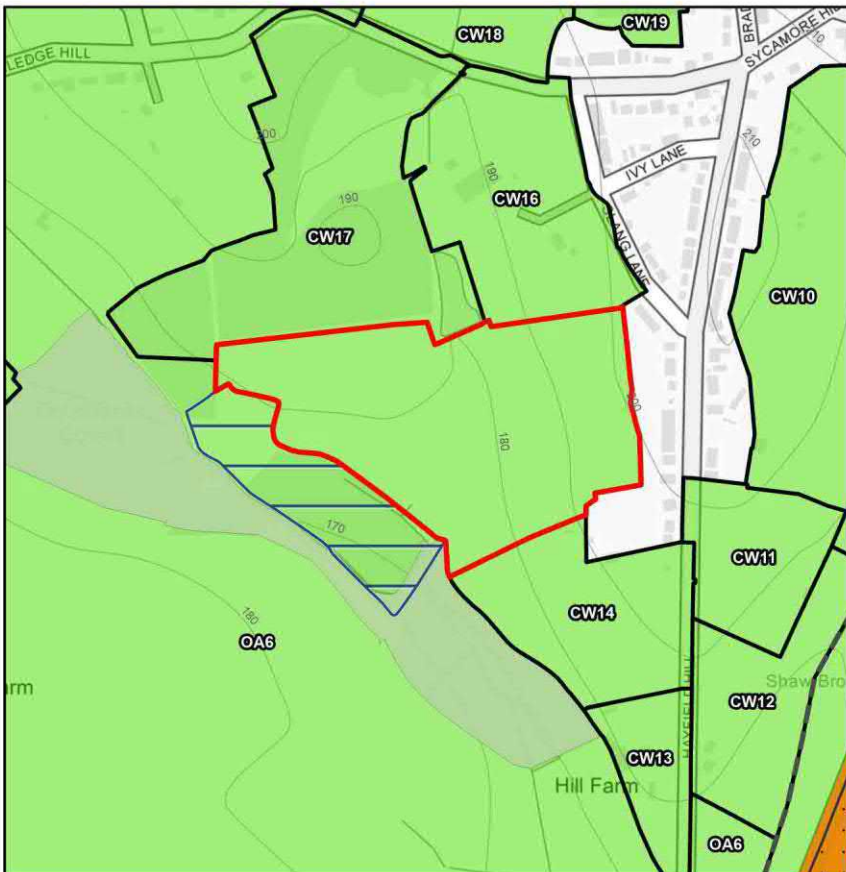
**High**

- Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing and/or introducing hedgerow tree cover within CW14 to the north and south to form a stronger Green Belt boundary. This would also help enhance the settled farmland landscape character, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (2017).

# Harm of release of land in CW15



- CW15
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- Scheduled monument
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Ancient woodland
- CRoW registered common land



# CW15

## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 6.95ha

The parcel lies to the southwest of Cannock Wood. Cannock Wood does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town. Ancient Woodland (Run's Well) and a Scheduled Monument (Moated site and bloomery in Courtbanks Covert) lie to the southwest.

The parcel is open and is comprised of an agricultural field.

## **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

The intervening land to the east provides a moderate degree of separation from Cannock Wood and the sloping landform within the parcel provides clear distinction from the ridge-top inset area. The parcel extends a significant distance from the inset settlement and views are dominated by open countryside. Furthermore, the parcel is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# CW15

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:  
Contribution: Moderate  
The parcel is open and is peripheral to a moderate gap between Wimblebury/Heath Hayes and Burntwood. Although the settlement gap is robust, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:  
Contribution: Strong  
The parcel is open countryside. There is very strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:  
Contribution: Equal  
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.



# CW15

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of CW15 as an expansion of Cannock Wood:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of CW15 would create some urbanising containment of land to the north in CW17, and would diminish its landform distinction from Cannock Wood (which is currently confined to the ridge top). Land to the south and west in Courtbanks Covert is protected by designations which constitute an absolute constraint to development (ancient woodland and a scheduled monument).

The adjoining land within CW16 and CW14 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release






- Parcel CW15 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside. It also makes a moderate contribution to preventing neighbouring towns merging into one another. The additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cannock Wood would be high.

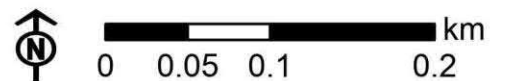
**High**

- Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing and/or introducing hedgerow tree cover within CW15 and retaining the woodland vegetation adjoining the parcel to form strong Green Belt boundaries. This would also help enhance the settled farmland landscape character, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (2017).

# Harm of release of land in CW16



-  CW16
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument



# CW16

## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 4.06ha

The parcel is located on the southwest edge of Cannock Wood. Cannock Wood does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town. An area of Ancient Woodland and a Scheduled Monument (Moated site and bloomery in Courtbanks Covert) lies to the southwest of the parcel.

The parcel is open and is comprised of agricultural fields. There is a farmstead located in the north and northwest of the parcel, but this is considered to be 'appropriate development' in the Green Belt.

## **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

The parcel lies in close proximity to the settlement, and garden boundaries at the inset edge in the east provide only a weak degree of separation from the inset area. However, views of the urban area to the east are balanced with open countryside to the west. The parcel is not contained by urban development and the sloping landform within the parcel provides clear distinction from the ridge-top inset settlement. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# CW16

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:  
Contribution: Relatively weak  
The parcel is open and is peripheral to a moderate gap between Wimblebury/Heath Hayes and Burntwood. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively weak contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:  
Contribution: Relatively strong  
The parcel is open countryside and The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:  
Contribution: Equal  
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.

# CW16

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of CW16 as an expansion of Cannock Wood:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of CW16 would weaken the boundary and landform distinction of land to the south within CW15, and would also increase the urbanising visual impact in this area.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

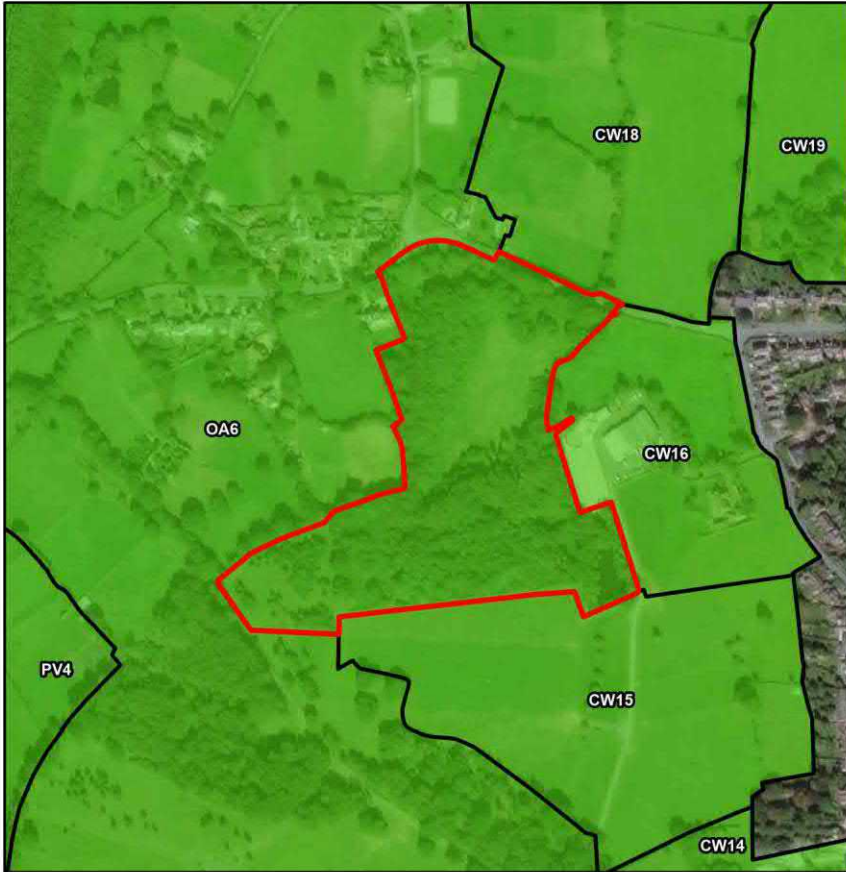
- Parcel CW16 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and it makes a relatively weak contribution to preventing neighbouring towns merging into one another. The additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor-moderate. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cannock Wood would be moderate-high.

### Moderate-High

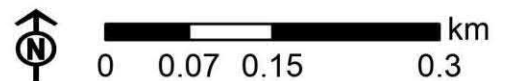
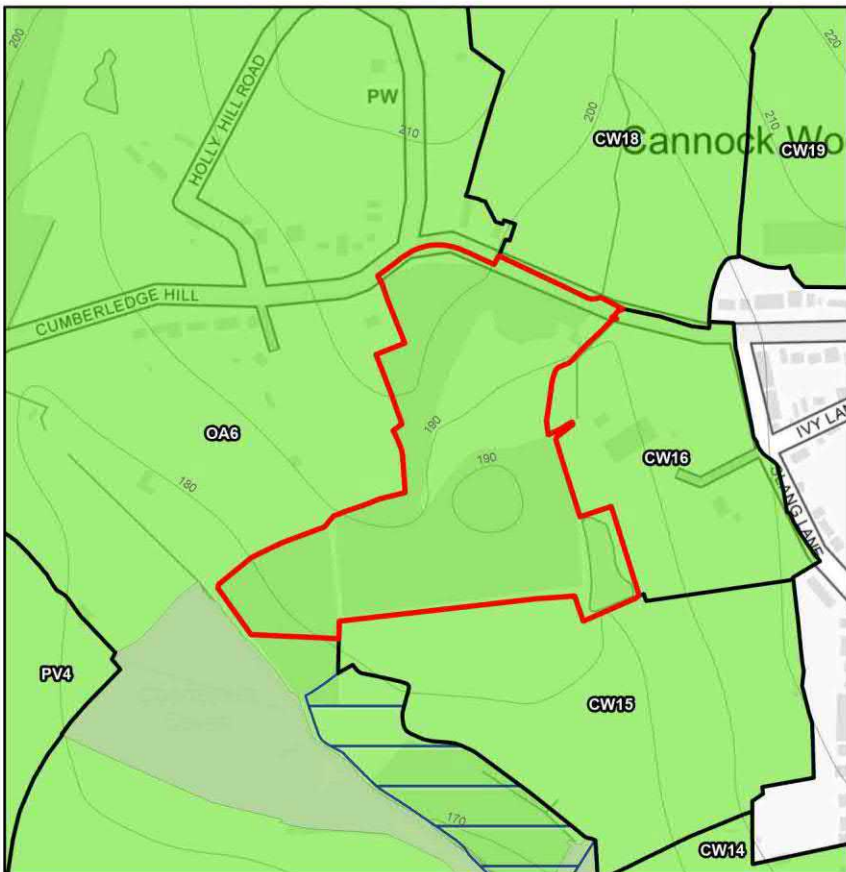
- Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing and/or introducing hedgerow tree cover within CW16 to the north and south to form a stronger Green Belt boundary, and through the adoption of vernacular building styles and materials. This would also help enhance the settled farmland landscape character, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (2017).



# Harm of release of land in CW17



-  CW17
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument
-  Ancient woodland





# CW17

## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 6.7ha

The parcel lies to the west of Cannock Wood. Cannock Wood does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town. An area of Ancient Woodland lies to the southwest of the parcel.

The parcel is open, and is comprised of tree cover in the north and south and grassland in the central region.

## **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

The parcel is subject to some containment by a relatively developed area of residential properties to the north west, but tree cover within the parcel prevents views of urban development. The parcel tree cover and the slope down from Cannock Wood create a strong degree of separation from the inset settlement and the parcel extends a significant distance from the inset area. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# CW17

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:  
Contribution: Moderate  
The parcel is open and is peripheral to a moderate gap between Wimblebury/Heath Hayes and Burntwood. Although the settlement gap is robust, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:  
Contribution: Strong  
The parcel is open countryside and there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:  
Contribution: Equal  
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.

# CW17

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of CW17 as an expansion of Cannock Wood:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of CW17 would increase urbanising containment on land to the west and in CW15 to the south, and would diminish the landform distinction between Cannock Wood as a ridge-top settlement and the surrounding countryside.

The adjoining land within CW15 and CW18 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel CW17 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside. It also makes a moderate contribution to preventing neighbouring towns merging into one another. The additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cannock Wood would be high.

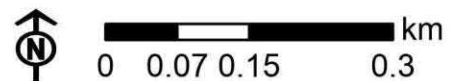
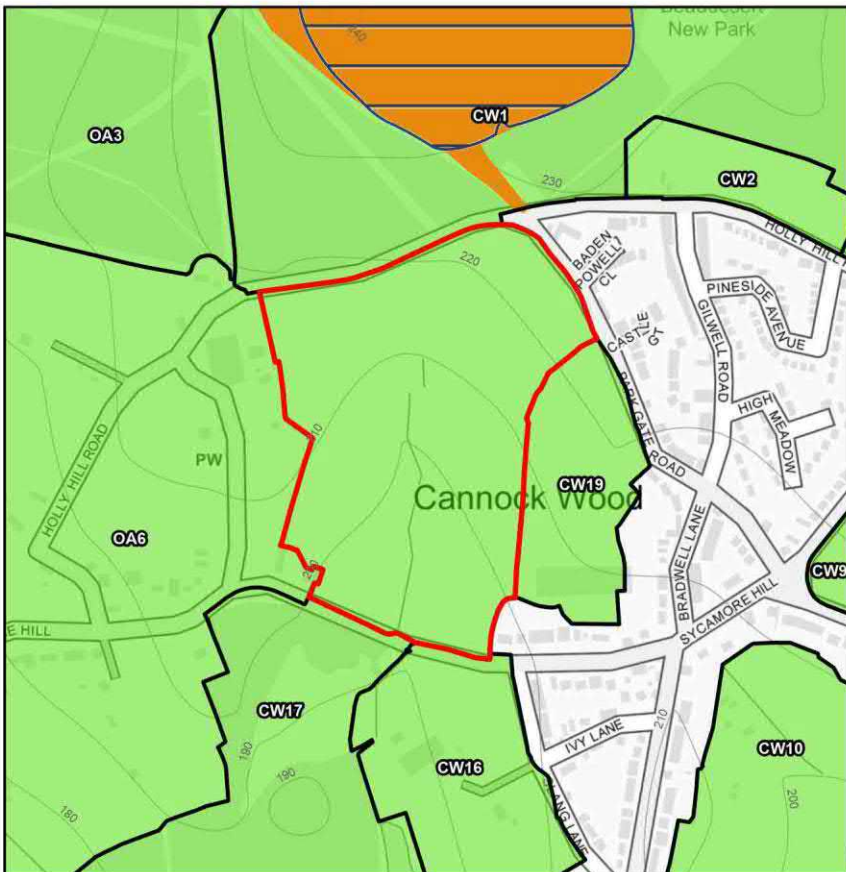
**High**

- Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing vegetation within CW17 and by introducing hedgerow tree cover within the parcel along its boundaries to form a stronger Green Belt boundary. This would also help enhance the settled farmland landscape character, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (2017).

# Harm of release of land in CW18



-  CW18
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument
-  CRoW registered common land



# CW18

## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 10.22ha

The parcel lies on the northwest edge of Cannock Wood. Cannock Wood does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

The parcel is open and is comprised of agricultural fields. There is one residential property in the northeast of the parcel, but this scale of development does not impact openness.

## **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

The garden boundaries in the southeast of the parcel provide a weak degree of separation from the settlement and road boundary in the north east of the parcel has been breached by a residential property within the parcel. However, the parcel is uncontained by urbanising development and the open countryside to the west dominates views. The sloping landform within the parcel provides some additional distinction from the inset settlement. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# CW18

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:  
Contribution: Moderate  
The parcel is open and is peripheral to a moderate gap between Wimblebury/Heath Hayes and Burntwood. Although the settlement gap is robust, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:  
Contribution: Strong  
The parcel is open countryside. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:  
Contribution: Equal  
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.



# CW18

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of CW18 as an expansion of Cannock Wood:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of CW18 would weaken the strong boundary distinction of land to the west from the settlement. The release would also increase urbanising containment on this area due to an area of washed over residential development lying to the south. The release would not have an impact on the distinction of land within CW1 to the north, and would have only a limited containing impact on land in CW17 to the south.

The adjoining land within CW19 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release






- Parcel CW18 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and it makes a relatively weak contribution to preventing neighbouring towns merging into one another. The additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor-moderate. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cannock Wood would be high.

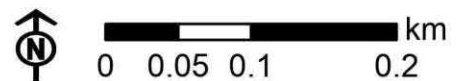
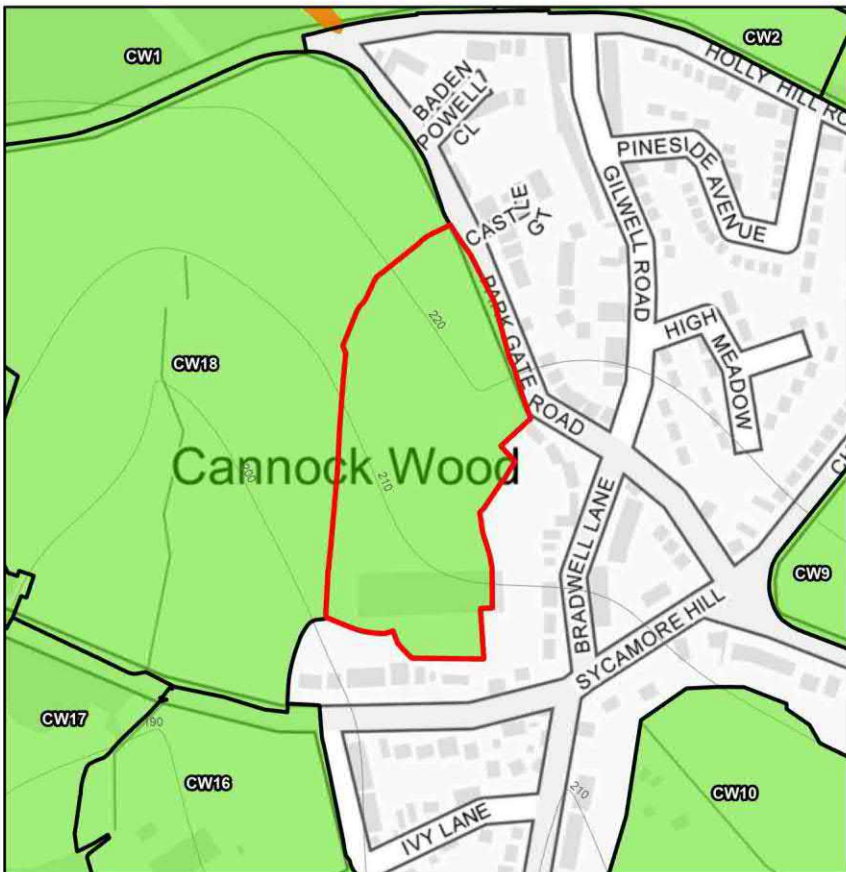
**High**

- <div>Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing and/or introducing hedgerow tree cover within CW18 to the west to form a stronger Green Belt boundary and reduce the impact of urban containment. This would also help enhance the settled farmland landscape character, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (2017).</div>

# Harm of release of land in CW19



-  CW19
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  CRoW registered common land



# CW19

## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 2.91ha

The parcel is located on the east edge of Cannock Wood. Cannock Wood does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

The parcel is open and is comprised of a small field.

## **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

The parcel is subject to a degree of urban containment from the inset settlement edges to the east and south. Neither the countryside nor the urban area dominated views, with tree cover adding some distinction in the southern part of the parcel. The parcel lies in close proximity to the urban area and the road at the inset edge provides only a weak boundary with Cannock Wood. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# CW19

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:  
Contribution: Relatively weak  
The parcel is open and is peripheral to a moderate gap between Wimblebury/Heath Hayes and Burntwood. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively weak contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:  
Contribution: Relatively strong  
The parcel is open countryside. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:  
Contribution: Equal  
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.

# CW19

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of CW19 as an expansion of Cannock Wood:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of CW19 would increase urbanising containment on land to the south within CW16. The release would weaken the strong boundary distinction of land to the west within CW18 from the settlement.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel CW19 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and a relatively weak contribution to preventing the merger of towns. The additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Cannock Wood would be moderate-high.

### **Moderate-High**

- <div>Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing and/or introducing hedgerow tree cover within CW19 to the west to form a stronger Green Belt boundary. This would also help enhance the settled farmland landscape character, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (2017).</div>