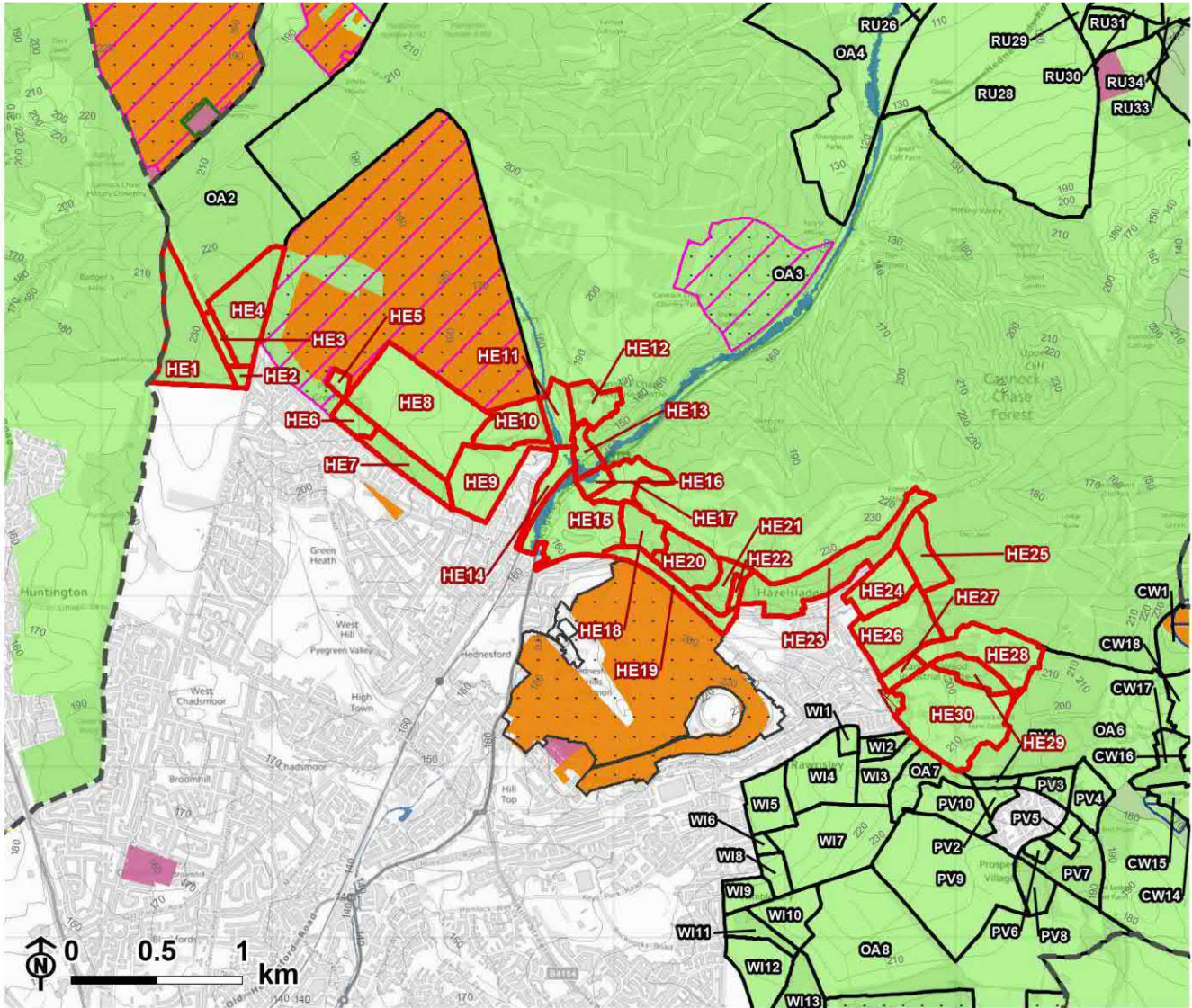


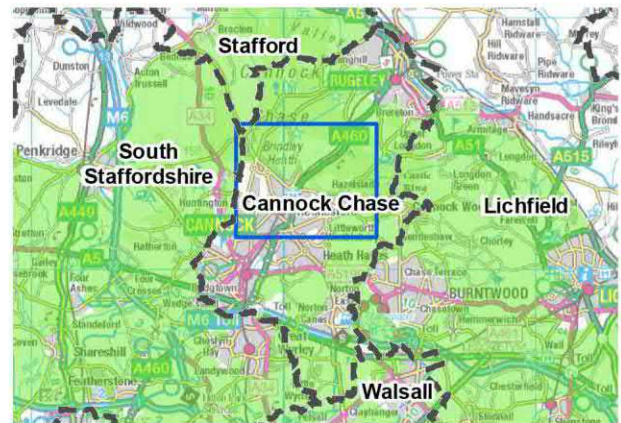
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**Detailed Harm
Assessments
Hednesford - Part 1**

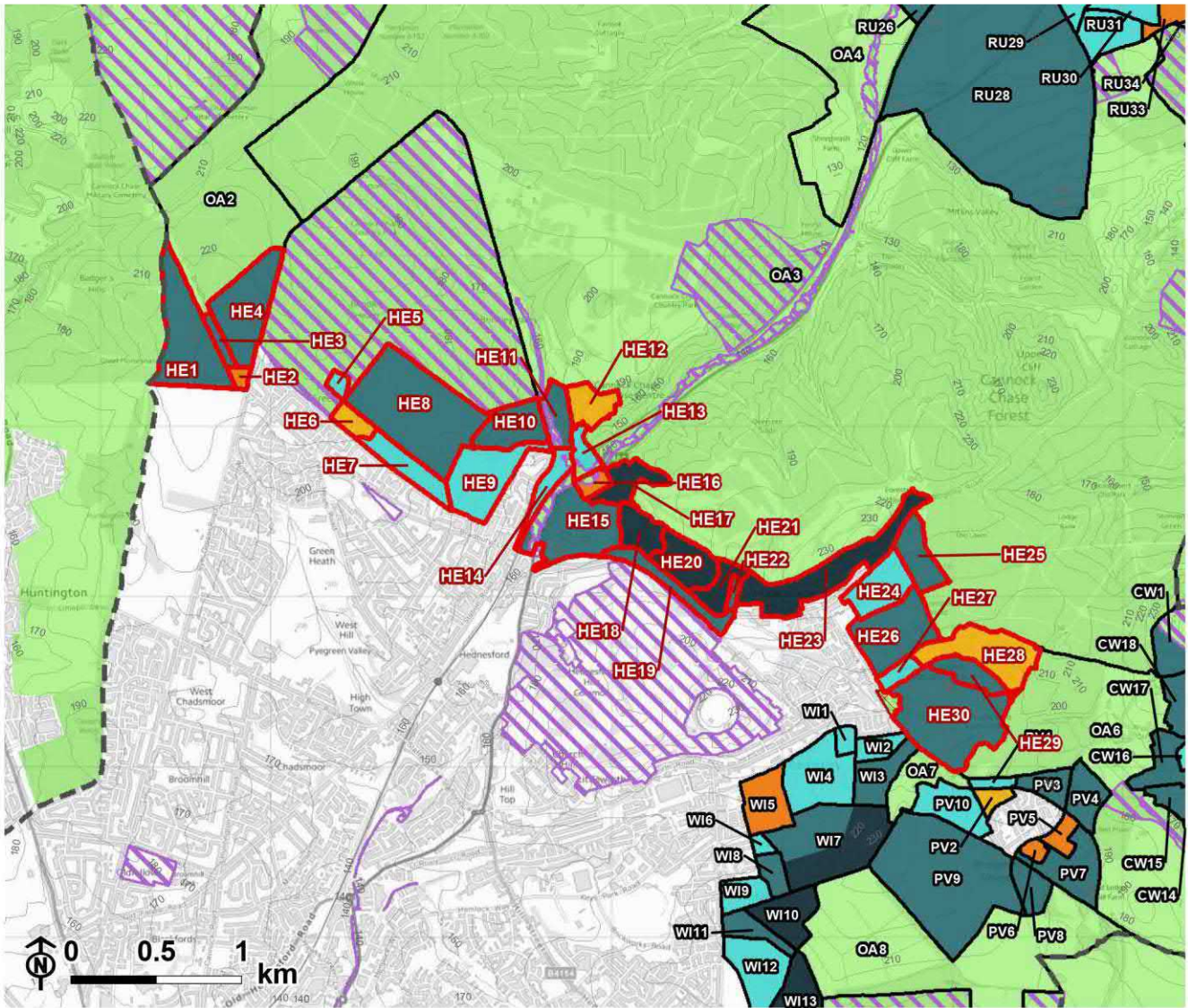
Hednesford



- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- Red outline Hednesford parcel
- Black outline Neighbouring parcel
- Red outline with cross-hatch No openness
- Absolute constraints**
- Light green Ancient woodland
- Pink hatched Special Area of Conservation
- Black outline with dots Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Green hatched Registered park & garden
- Blue outline Scheduled monument
- Orange CRoW registered common land
- Pink Cemetery
- Blue Flood zone 3



Hednesford



--- Local Authority boundary

Green Belt

Hednesford parcel

Neighbouring parcel

No openness

Absolute constraint(s)

Harm rating

Very High

High

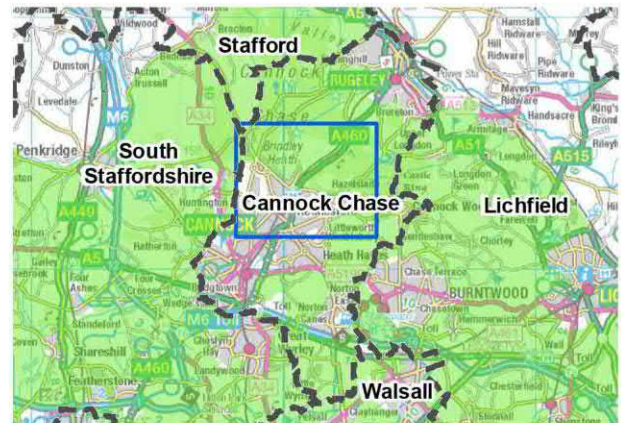
Moderate-High

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

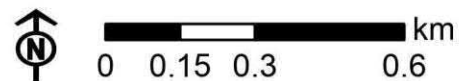
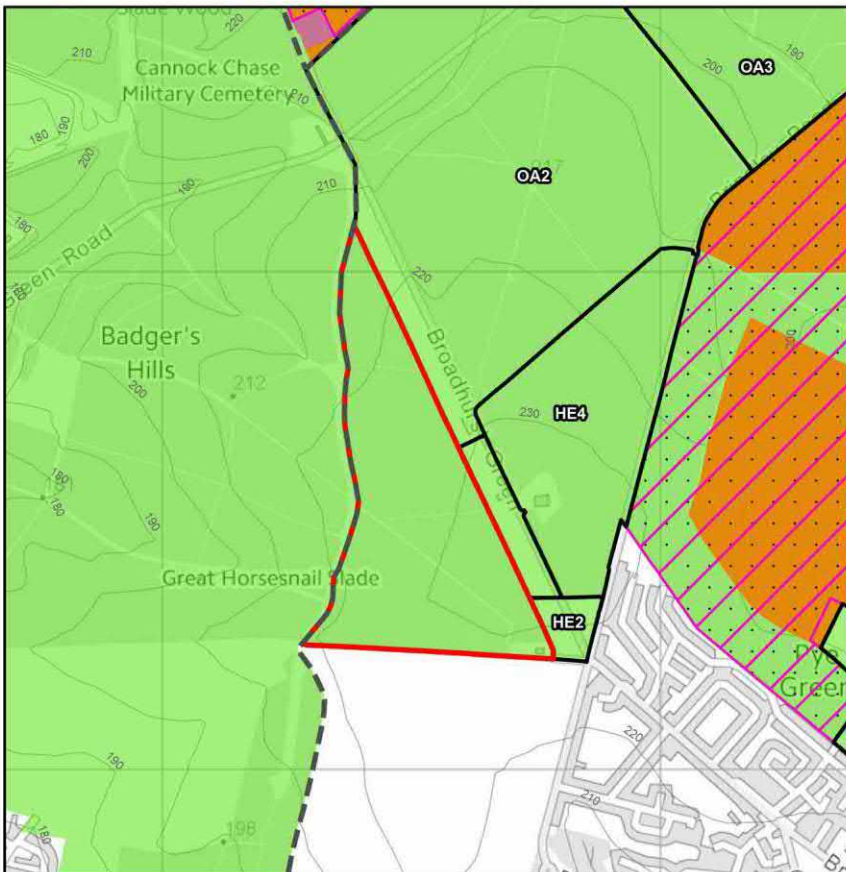
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Harm of release of land in HE1



- HE1
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- Special Area of Conservation
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Cemetery
- CRoW registered common land



HE1

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 19.28ha

The parcel is located to the north-west of Hednesford (Pye Green). Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of a large forested area.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is not contained by urban development, it extends a significant distance from the inset area and the woodland forms a strong boundary feature creating separation from the inset area to the south. In addition the wooded nature of the parcel means that the landcover is significantly different from the inset area and views are dominated by open countryside. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE1

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and has a relationship with the large built-up area of Cannock due to its close proximity. There is very strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the 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 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.

HE1

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE1 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Negligible

Coniferous woodland extends a significant distance westward beyond the parcel boundary, into South Staffordshire, forming a strong boundary to any expansion of the urban area.

The adjoining land within HE2 and HE3 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 HE1 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large build-up area of Cannock. 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 Hednesford would be high.

High

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

Harm of release of land in HE2



-  HE2
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



HE2

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 1.3ha

The parcel is located to the north-west of Hednesford (Pye Green). Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of fields adjacent to Broadhurst Green road.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Brindley Road is only a weak Green Belt boundary feature, as its continuation southwards, as Pye Green Road, has been breached by inset development. The inset area creates a degree of urban containment and the parcel lies in close proximity to the urban edge. Neither the urban area nor the countryside dominates views. Therefore, there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE2

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Moderate
The land is open and is adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock.
There is weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which reduces the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to checking the 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: Moderate
Land is open countryside and 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 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.

HE2

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE2 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of HE2 would weaken the boundary distinction from the settlement of land within HE3 to the north west, which forms a linear strip of grassland between woodland blocks.

The release would not have an impact on the distinction of woodland within HE1 to the west or HE4 to the north, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel HE2 makes a moderate contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock. 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 Hednesford would be moderate.

Moderate

- Harm could potentially be reduced by strengthening the existing field boundaries and/or enhancing tree cover within HE2, to the north. This would create stronger Green Belt boundaries that would help to reduce the urbanising visual influence of development. These measures would also help strengthen and enhance the structure and overall historical integrity of the forest heathland landscape, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (November 2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (July 2017).

Harm of release of land in HE3



-  HE3
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Special Area of Conservation
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest



HE3

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 2.05ha

The parcel is located to the northwest of Hednesford (Pye Green). Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of a narrow field adjacent to Broadhurst Green road.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Brindley Road is only a weak Green Belt boundary feature, as its continuation southwards, as Pye Green Road, has been breached by inset development. However, the parcel extends a significant distance from Hednesford. The undulating land within the parcel, and proximity of adjacent woodlands, creates some distinction from the inset area. Furthermore, the parcel is not contained by urban development and views of the urban area from the parcel are minimal. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE3

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and is adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the 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
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.

HE3

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE3 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of HE3 would weaken the boundary distinction from the settlement of the land which forms a northward continuation of the linear grassland strip. It would also create some urban containment of woodland to the west in HE1.

The release would not have an impact on the distinction of woodland within HE4 to the east, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes.

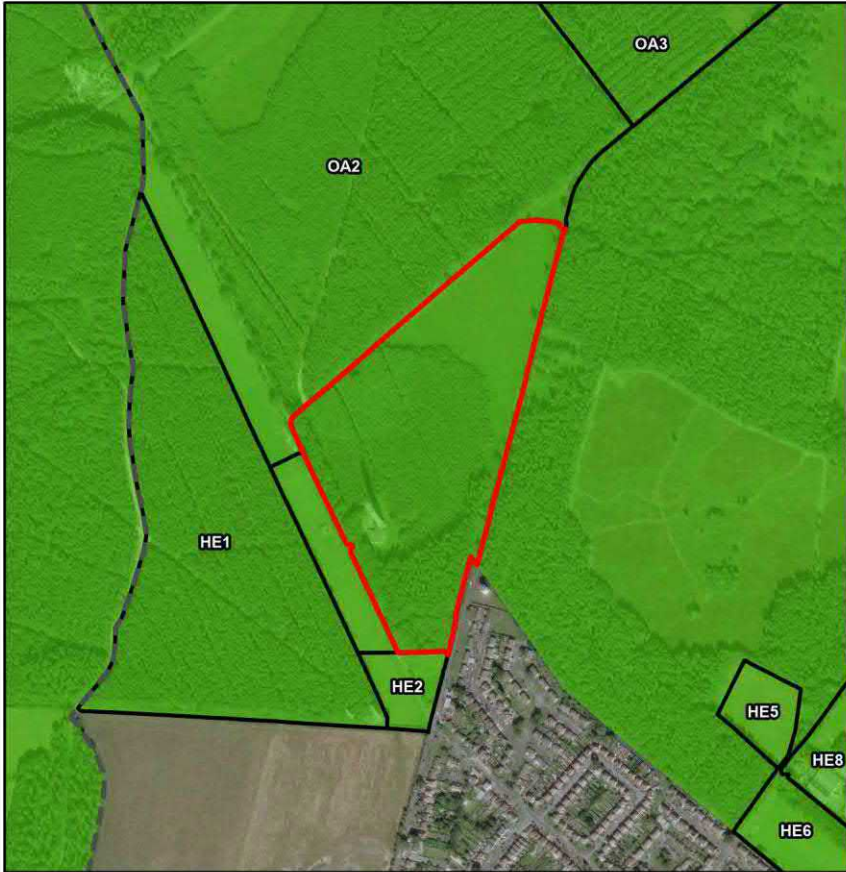
Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel HE3 makes a strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and it makes a strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock. 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 Hednesford would be high.

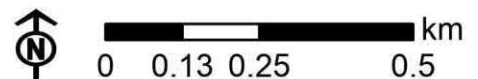
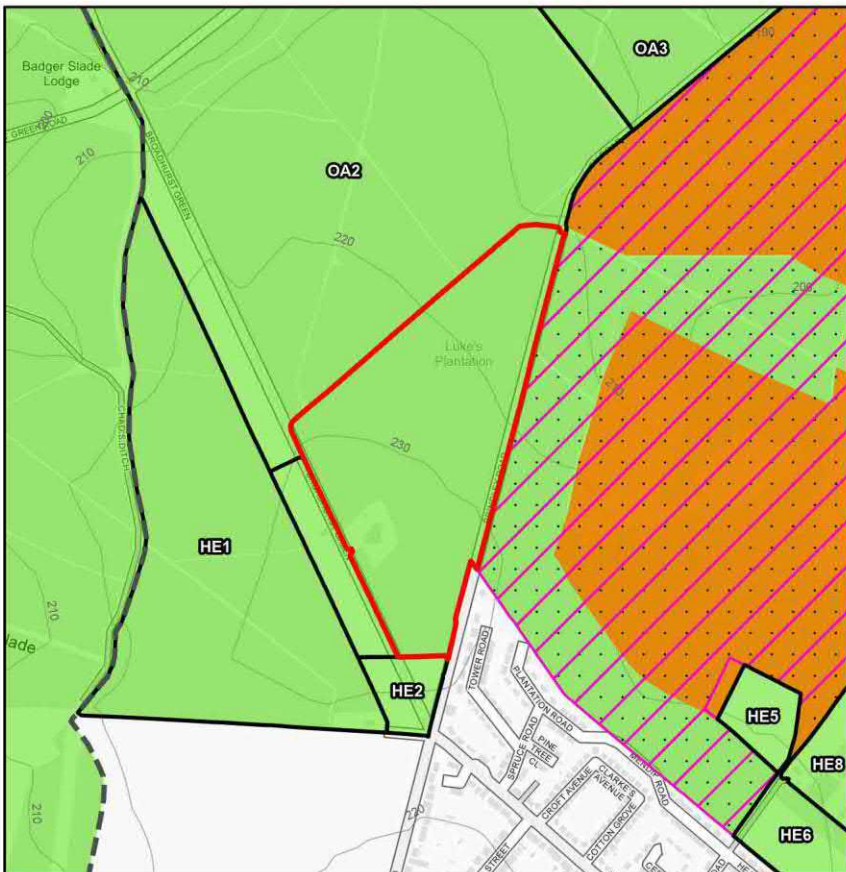
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- Harm could potentially be reduced by strengthening the existing field boundaries and/or enhancing tree cover within HE3 to the north. This would create stronger Green Belt boundaries that would help to reduce the urbanising visual influence of development. These measures would also help strengthen the structure and overall historical integrity of the forest heathland landscape, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (November 2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (July 2017).

Harm of release of land in HE4



- HE4
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- Special Area of Conservation
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- CRoW registered common land



HE4

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 15.64ha

The parcel is located to the northwest of Hednesford. Cannock Chase SSSI and SAC lies to the east of the parcel. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

The parcel is open, with the majority of the parcel comprising of woodland and a cleared area in the northeast. Pye Green BT tower is located in the southwest of the parcel, which reduces the openness of a relatively small part of the parcel.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The wooded land cover within the parcel provides significant distinction from the urban area, acts as a strong boundary feature and minimises any views of Hednesford to the south. Furthermore, the parcel extends a significant distance from the urban area and it is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE4

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the 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.

HE4

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE4 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Negligible

The release would not have an impact on the distinction of further woodland to the north, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes.

The adjoining land within HE2 and HE3 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 HE4 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore it makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock. 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 Hednesford would be high.

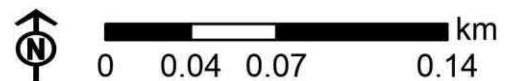
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- <div>Mitigation measures are not considered necessary as the impact on adjacent Green Belt land is judged to be negligible.</div>

Harm of release of land in HE5



-  HE5
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Special Area of Conservation
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  CRoW registered common land



HE5

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 1.38ha

The parcel is located to the northwest of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town. The parcel is surrounded by Cannock Chase SSSI and SAC.

The parcel is open, comprising of a small cleared area adjacent to woodland.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The woodland to the south of the parcel creates a strong degree of separation from the settlement and prevents any views of the urban area. The parcel is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE5

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and is adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Moderate
The parcel is open and lies in a wide gap between Hednesford and Rugeley to the north, with large wooded areas acting as significant separating features, including Cannock Chase SAC and SSSI. 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.

HE5

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE5 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Negligible

The parcel is entirely contained by land with absolute constraints to development, so its release and development would not weaken these areas of adjacent Green Belt.

Nearby land within HE8 and HE6 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 HE5 makes a strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, a strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock and a moderate contribution to preventing neighbouring towns merging into one another. 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 Hednesford would be moderate-high.

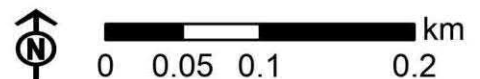
Moderate-High

- <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 HE6



-  HE6
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Special Area of Conservation
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  CRoW registered common land



HE6

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 3.07ha

The parcel is located on the northwest edge of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of grass sports pitches.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is not contained by urban development. However, the parcel lies in close proximity to the inset edge and the garden boundaries to the south provide only a weak degree of separation from the settlement. Views are dominated by the urban area due to its location adjacent to the inset edge with woodland screening on the northern boundary. Therefore, there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE6

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Moderate
The parcel is open and is adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which reduces the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Weak/No
The parcel is open and lies in a wide gap between neighbouring towns, with large areas of woodland, including Cannock Chase SSSI and SAC, acting as significant separating features. There is weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which reduces the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall the area makes a weak/no contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:
Contribution: Relatively weak
The parcel is open and 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.

HE6

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE6 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of HE6 would increase urbanising containment on land within HE7 to the southeast. It would also weaken the boundary separation of HE5 to the north.

A tree belt forms a strong outer boundary to the parcel, so its release would not have an impact on the distinction of land within HE8 to the north east, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes.

Overall harm of Green Belt release








- Parcel HE6 makes a moderate contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock and it makes a relatively weak 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 Hednesford would be low-moderate.

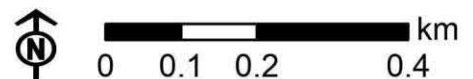
Low-Moderate

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the enhancement of existing woodland/woodland belts within and adjoining HE6 and/or enhancing tree cover within the parcel, particularly to the south-east and north. This would form a strong Green Belt boundary that would integrate with the wooded estate character of the wider landscape, 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 HE7



-  HE7
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Special Area of Conservation
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  CRoW registered common land



HE7

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 7.28ha

The parcel is located on the northwest edge of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of a wooded area.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel lies in close proximity to the inset edge, but the wooded land cover provides significant distinction from the inset urban area, minimising views of it. Inset residential to the west of Brindley Heath Road is too far away to have any containing urbanising influence, but it does weaken the role of the parcel's woodland as a Green Belt boundary. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE7

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Moderate
The parcel is open and lies in a wide gap between Hednesford and Rugeley to the north, with large wooded areas, including Cannock Chase SAC and SSSI acting as significant separating features. 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.

HE7

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE7 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Negligible

There is no adjacent Green Belt land that makes a stronger contribution.

The adjoining land within HE6, HE8 and HE9 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 HE7 makes strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, a strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock and a moderate contribution to preventing neighbouring towns merging into one another. 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 Hednesford would be moderate-high.

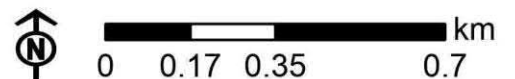
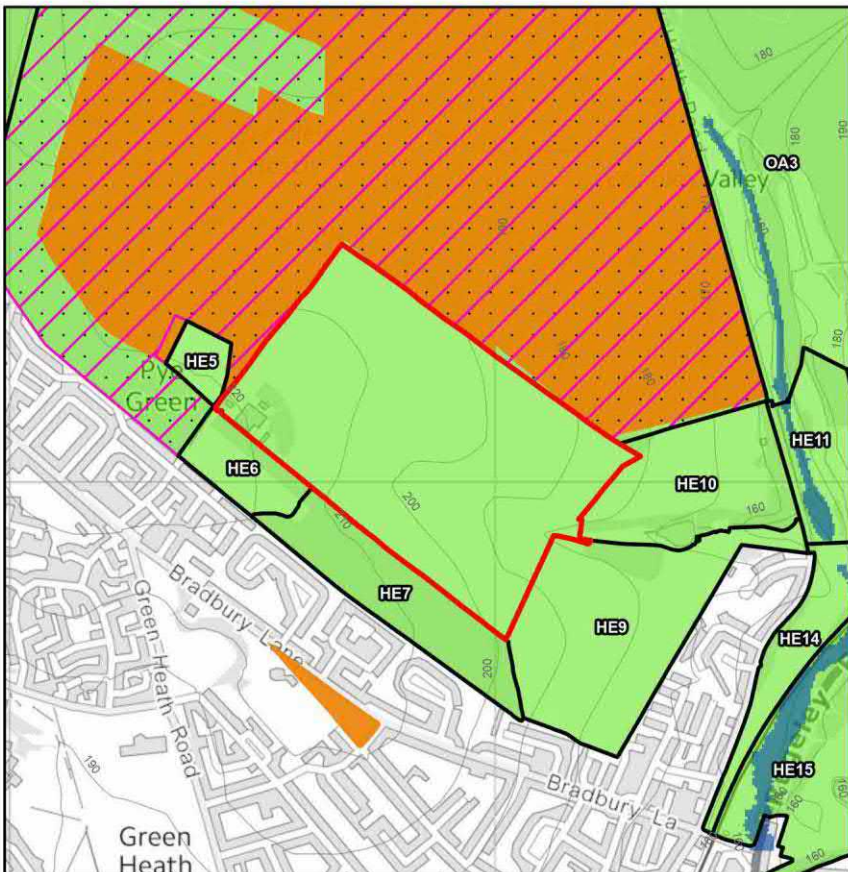
Moderate-High

- <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 HE8



- HE8
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- Special Area of Conservation
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Flood zone 3
- CRoW registered common land



HE8

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 33.15ha

The parcel is located on the northwest edge of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town. Cannock Chase SSSI and SAC lies to the north of the parcel.

The parcel is open comprising of agricultural fields. There are agricultural use buildings in the southwest of the parcel, but this is considered to be 'appropriate development' in the Green Belt

Distinction between parcel and inset area

There is only a weak urban edge boundary to the east, where residential gardens back onto land in HE9, but the sloping landform creates some additional distinction from the inset area. The woodland in HE7 creates strong separation from inset development to the south, and the parcel extends a significant distance from the urban edge, so despite the weak boundary further east the countryside dominates views. Although there is urban development to the south and west, the area is too large for this to have any significant containing influence. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE8

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and is adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Moderate
The parcel is open and lies in a wide gap between Hednesford and Rugeley to the north large forested areas, including Cannock Chase SSSI and SAC, acting as significant separating features. 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.

HE8

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE8 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of HE8 would weaken the strong boundary distinction of land within HE10 to the east, and would increase the urbanising containment and urbanising visual impact for this area. It would also create some urbanising containment around parcel HE5.

The release would not have an impact on the distinction of land to north within Cannock Chase, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes, as this area's SAC and SSSI designations are an absolute constraint to development.

The adjoining land within HE6 and HE9 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 HE8 makes a strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, a strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock and 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 Hednesford would be high.

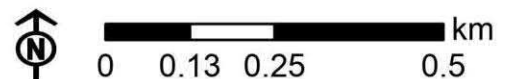
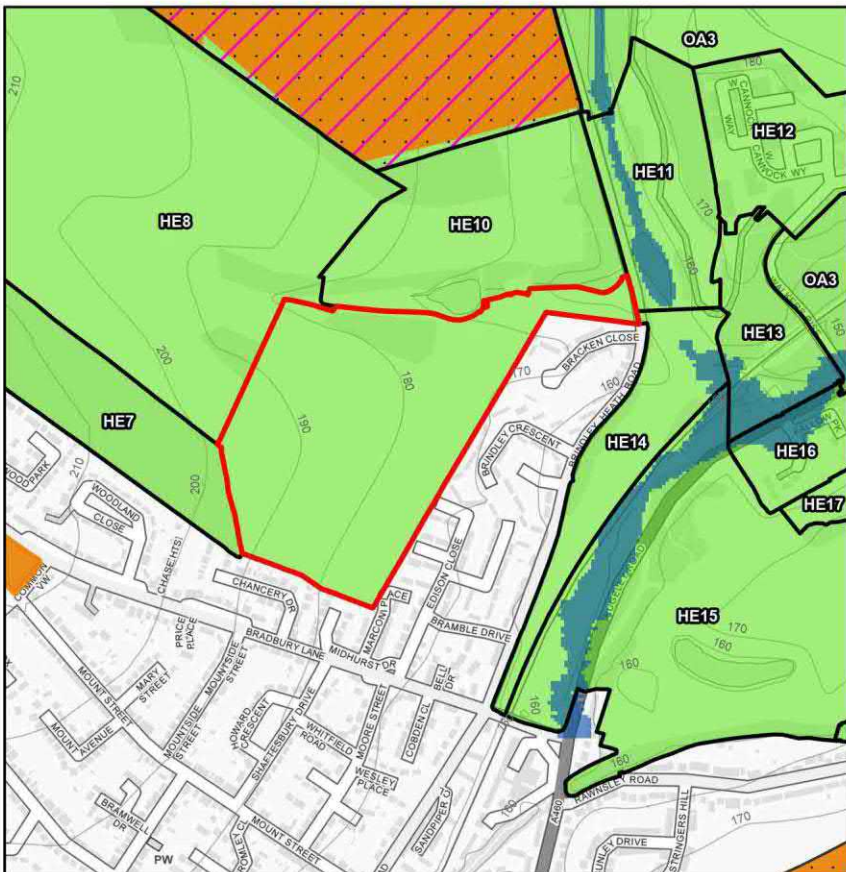
High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by introducing a stronger Green Belt boundary to the east, adjacent to HE10, in the form of a native broadleaved woodland/woodland belt. This would form a buffer to hard urban edges and would integrate with the wooded estate character of the landscape, 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 HE9



- HE9
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- Special Area of Conservation
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Flood zone 3
- CRoW registered common land



HE9

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 14.3ha

The parcel lies on the northern edge of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of an agricultural field.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel has some degree of containment due to the inset area lying to the south and east. The garden boundaries at the inset edge create only a weak degree of separation from the inset area. Views are dominated by the urban area due to woodland screening at the north and west sides of the parcel. Therefore, there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE9

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Moderate
The parcel is open and adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which reduces the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Weak/No
The parcel is open and lies in a wide gap between Hednesford and Rugeley to the north, with large forested areas, including Cannock Chase SSSI and SAC, acting as significant separating features. There is weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which reduces the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall the area makes a weak/no contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:
Contribution: Moderate
The parcel is open 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 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.

HE9

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE9 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of HE9 would increase urbanising visual influence on land in HE8 to the northwest, and it would increase urbanising containment on land within HE7 to the west.

Strong boundary features mean that the release would not have an impact on the distinction of land within HE10 to the north or HE11 to the northeast, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes.

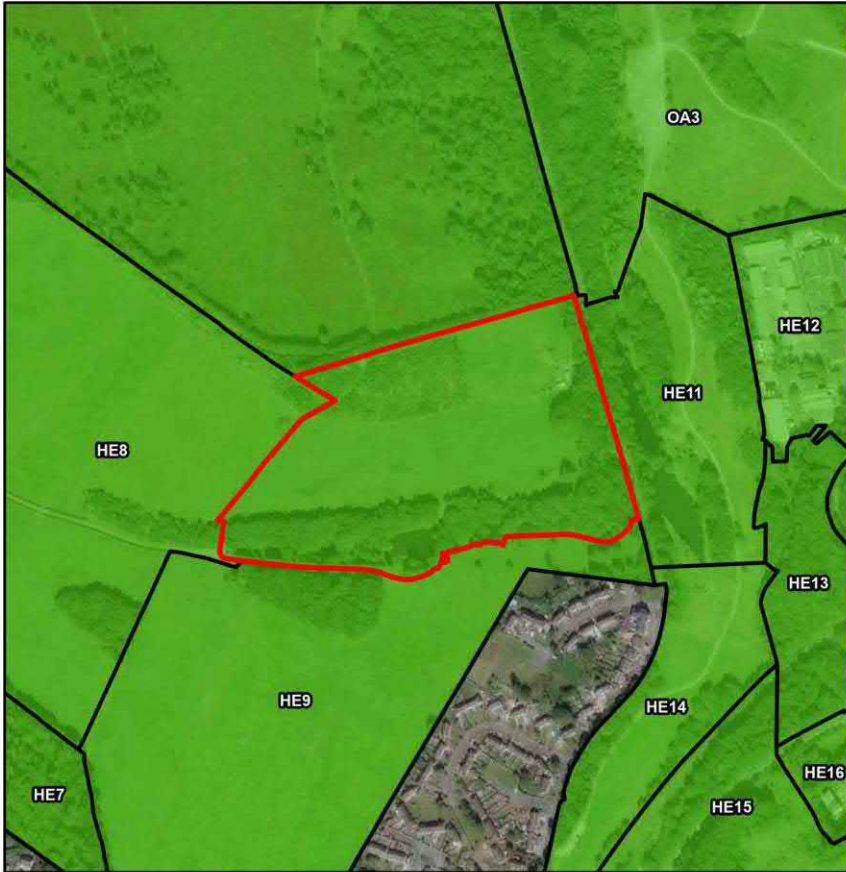
Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel HE9 makes a moderate contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and it makes a moderate contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock. 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 Hednesford would be moderate-high.

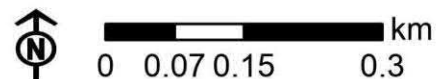
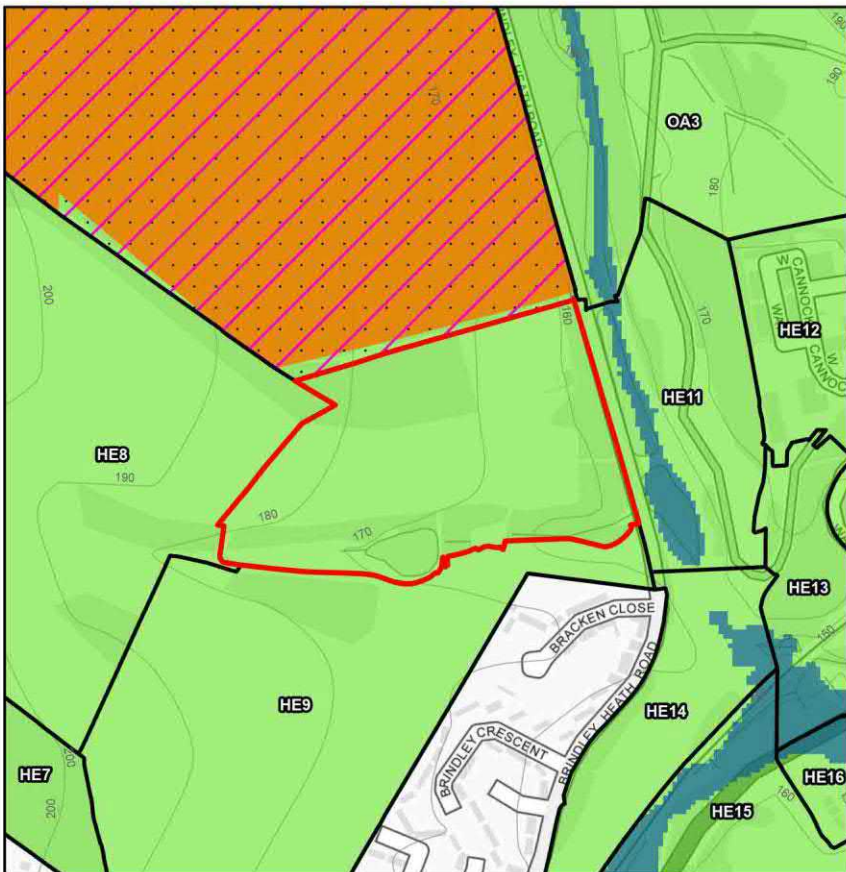
Moderate-High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by introducing stronger Green Belt boundaries to the west and northwest of the parcel in the form of native broadleaved woodland/woodland belts. This would form a buffer to hard urban edges and would integrate with the wooded estate character of the landscape, 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 HE10



-  HE10
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Special Area of Conservation
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  Flood zone 3
-  CRoW registered common land



HE10

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 8.92ha

The parcel lies on the northern edge of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town. Cannock Chase SAC and SSSI lies to the northwest of the parcel.

Land is open, comprising of agricultural land in the north and tree cover in the south, including a pond. There are some agricultural use buildings in the northeast of the parcel, but these are considered to be an 'appropriate use' in the Green Belt.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The tree cover at the inset edge minimises views of the urban area. The tree cover and pond in the south of the parcel form a strong boundary, running along a valley which adds additional distinction from the settlement edge. The parcel is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE10

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and is adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is very strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Moderate
The parcel is open and lies in a wide gap between Hednesford and Rugeley to the north, with large forested areas, including Cannock Chase SSSI and SAC, acting as significant separating features. 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.

HE10

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE10 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Negligible

The release would not have an impact on the distinction of land to north within Cannock Chase, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes, as this area's SAC and SSSI designations are an absolute constraint to development.

The adjoining land within HE8, HE9 and HE11 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

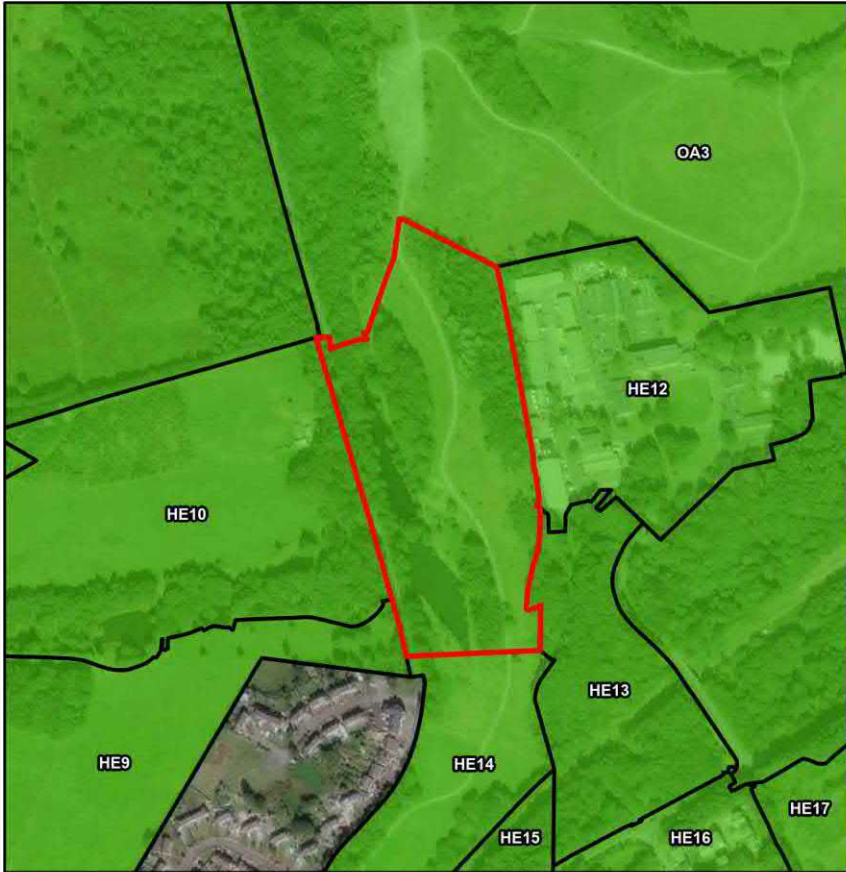
Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel HE10 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock. 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 negligible. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Hednesford would be high.

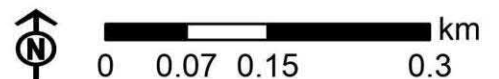
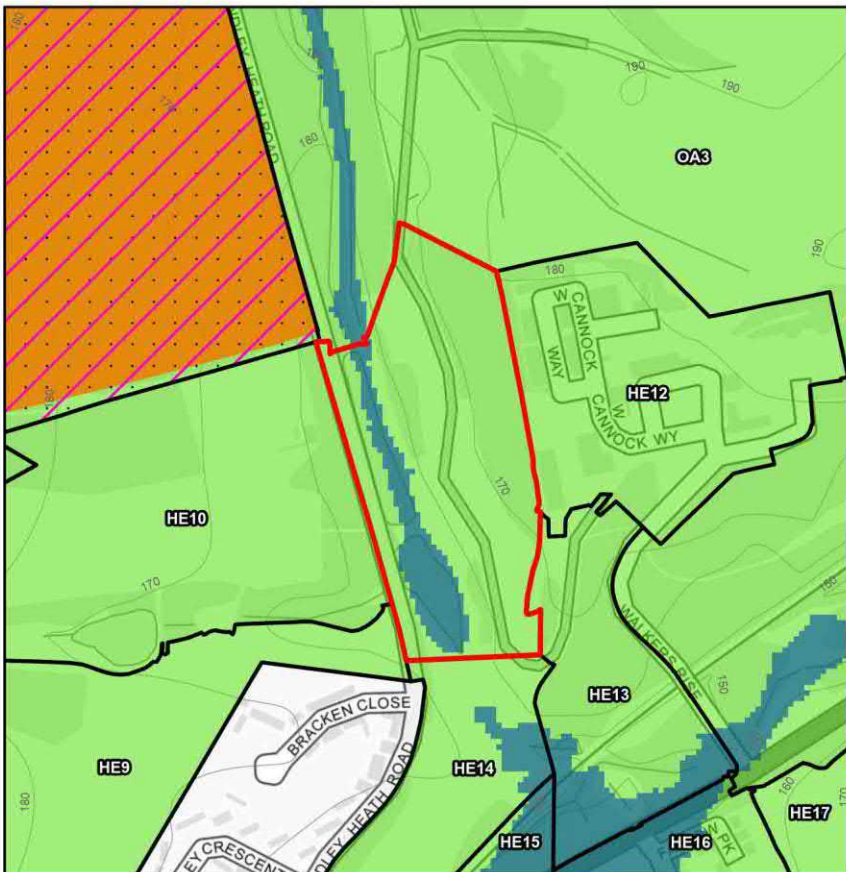
High

- <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 HE11



- HE11
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- Special Area of Conservation
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Flood zone 3
- CRoW registered common land



HE11

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 5.54ha

The parcel is located on the northern edge of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town. Cannock Chase SSSI and SAC lies to the northwest of the parcel.

The parcel is open, comprising of land within Cannock Chase Country Park, which includes tree cover in the east and tree cover and a pond in the west.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The treeline to the southwest of the parcel provides a moderate degree of separation from the settlement. The parcel is contained in part to the northeast by an area of lower openness, which contains an industrial estate. As a result, views from the parcel are balanced between urban development and the countryside. However, the wooded land cover in the east and west, the ponds in the west and the steep slopes within the parcel provide significant distinction from the inset area. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE11

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and is adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Moderate
The parcel is open and lies in a wide gap between Hednesford and Rugeley to the north, with large forested areas acting as significant separating features. 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.

HE11

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE11 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of HE11 would increase urbanising containment on land within HE10 to the west. The release would have negligible impact on land to the north, as a new inset boundary around HE11 would not significantly add to the developed frontage already present in the Cannock Chase Enterprise Centre to the east (parcel HE13). It would also have a negligible impact on the woodland in HE13 to the east.

The adjoining land within HE14 and HE13 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

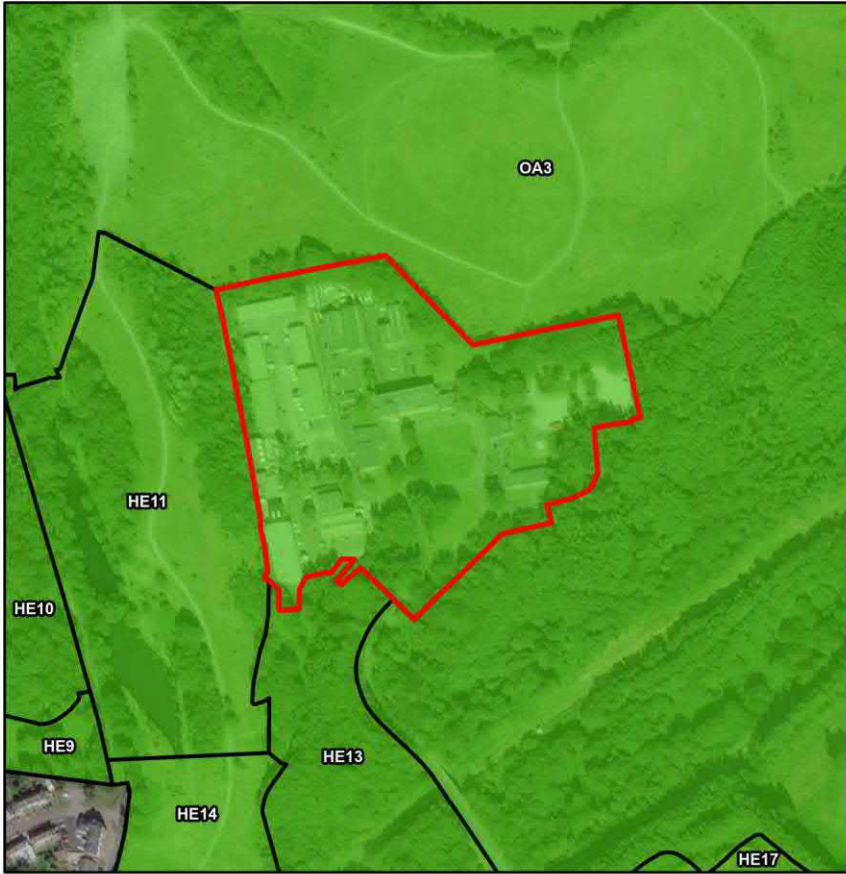
Overall harm of Green Belt release






- Parcel HE11 makes a strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, a strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock and 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 Hednesford would be high.

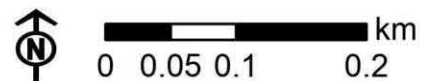
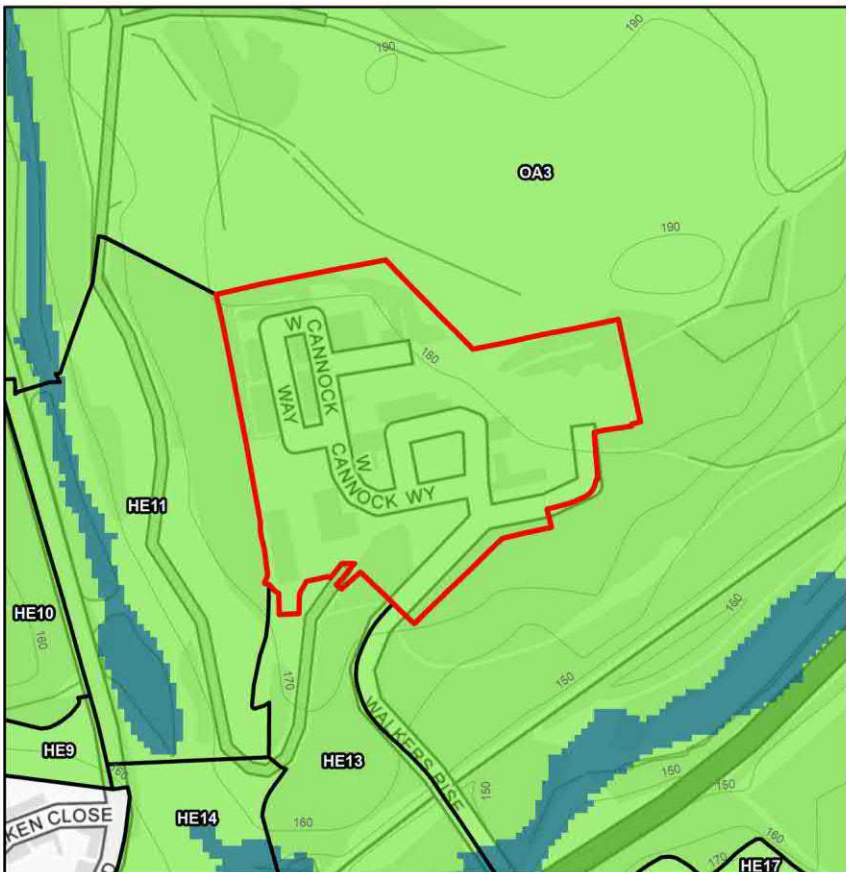
High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing existing woodland to the west of HE11 and/or introducing new native broadleaved woodland within the parcel. This would form a buffer to hard urban edges and would enhance the structure and overall historical integrity of the forest heathland landscape, 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 HE12



-  HE12
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Flood zone 3



HE12

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 5.69ha

Cannock Chase Enterprise Centre is relatively developed, with only limited open spaces remaining.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although existing development within the parcel is a significant urbanising visual influence, and its land use relates it to the urban area, the parcel is not contained by urban development, and has sufficient intervening tree cover and distance to create strong boundary distinction from the inset settlement.

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

HE12

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Contribution: Moderate

The gap between the parcel and the inset settlement edge is narrow, so any intensification of development here would be associated with the large built-up area of Cannock. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area, but the parcel is relatively developed. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.

- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:

Contribution: Weak/No

The parcel is relatively developed. It lies in a wide gap between Hednesford and Rugeley to the north, with large forested areas acting as significant separating features. 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 weak/no contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.

- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Contribution: Moderate

Land is relatively developed and has a significant amount of urbanising development within it, but 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 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.

HE12

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE12 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Negligible

The extent of development within the parcel significantly limits any impact on adjacent Green Belt land that could result from additional development.

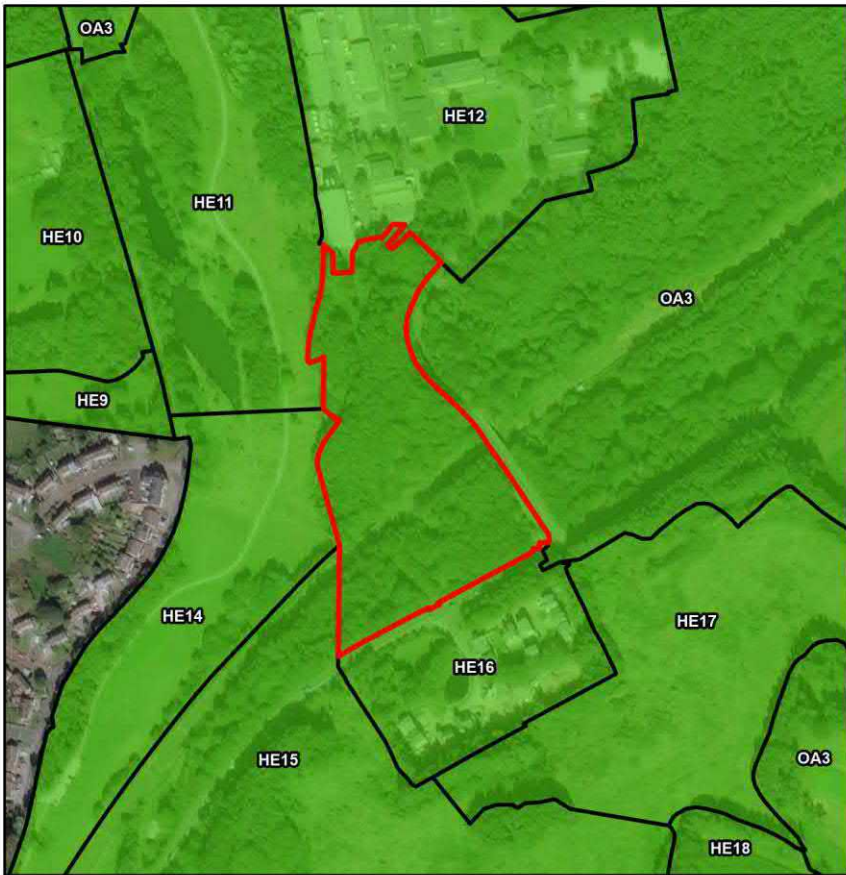
Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel HE12 makes a moderate contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built up area of Cannock. 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 Hednesford would be low-moderate.

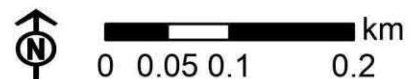
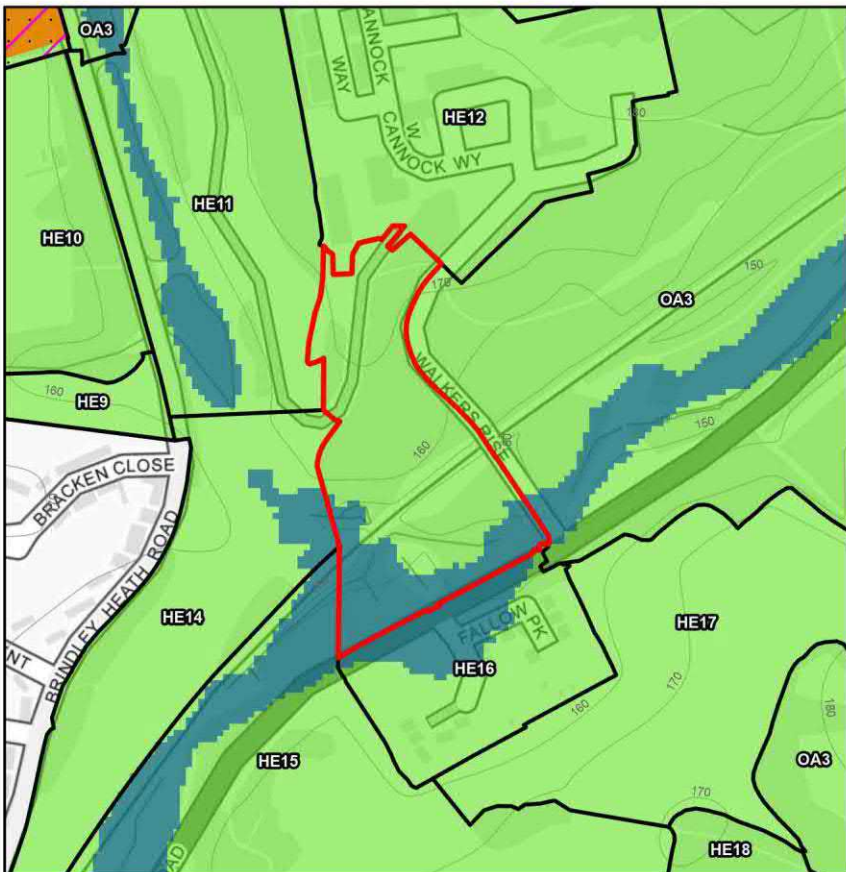
Low-Moderate

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

Harm of release of land in HE13



- HE13
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- Special Area of Conservation
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Flood zone 3
- CRoW registered common land



HE13

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 3.46ha

The parcel is located to the north of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town. There is land in the south of the parcel located within Flood Zone 3.

The parcel is open, comprising of woodland areas which area bisected by a railway line.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The tree cover within the parcel provides significant land cover distinction from the settlement, and also limits urbanising visual influence. However, the parcel is subject to some degree of containment by areas of lower openness to the north and south, and its strength as a Green Belt boundary feature is slightly weakened by the presence of washed-over urban development to the north and south. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE13

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and is close to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Moderate
The parcel is open and lies in a wide gap between Hednesford and Rugeley to the north, with large forested areas, including Cannock Chase SSSI, acting as significant separating features. 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.

HE13

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE13 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Negligible

The release and development of HE13 would not impact the distinction of land to the east, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes, due to tree cover within this area forming a strong boundary feature.

The adjoining land within HE11, HE14 and HE16 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

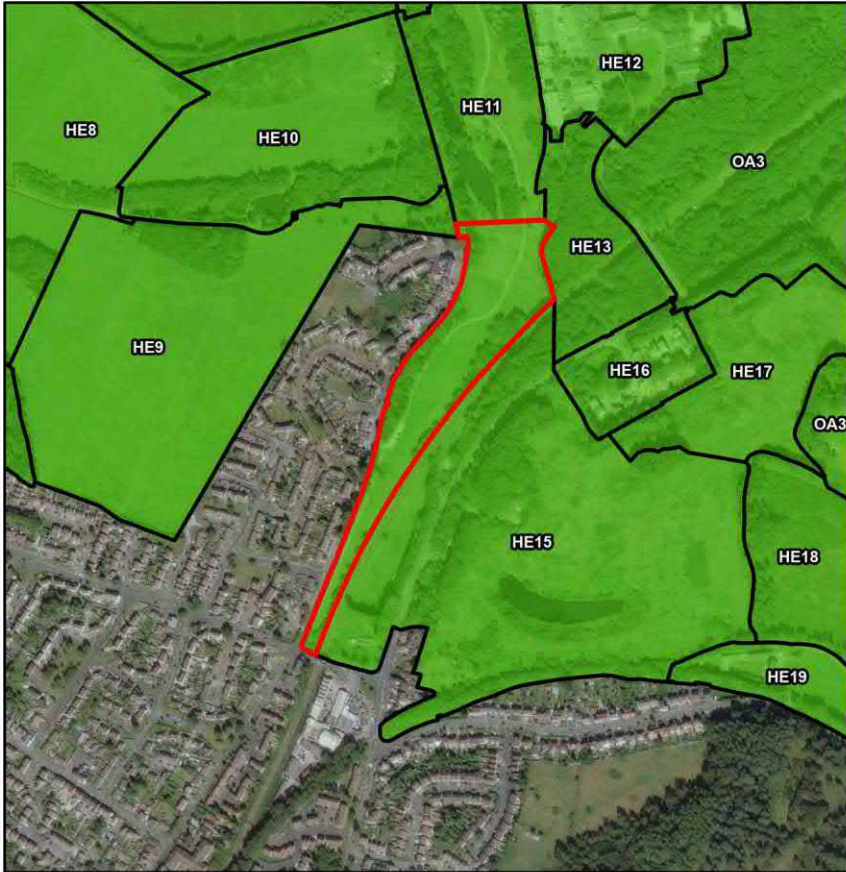
Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel HE13 makes a strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock, and a moderate contribution to preventing the merger of towns. 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 Hednesford would be moderate-high.

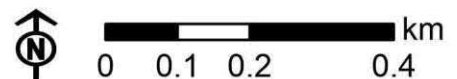
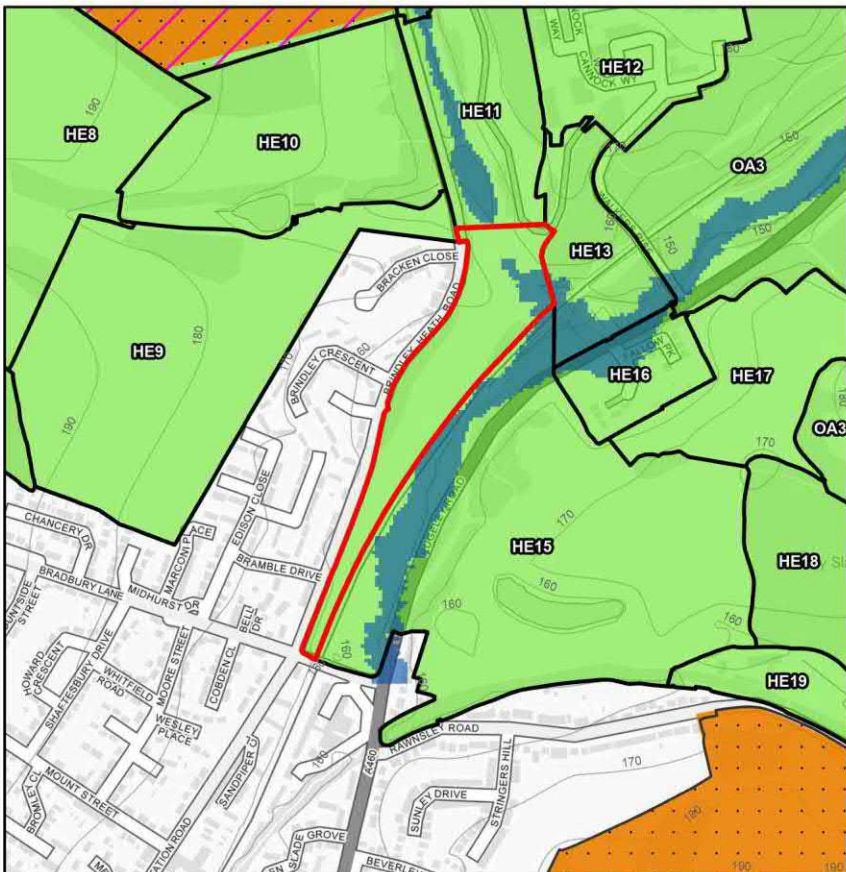
Moderate-High

- <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 HE14



- HE14
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- Special Area of Conservation
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Flood zone 3
- CRoW registered common land



HE14

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 4.52ha

The parcel is located on the northern edge of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town. There is a small area in the northeast of the parcel that is located in Flood Zone 3.

The parcel is open, comprising of land within Cannock Chase Country Park adjacent to the railway line.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Tree cover on the western boundary of the parcel forms a moderate boundary along most of the parcel edge, and prevents views of the urban area from dominating. The parcel is subject to some degree of urban containment due to the inset area lying to the west and south and an industrial estate to the north east, but tree cover limits the urbanising visual influence of this. The parcel lies in close proximity to the urban area. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE14

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Relatively strong
The parcel is open and is adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. 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 checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Relatively weak
The parcel is open and lies in a wide gap between Hednesford and Rugeley, with large forested areas acting as significant separating features. 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.

HE14

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE14 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of HE14 would weaken the boundary distinction of land within HE11 to the north. The release would not impact the distinction of woodland within HE13 to the northeast or land across the railway line within HE15 to the east.

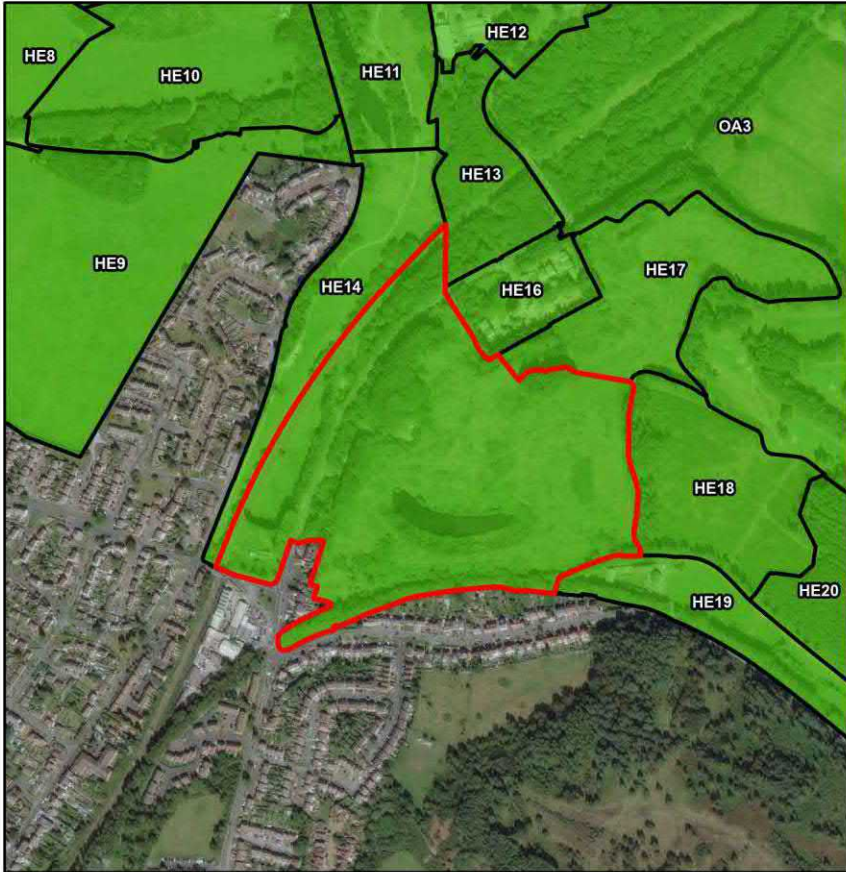
Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel HE14 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock, 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 Hednesford would be moderate-high.

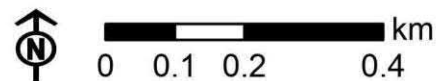
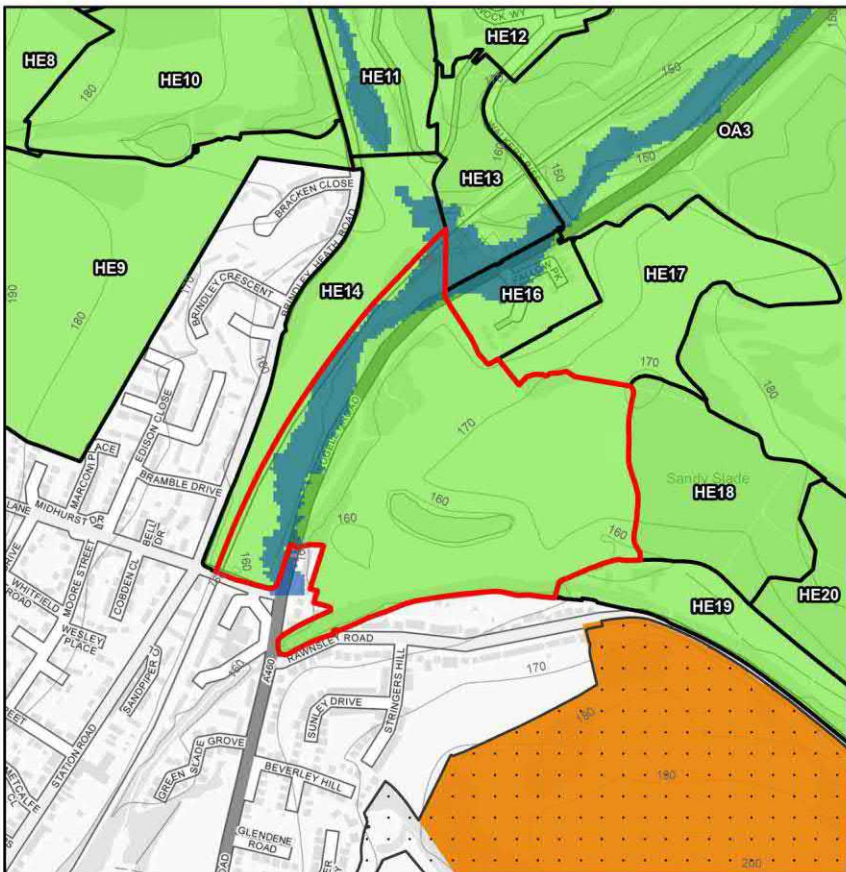
Moderate-High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by introducing new native broadleaved woodland within the northern end of the parcel. This would form a buffer to hard urban edges and would limit impact on land to the north in HE11. This would also enhance the structure and overall historical integrity of the forest heathland landscape, 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 HE15



- HE15
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- Special Area of Conservation
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Flood zone 3
- CRoW registered common land



HE15

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 19.3ha

The parcel lies on the northern edge of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town. Land adjacent to the western boundary of the parcel is located in Flood Zone 3.

The parcel is open, comprising of a large area of grassland.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

As a result of a treeline enclosing the parcel, views from the parcel of open countryside are restricted to some extent. The treeline to the south and the railway to the west area strong boundary features, but this strong boundary distinction is partially weakened by the southwest of the parcel where there is only garden boundaries and a road. The parcel is subject to some containment by an area of lower openness to the north. However, the sloping landform, as well as the pond, provide some distinction from the inset area. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE15

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Relatively strong
The parcel is open and is adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. 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 checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Relatively weak
The parcel is open and lies in a wide gap between neighbouring Hednesford and Rugeley to the north, with large forested areas, including Cannock Chase SSSI, acting as significant separating features. 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.

HE15

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE15 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of HE15 would weaken the boundary distinction from the settlement of land within HE17 to the northeast, and would also diminish the distinction from the settlement created by the rising slopes of HE15. The release would also weaken the boundary of land within HE18 to the east.

The adjoining land within HE14, HE16 and HE19 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 HE15 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, a relatively strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock 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 Hednesford would be high.

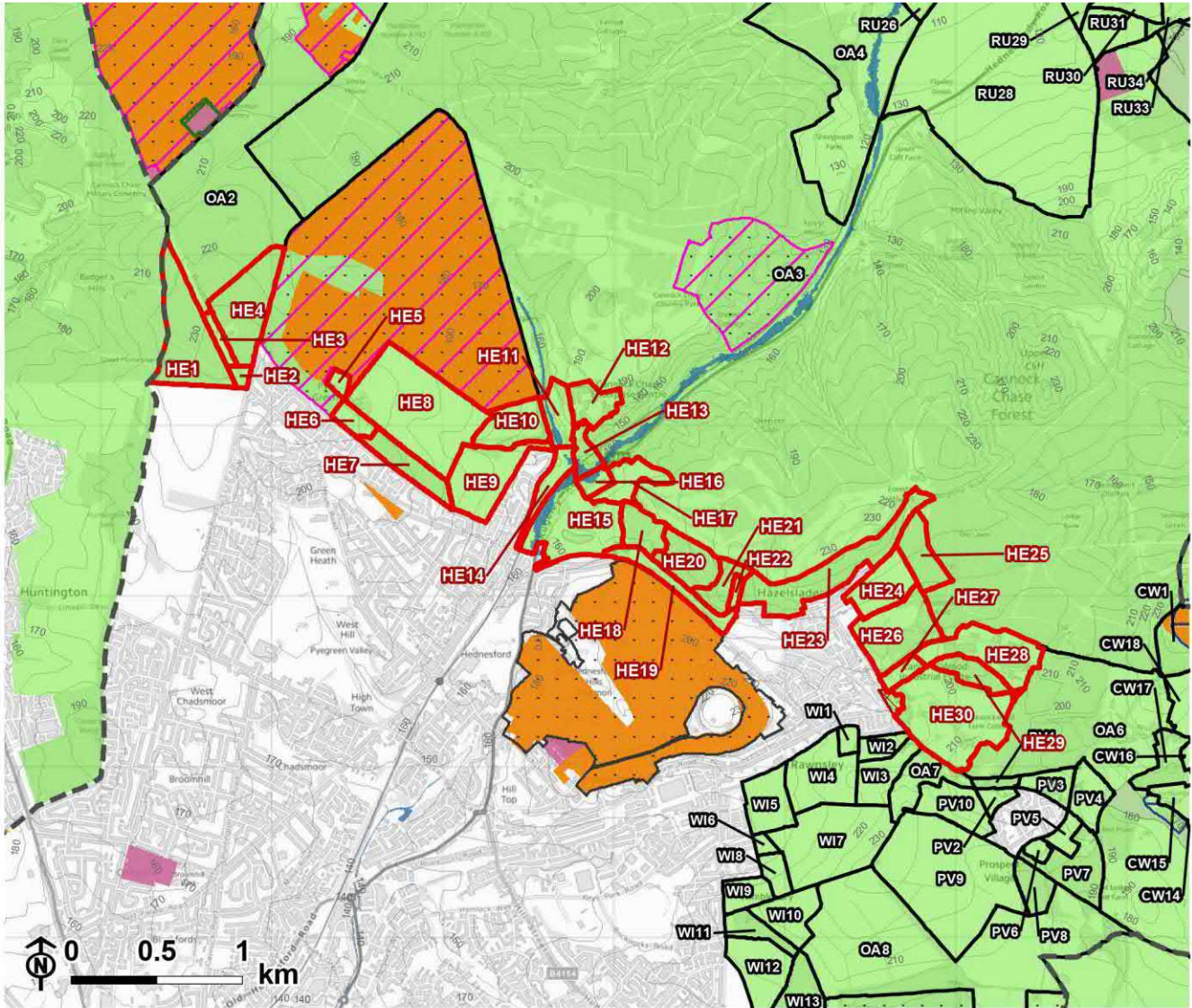
High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing existing woodland within HE15 and/or introducing new native broadleaved woodland within the parcel, particularly to the northeast and east. This would form a buffer to hard urban edges and would enhance the structure and overall historical integrity of the forest heathland landscape, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the Landscape Character Assessment for Cannock Chase (2016) and the AONB Landscape Character Framework (2017).

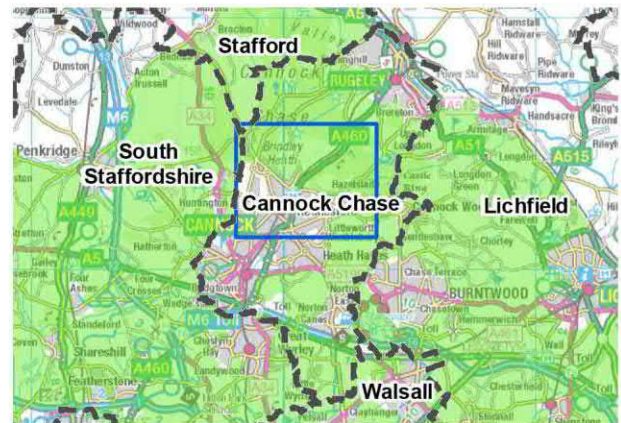
Appendix B

**Detailed Harm
Assessments
Hednesford - Part 2**

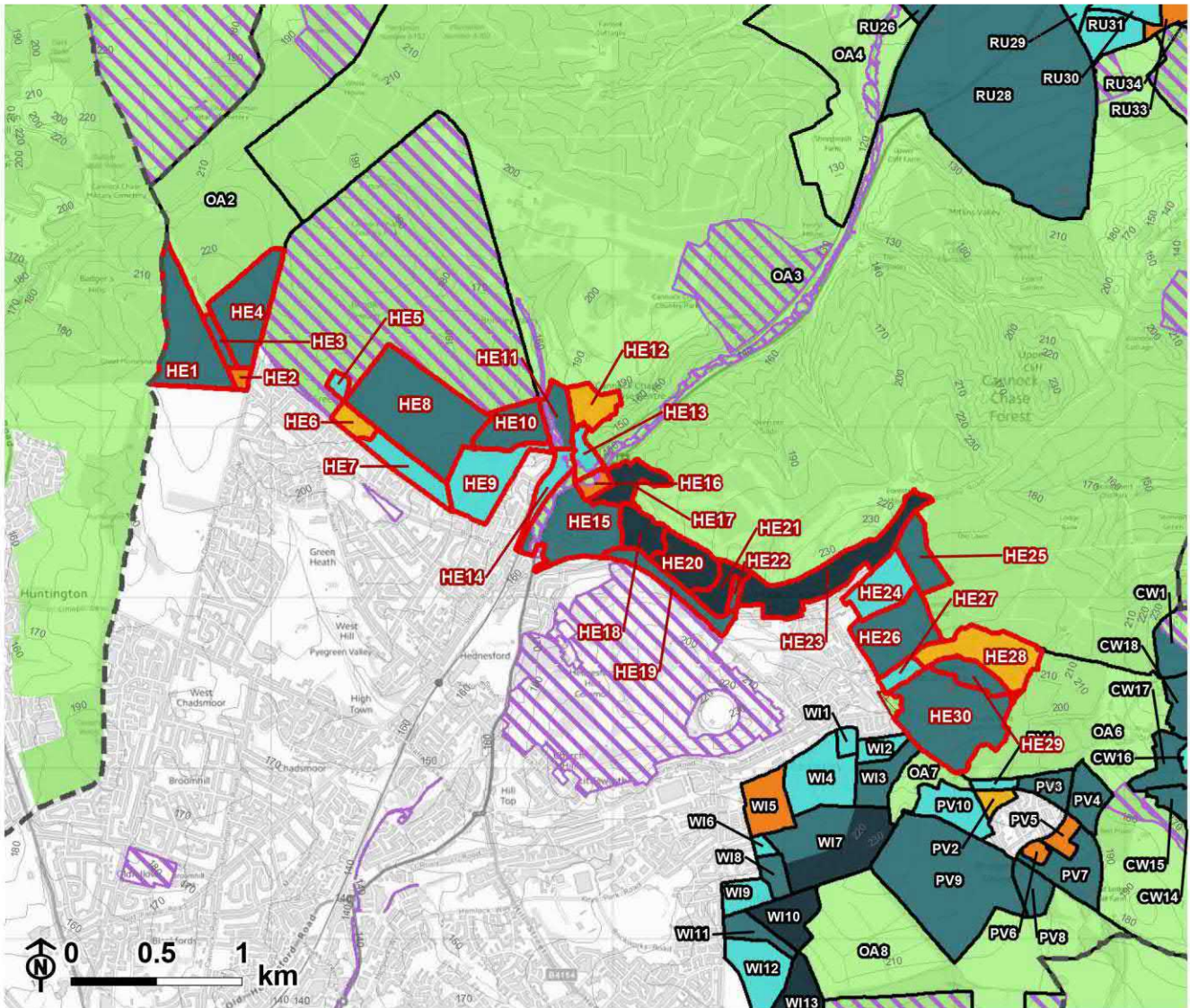
Hednesford



- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- Red outline Hednesford parcel
- Black outline Neighbouring parcel
- Red outline with cross-hatch No openness
- Absolute constraints**
- Light green Ancient woodland
- Pink hatched Special Area of Conservation
- Black outline with dots Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Green hatched Registered park & garden
- Blue outline Scheduled monument
- Orange CRoW registered common land
- Pink Cemetery
- Blue Flood zone 3



Hednesford



--- Local Authority boundary

Green Belt

Hednesford parcel

Neighbouring parcel

No openness

Absolute constraint(s)

Harm rating

Very High

High

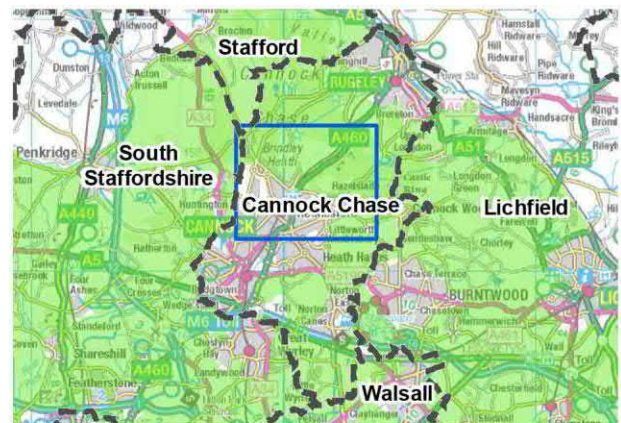
Moderate-High

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.

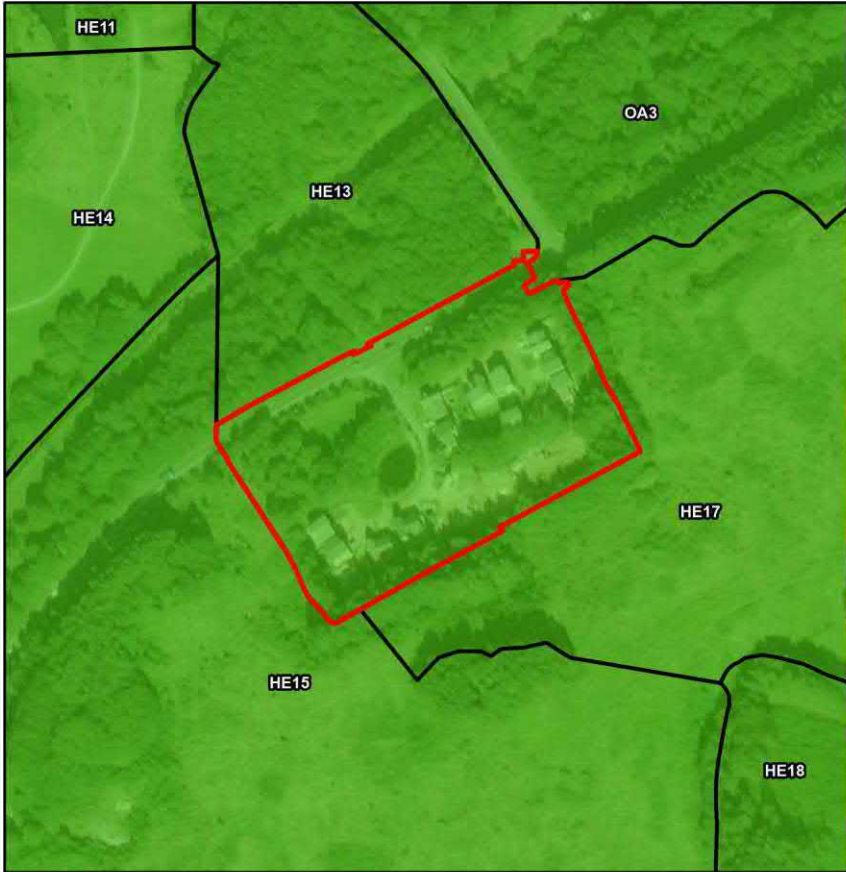
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

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

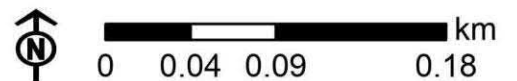
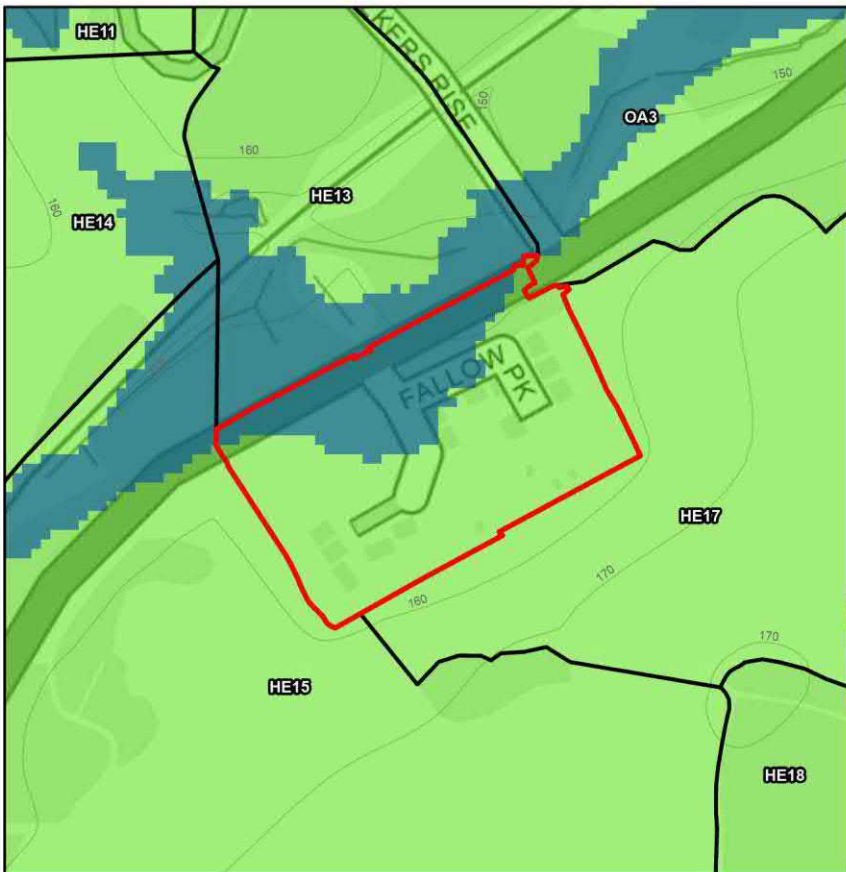
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Harm of release of land in HE16



-  HE16
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Flood zone 3



HE16

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 2.31ha

The parcel is located to the north of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town. There is some land in the north of the parcel located in Flood Zone 3.

The parcel is relatively developed by residential properties.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Views of urban development dominate due to the developed nature of the parcel. However, the parcel is located a significant distance from the settlement and the tree cover between the parcel and Hednesford creates a strong degree of separation. The parcel is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE16

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Moderate
Land is relatively developed with residential properties. The parcel is close to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Weak/No
Land is relatively developed with residential properties. The parcel lies in a wide gap between Hednesford and Rugeley to the north, with large forested areas, including Cannock Chase SSSI, acting as significant separating features. 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 weak/no contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:
Contribution: Moderate
Land is relatively developed with residential properties. This is washed over residential development in the 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 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.

HE16

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE16 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Minor

The release of HE16 would weaken the boundary distinction from the settlement of land within HE17. The release would not have an impact on the distinction of land within HE13 to the north, where tree cover and the railway line form a strong boundary.

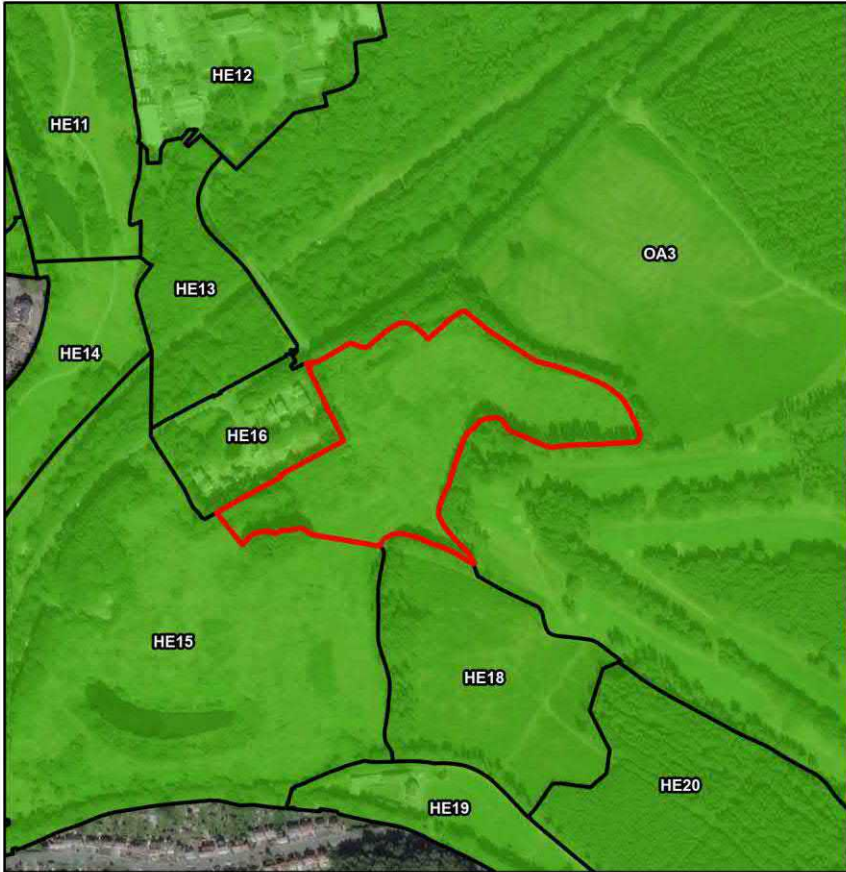
Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel HE16 makes a moderate contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and it makes a moderate contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock. 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 Hednesford would be moderate.

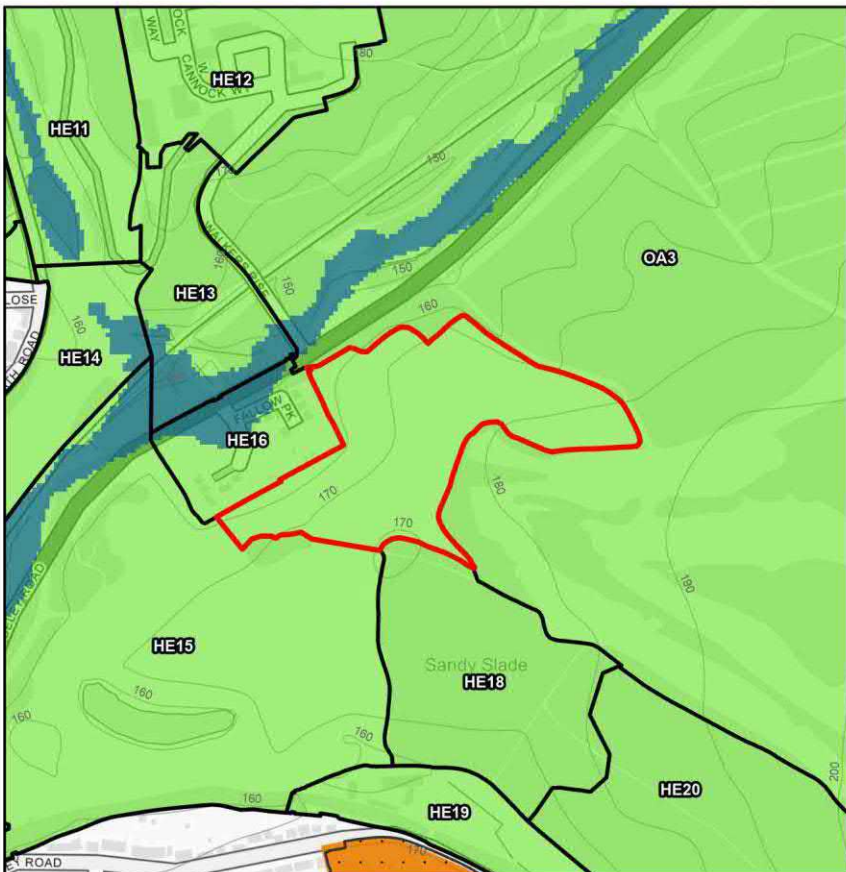
Moderate

- Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing existing woodland on the boundaries of HE16. This would form a buffer to hard urban edges and would enhance the structure and overall historical integrity of the forest heathland landscape, 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 HE17



- HE17
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Flood zone 3
- CRoW registered common land



HE17

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 6.2ha

The parcel is located to the north of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of grassland.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The slope within the parcel provides some landform distinction from the inset area and the tree cover and intervening land between the parcel and the inset area to the east and south provides a strong degree of separation. The parcel is located a significant distance from the settlement and therefore views are dominated by open countryside. The parcel is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE17

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and is close to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is very strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Moderate
The parcel is open and lies in a wide gap between Hednesford and Rugeley to the north, with large forested areas, including Cannock Chase SSSI, acting as significant separating features. 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.

HE17

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE17 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Minor

Release of the parcel would weaken the boundary separation of Green Belt land to the north and west, and diminish the extent to which landform creates distinction between these areas and the urban edge. It would also create some urbanising containment around land to the south in HE18.

The adjoining land within HE15 and HE16 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

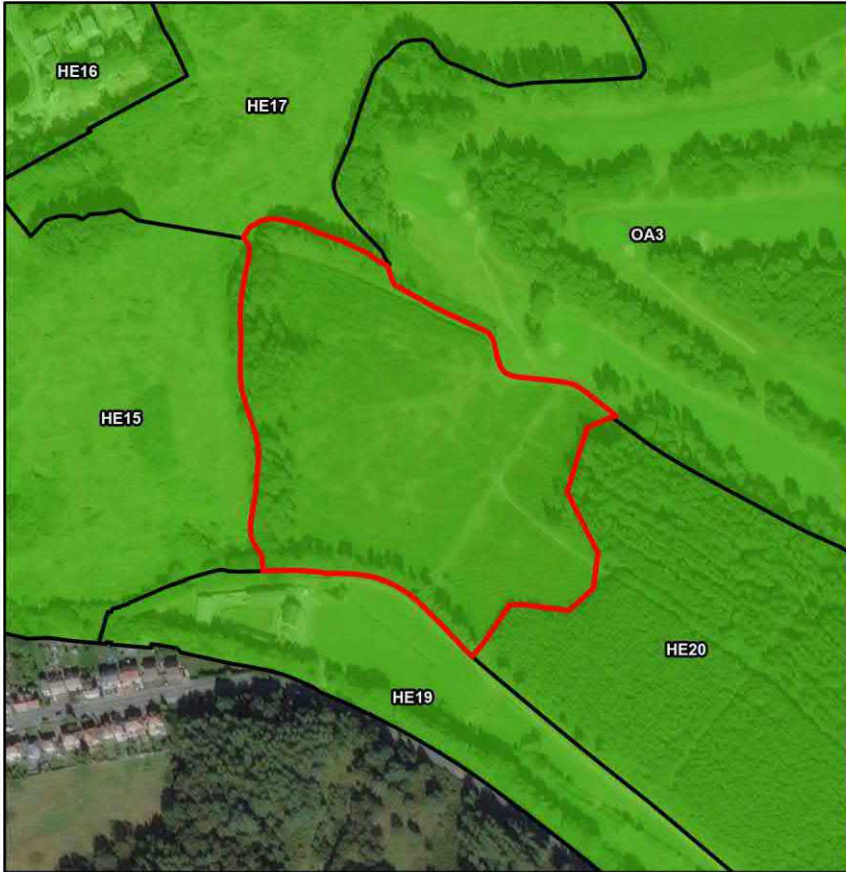
Overall harm of Green Belt release








- Parcel HE17 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up of Cannock. 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 Hednesford would be very high.

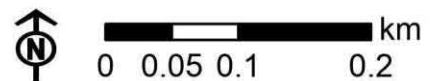
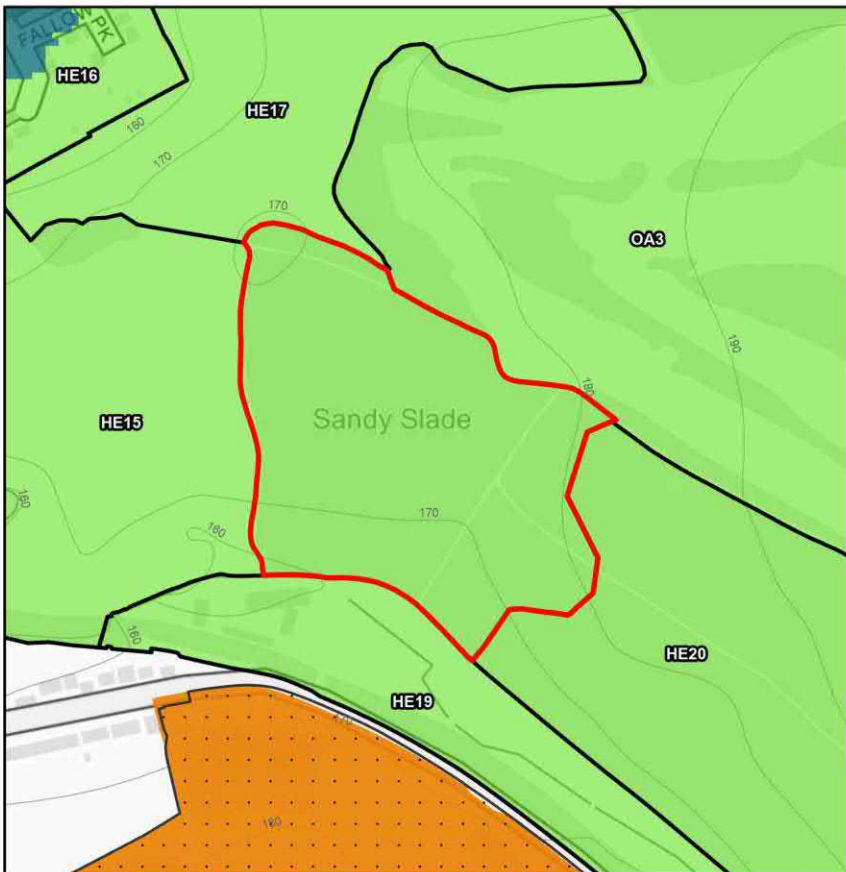
Very High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing existing woodland on the boundaries of HE17 and/or introducing new native broadleaved woodland within the parcel, particularly to the north, west and south. This would form a buffer to hard urban edges and would enhance the structure and overall historical integrity of the forest heathland landscape, 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 HE18



-  HE18
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  Flood zone 3
-  CRow registered common land



HE18

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 5.75ha

The parcel is located to the northeast of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of grassland.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The undulating landform in the parcel provides some distinction from the inset area. The treeline at the southern edge of the parcel and at the inset edge to the southwest provide a strong degree of separation from the settlement and prevent views of the urban area. Furthermore, the parcel is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE18

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and is adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is very strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Moderate
The parcel is open and lies in a wide gap between Hednesford and Rugeley to the north, with large forested areas acting as significant separating features. 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.

HE18

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE18 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Minor

The release would cause weakening of the strong boundary distinction from the settlement of land to the north, and would diminish the extent to which landform creates distinction between the settlement and the countryside. It would also weaken the role of landform in providing distinction between the inset settlement and adjacent sloping land in HE17 and HE20.

The adjoining land within HE15 and HE19 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

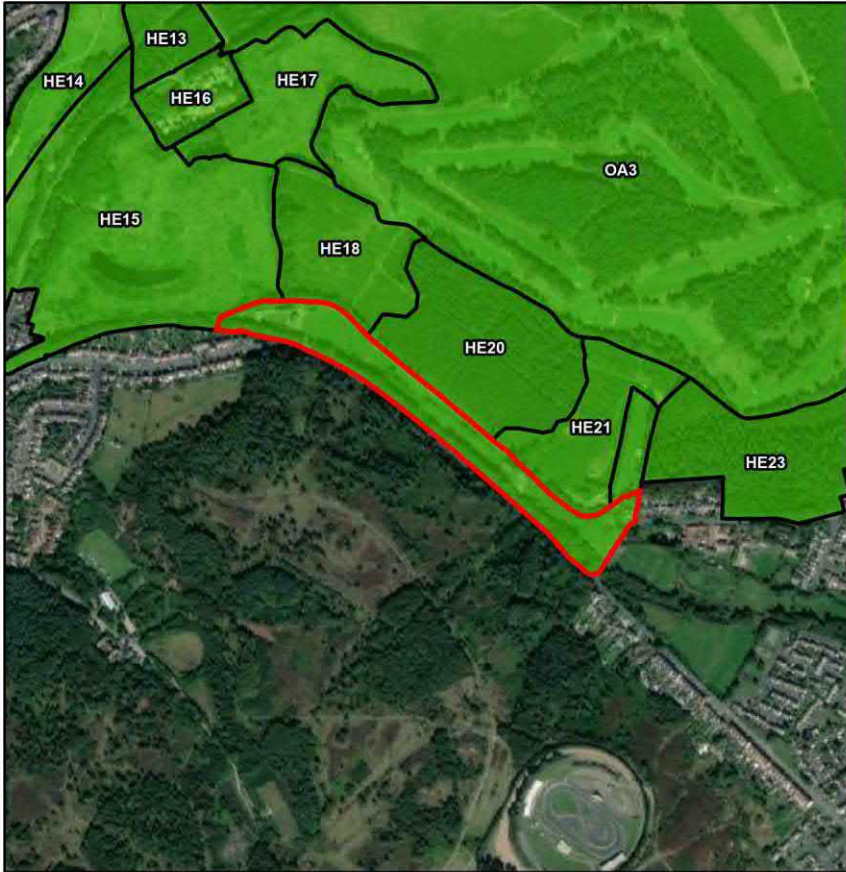
Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel HE18 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock. 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 Hednesford would be very high.

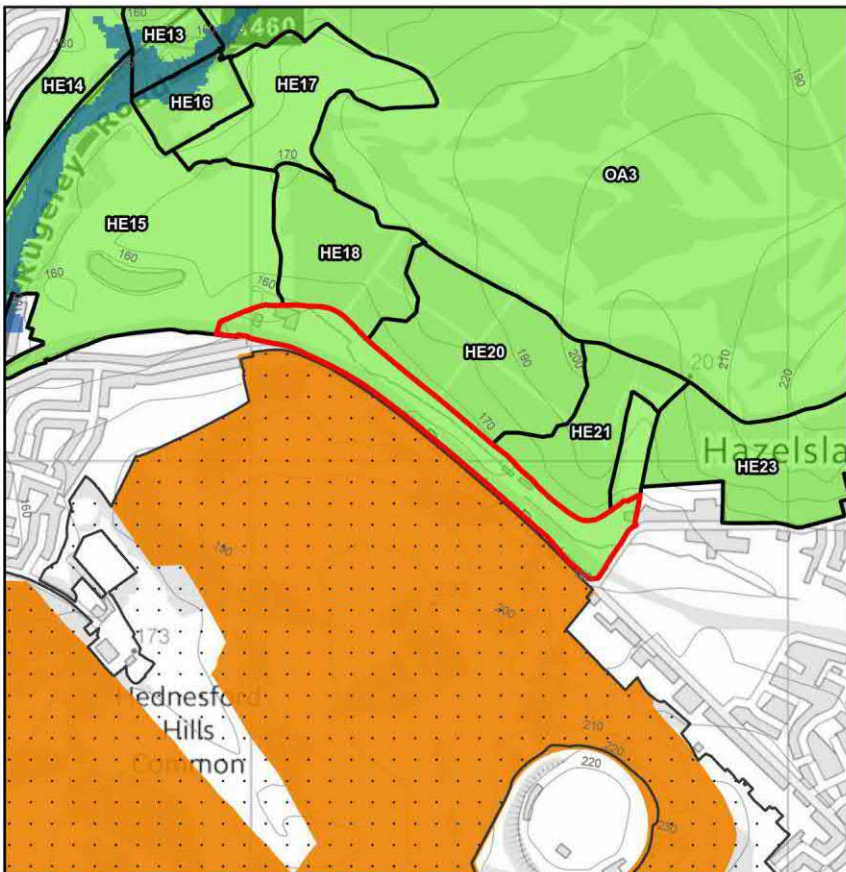
Very High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing existing woodland on the boundaries of HE18 and/or introducing new native broadleaved woodland within the parcel, particularly to the north and east. This would form a buffer to hard urban edges and would enhance the structure and overall historical integrity of the forest heathland landscape, 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 HE19



- HE19
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Flood zone 3
- CRow registered common land



HE19

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 6.34ha

The parcel is located on the northeast edge of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town. Chasewater and The Southern Staffordshire Coalfield Heaths SSSI lies to the south.

The parcel is open, comprising of narrow agricultural fields along a valley floor. There are agricultural use buildings in the west and central regions of the parcel, but this is considered to be 'appropriate development' in the Green Belt. There is one residential property on the eastern boundary of the parcel, but this scale of development does not impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Other than at its far eastern and western ends the adjacent inset area has common land status, which represents an absolute constraint to development. Therefore, the parcel is not considered to be significantly contained by urban land. The treeline at the inset edge creates a moderate degree of separation from the urban edges and means that the countryside dominates views. The narrow valley landform adds further distinction from the settlement, although less so than would be the case if the eastern end of the valley was not part of the inset settlement. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE19

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Moderate
The parcel is open and lies in a wide gap between Hednesford and Rugeley to the north, with large forested areas acting as significant separating features. Although the settlement gap is robust, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban 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 urban 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.

HE19

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE19 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of HE19 would reduce the strong boundary distinction from the settlement of land within HE18, HE20 and HE21 to the north.

The adjoining land within HE15 and HE22 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

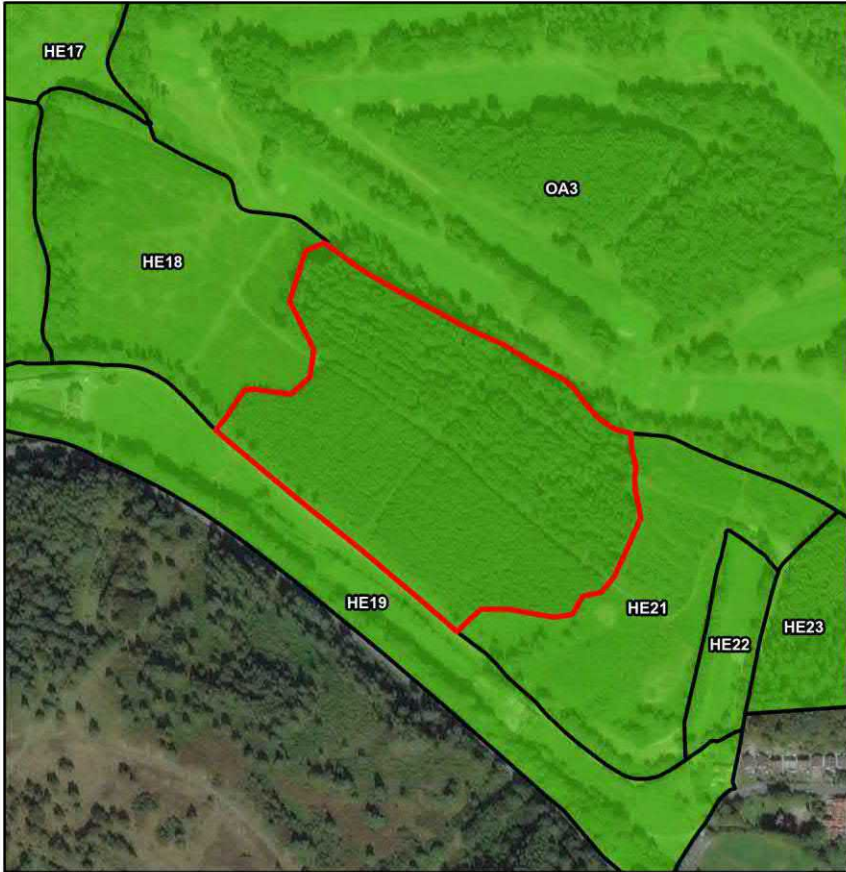
Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel HE19 makes a contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock and to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and 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 Hednesford would be high.

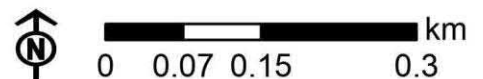
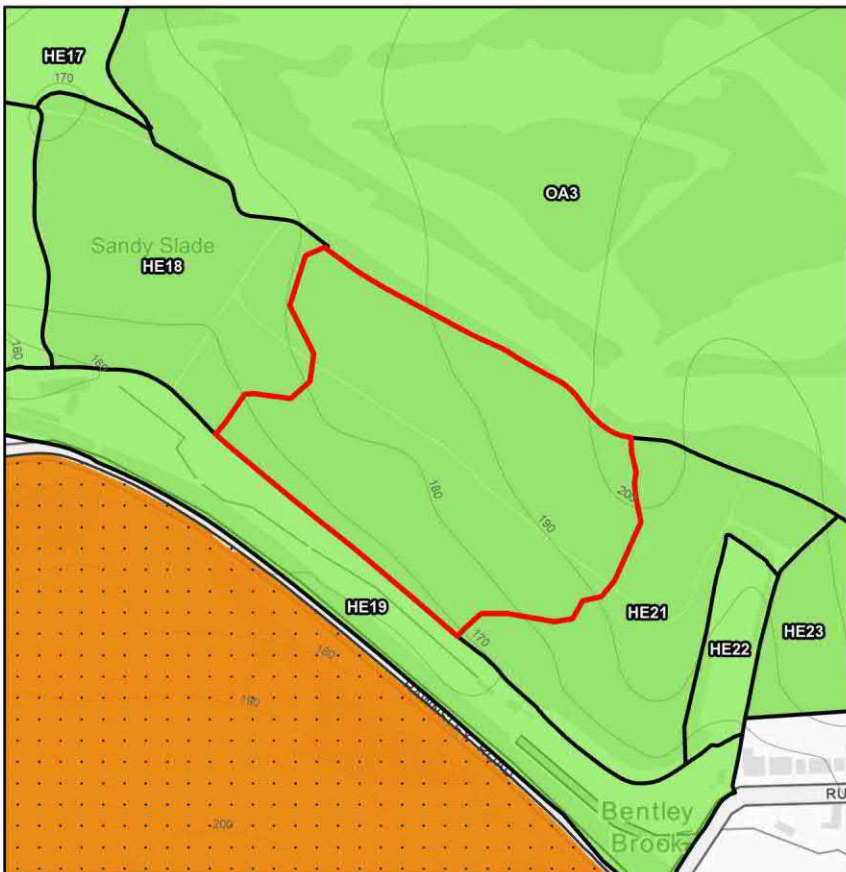
High

- <div>Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing existing woodland on the boundaries of HE19 and/or introducing new native broadleaved woodland within the parcel to the north. This would form a buffer to hard urban edges and would enhance the structure and overall historical integrity of the forest heathland landscape, 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 HE20



-  HE20
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  CRoW registered common land



HE20

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 8.44ha

The parcel is located on the northeast edge of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of a forested area.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel extends a significant distance from the urban area to the southwest and southeast and the tree cover within the parcel creates a strong degree of separation from the settlement. The wooded land cover of the parcel is very prominent in relation to the urban area to the southwest and southeast and prevents views of the settlement. Furthermore, the parcel is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE20

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and lies adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Moderate
The parcel is open and lies in a wide gap between Hednesford and Rugeley to the north, with large forested areas acting as significant separating features. 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.

HE20

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE20 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Minor

The release would cause weakening of the strong boundary distinction from the settlement of land to the north, and would diminish the extent to which landform creates distinction between the settlement and the countryside. It would also weaken the role of landform in providing distinction between the inset settlement and adjacent sloping land in HE18 and HE21

The adjoining land within HE19 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 HE20 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution preventing encroachment on the countryside and checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock. 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 Hednesford would be very high.

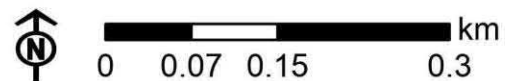
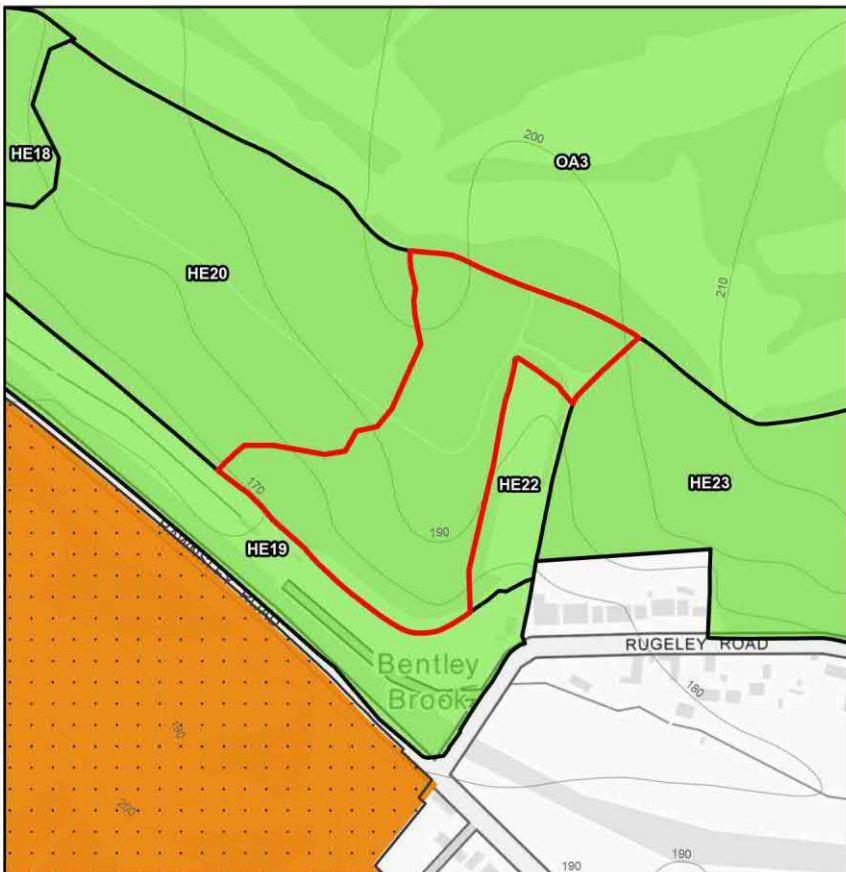
Very High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing existing woodland on the boundaries of HE20 and/or introducing new native broadleaved woodland within the parcel, particularly to the north, east and west. This would form a buffer to hard urban edges and would enhance the structure and overall historical integrity of the forest heathland landscape, 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 HE21



-  HE21
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  CRoW registered common land



HE21

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 4.64ha

The parcel is located on the northeast edge of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of shrubland

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The shrubland land cover within the parcel provides some distinction from the inset area. Tree cover on the southeast boundary of the parcel and at the inset edge provides a strong degree of separation from the settlement and prevents views of the urban area. Furthermore, the parcel is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE21

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Moderate
The parcel is open and lies in a wide gap between Hednesford and Rugeley to the north, large forested areas and undulating land acting as significant separating features. 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.

HE21

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE21 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Minor

The release would cause weakening of the strong boundary distinction from the settlement of land to the north, and would diminish the extent to which landform creates distinction between the settlement and the countryside. It would also weaken the role of landform in providing distinction between the inset settlement and adjacent sloping land in HE20 and HE23.

The adjoining land within HE19 and HE22 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 HE21 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock. 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 Hednesford would be very high.

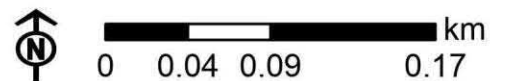
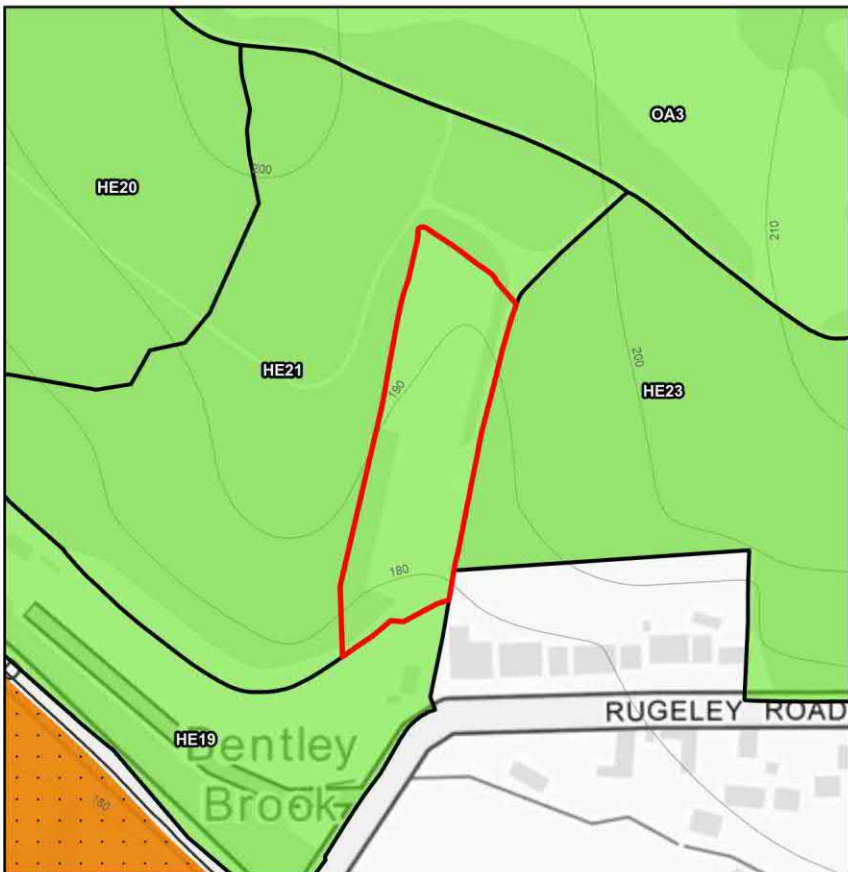
Very High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing existing woodland on the boundaries of HE21 and/or introducing new native broadleaved woodland within the parcel, particularly to the north, east and west. This would form a buffer to hard urban edges and would enhance the structure and overall historical integrity of the forest heathland landscape, 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 HE22



-  HE22
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  CRoW registered common land



HE22

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 1.06ha

The parcel is located on the northeast edge of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of a narrow field.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The valley landform within the parcel creates some distinction from the inset area, and the tree line to in the southeast of the parcel provides a moderate degree of separation from the urban area. The landform within the parcel is such that there is little urbanising visual influence. The parcel is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE22

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and lies adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Moderate
The parcel is open and lies in a wide gap between Hednesford and Rugeley to the north, with large forested areas acting as significant separating features. 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.

HE22

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE22 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of HE22 would weaken the strong boundary distinction from the settlement of land within HE21 to the west.

The release would not have an impact on the distinction of land within HE23 to the east, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes.

The adjoining land within HE19 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

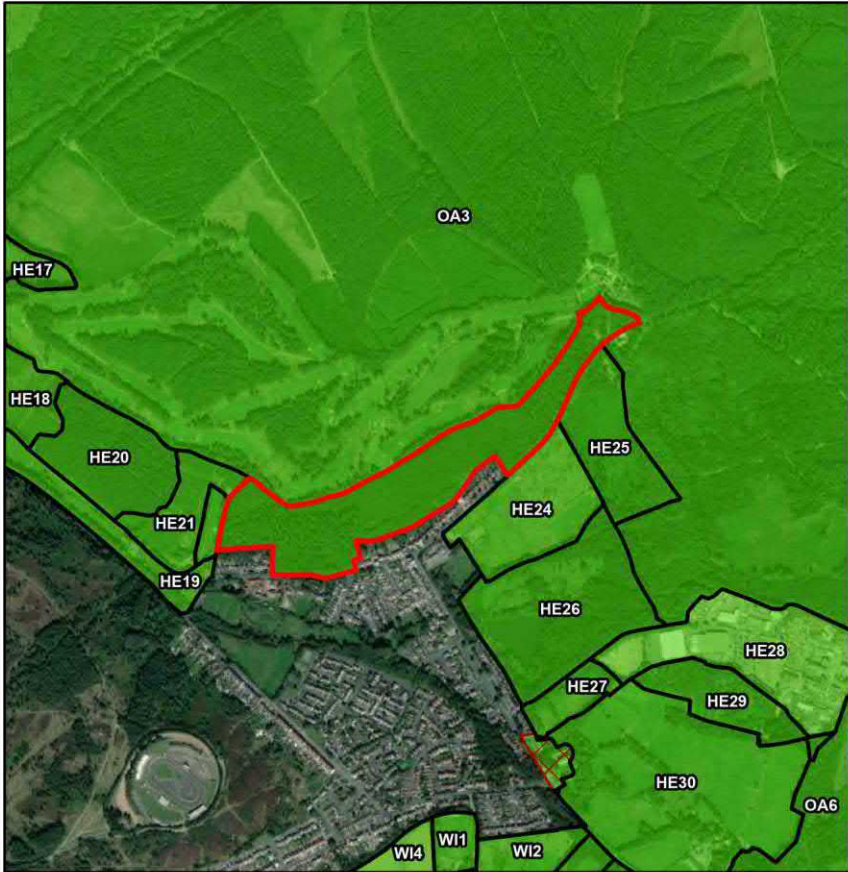
Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel HE22 makes a strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock, and 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 Hednesford would be high.

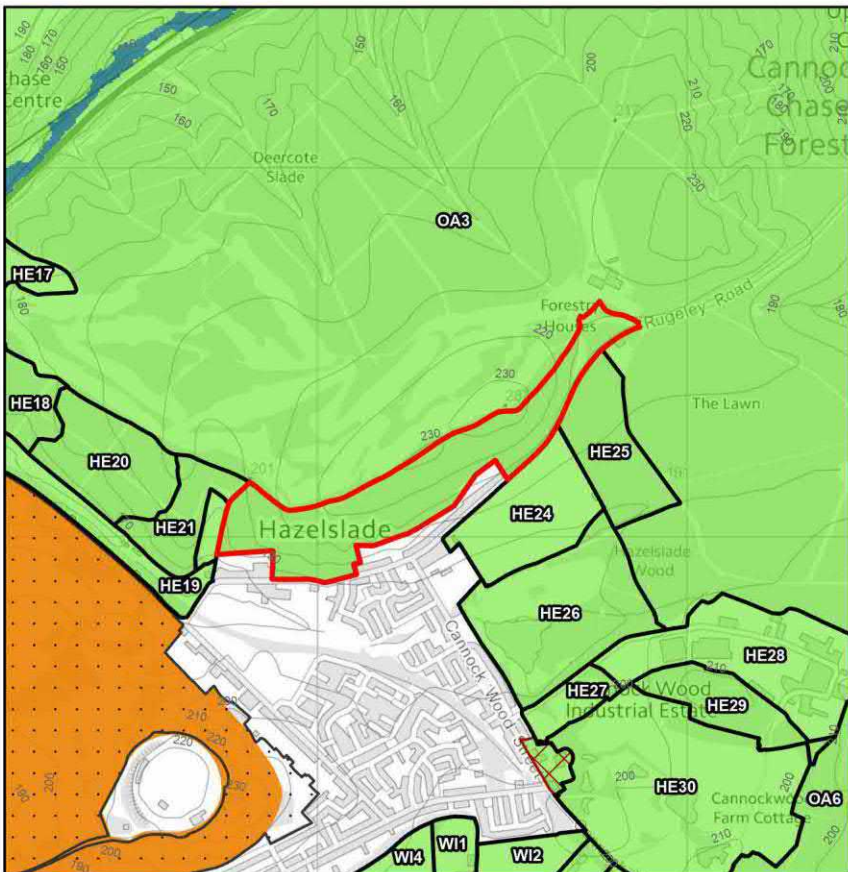
High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing existing woodland on the boundaries of HE22 and/or introducing new native broadleaved woodland within the parcel, particularly to the east and west. This would form a buffer to hard urban edges and would enhance the structure and overall historical integrity of the forest heathland landscape, 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 HE23



- HE23
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- No openness
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Flood zone 3
- CRoW registered common land



HE23

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 18.54ha

The parcel is located on the northeast edge of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of a long stretch of woodland.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The wooded land cover within in the parcel provides significant distinction from the inset area, acts as a strong boundary feature from the settlement and prevents views of the urban area. Furthermore, the parcel is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE23

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and lies adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Moderate
The parcel is open and lies in a wide gap Hednesford and Rugeley to the north, with large forested areas and undulating land acting as significant separating features. 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.

HE23

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE23 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Minor

The release would cause weakening of the strong boundary distinction from the settlement of land to the north, and would diminish the extent to which landform creates distinction between the settlement and the countryside.

The adjoining land within HE22, HE21, HE24 and HE25 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 HE23 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock. 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 Hednesford would be very high.

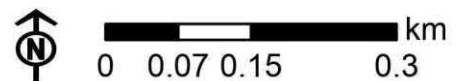
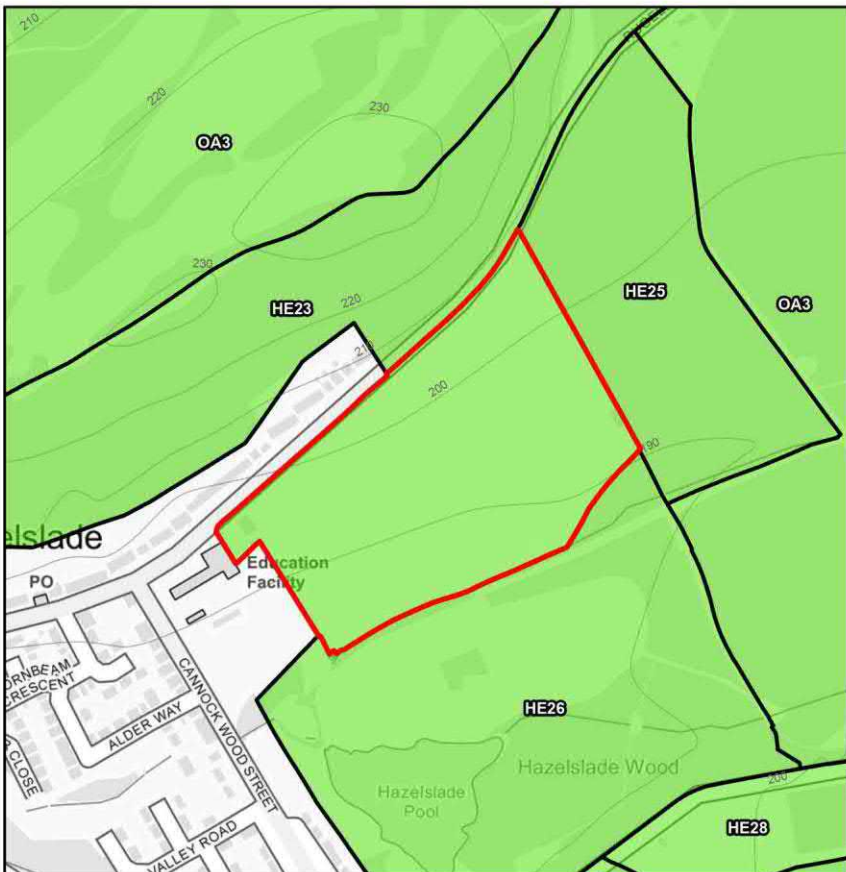
Very High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by enhancing existing woodland within and on the boundaries of HE23, particularly to the north. This would form a buffer to hard urban edges and would help conserve and enhance the structure and overall historical integrity of the forest heathland landscape, 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 HE24



-  HE24
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



HE24

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 9ha

The parcel is located on the northeast edge of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of agricultural fields. There is an agricultural use building in the southwest of the parcel, but this is considered to be 'appropriate development' in the Green Belt.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The road at the inset edge provides only a weak degree of separation from the urban area, but the parcel does slope downwards from the inset area, providing some distinction. Views from the parcel are balanced between the urban area and open countryside. The southwest of the parcel is subject to some degree of urban containment. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE24

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Relatively strong
The parcel is open and lies adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. 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 checking the 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.

HE24

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE24 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of HE24 would weaken the strong boundary distinction from the settlement of land within HE25 to the northeast and would result in this area forming the Green Belt adjacent to the inset edge.

The release would increase urbanising containment on land to the south within HE26.

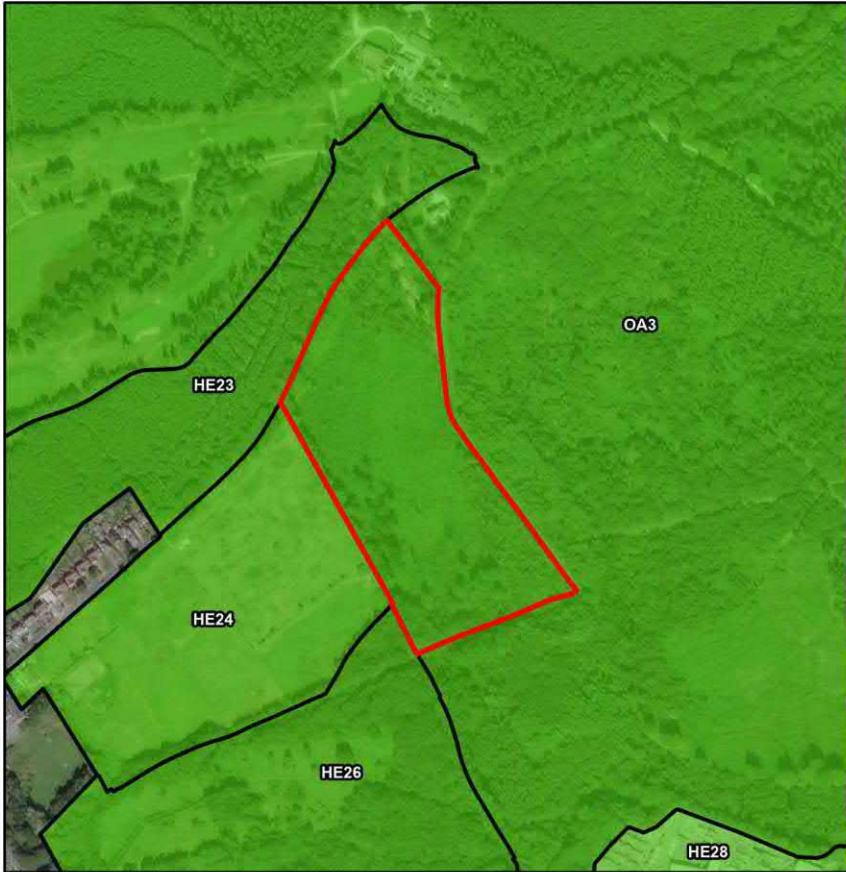
Overall harm of Green Belt release


- Parcel HE24 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and it makes a relatively strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock. 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 Hednesford would be moderate-high.

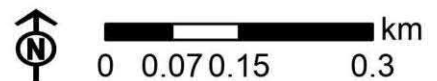
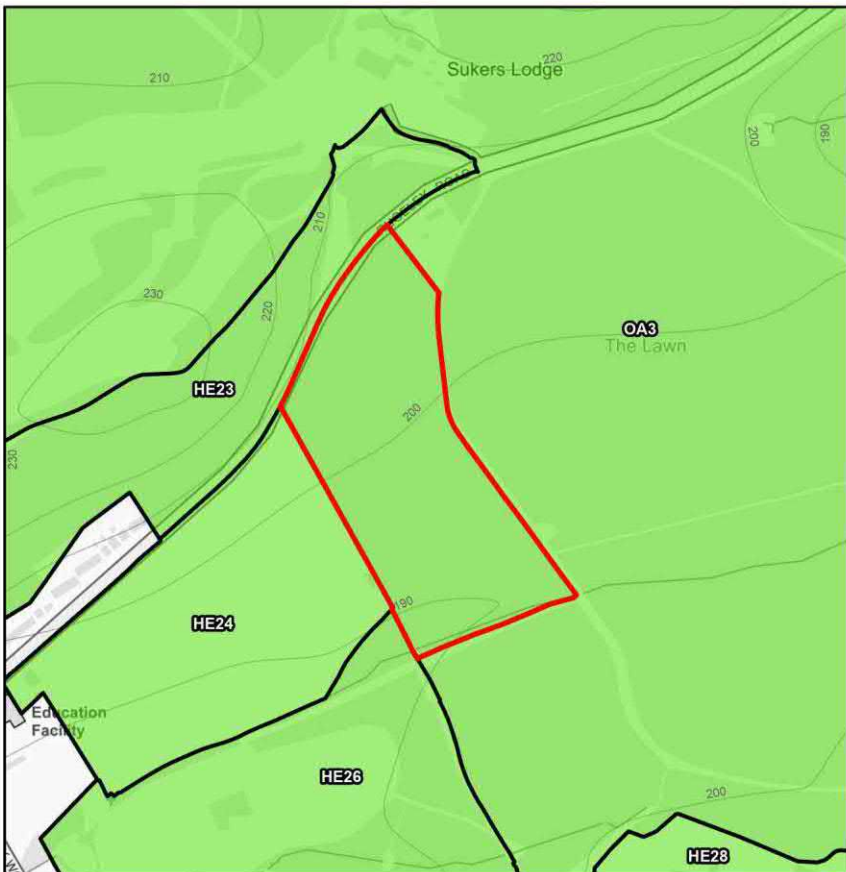
Moderate-High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within HE24 to the east and northeast. This would form a strong Green Belt boundary and would help reduce impact or the boundary separation of land to the northeast in HE25. This would also help enhance the planned coalfield farmlands 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 HE25



-  HE25
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



HE25

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 7.32ha

The parcel is located to the northeast of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of shrubland and tree cover.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel extends a significant distance from the settlement and the treeline along the parcel edge provides moderation boundary separation. The heathland vegetation is distinctive and includes tree cover which creates visual separation from the inset area. Furthermore, the parcel is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE25

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and lies close to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is very strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the 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.

HE25

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE25 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Negligible

Woodland forms a strong boundary to the east and north, so the release and development of HE25 would not result in any significant impact on HE23 or the wider Green Belt.

The adjoining land within HE24 and HE26 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 HE25 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock. 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 Hednesford would be high.

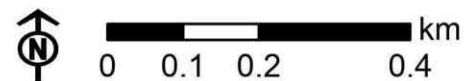
High

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

Harm of release of land in HE26



-  HE26
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  No openness



HE26

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 14.57ha

The parcel is located on the northeast edge of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising largely of tree cover and a pond in the western half.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The tree cover at the inset edge in the southwest of the parcel creates a strong degree of separation from the inset area. The tree cover and pond within the parcel provide significant landform distinction from the urban area. In addition, the tree cover prevents views of the urban area. The parcel is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE26

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and lies adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the 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 urban area. 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.

HE26

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE26 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Negligible

Woodland forms a strong boundary to the east, so the release and development of HE26 would not result in any significant impact on the wider Green Belt.

The adjoining land within HE24, HE27 and HE28 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore impact overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release






- Parcel HE26 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock. 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 Hednesford would be high.

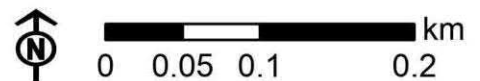
High

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

Harm of release of land in HE27



-  HE27
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  No openness



HE27

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 2.61ha

The parcel is located on the northeast edge of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of a small field.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The tree cover in southwest provides a moderate degree of separation and largely hides views of the urban area, but this boundary feature has been breached in the southeast of the parcel by a formal vehicular entrance to Cannock Wood Industrial Estate. The parcel is subject to a degree of containment by an industrial estate to the northeast. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE27

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Relatively strong
The parcel is open and lies adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. 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 checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Relatively weak
The parcel is open and peripheral to a moderate gap between Wimblebury and Burntwood to the southeast. 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.

HE27

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE27 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of HE27 would weaken the strong boundary distinction from the settlement of land within HE30 to the southeast. It would also create some urbanising containment around land in HE26 to the north.

The adjoining land within HE28 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 HE27 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, a relatively strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock and 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. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Hednesford would be moderate-high.

Moderate-High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the enhancement of existing woodland on the boundaries of HE27 and/or the introduction of new woodland belts or small woodlands within the parcel to the north and southeast. This would form a strong Green Belt boundary and would help reduce the urbanising visual influence of development and the impact on the boundary separation of land to the southeast in HE30. This would also help enhance the planned coalfield farmlands 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).

HE28

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 14.06ha

The parcel is located to the northeast of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

The parcel comprises Cannock Wood Industrial Estate. This is considered to be relatively developed: there are some large structures and hard surfacing but also more temporary storage uses.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Views are dominated by urban development. However, the parcel is located a significant distance from the inset area and the intervening land and tree cover to the southwest creates a strong degree of separation from the settlement.

The parcel is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE28

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Moderate
The parcel is close to the large built-up area of Cannock, and there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area, but the parcel is relatively developed. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to checking the 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
This is washed over development in the countryside. The parcel is relatively developed. 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 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.

HE28

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE28 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Negligible

HE28 is contained by woodland (in HE26, HE29 and to the east) so the harm of its release would be negligible.

Although the adjoining land within HE27 makes a stronger contribution to the Green Belt purposes, it has less distinction from the inset settlement.

The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

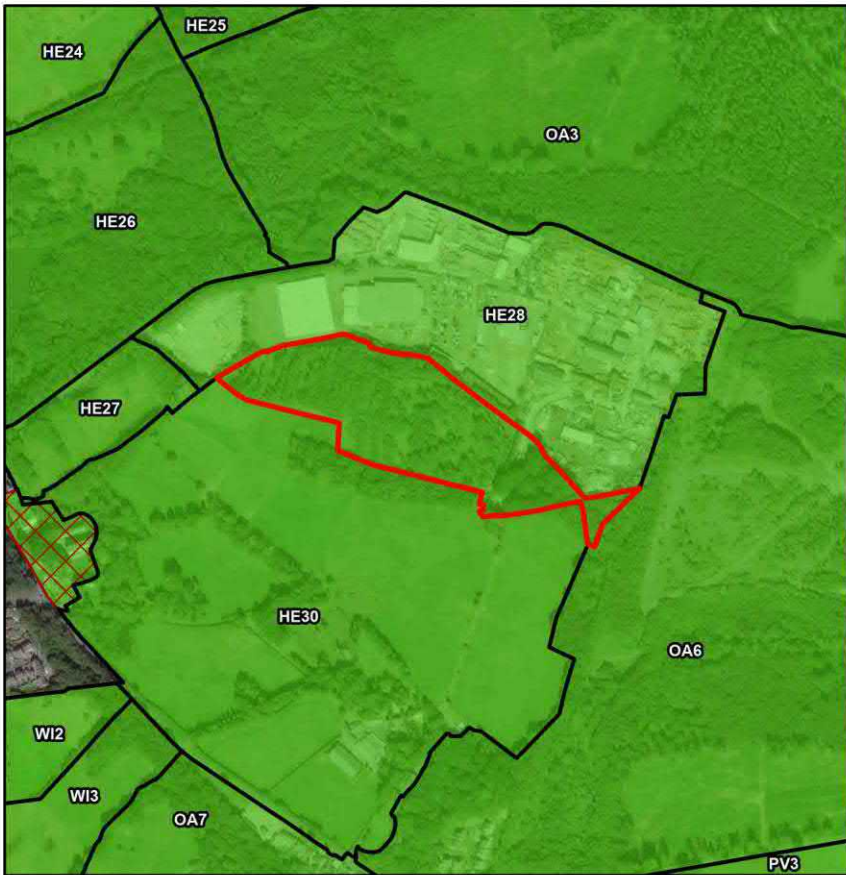
Overall harm of Green Belt release






- Parcel HE28 makes a moderate contribution to preventing the sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock, and 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 Hednesford would be low-moderate.

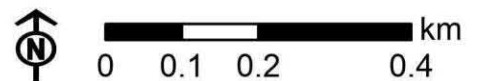
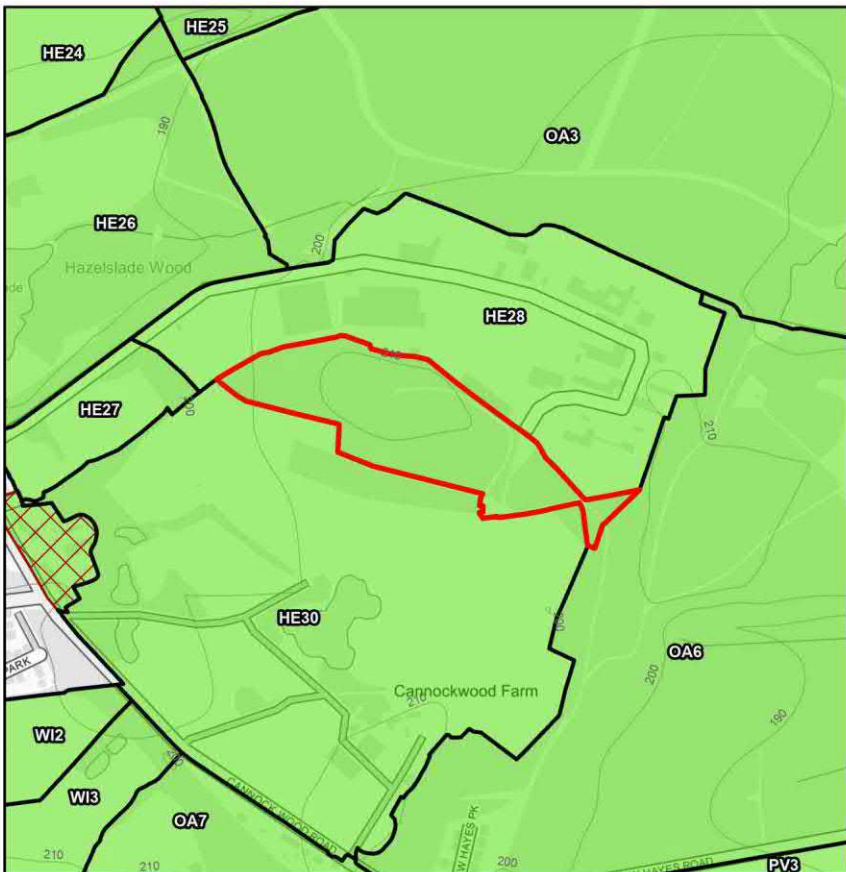
Low-Moderate

- <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 HE29



-  HE29
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  No openness



HE29

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 5.33ha

The parcel is located to the northeast of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

The parcel open, comprising largely of tree cover.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is subject to some degree of urban containment by Cannock Wood Industrial Estate which lies to the north. However, the tree cover and intervening land to the southwest provides a strong degree of separation from Hednesford and the parcel is located a significant distance from the inset area. There are some views from the parcel of the industrial estate to the north, but the wooded land cover within the parcel provides a significant level of distinction from this area and the inset area to the southwest. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE29

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and is close to the large built-up area of Cannock.
There is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.
Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the 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 and Burntwood to the southeast. 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.

HE29

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE29 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Negligible

The release and development of HE29 would not have an impact on the distinction of land to the east, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes.

The adjoining land within HE28 and HE30 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

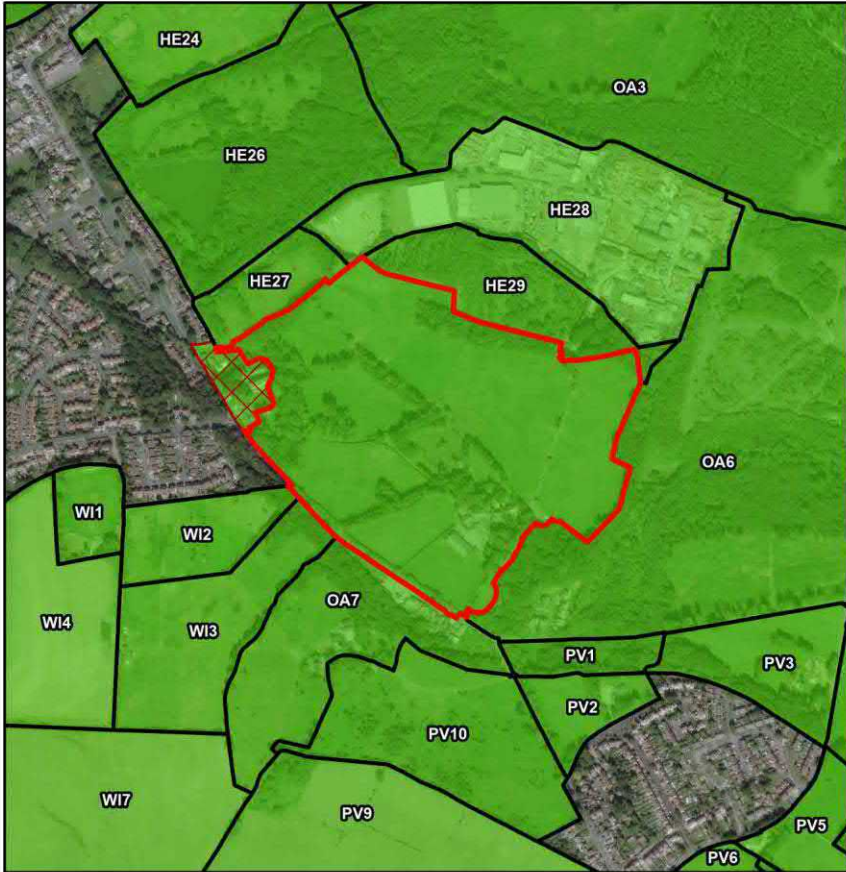
Overall harm of Green Belt release






- Parcel HE29 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock. 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 negligible. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Hednesford would be high.

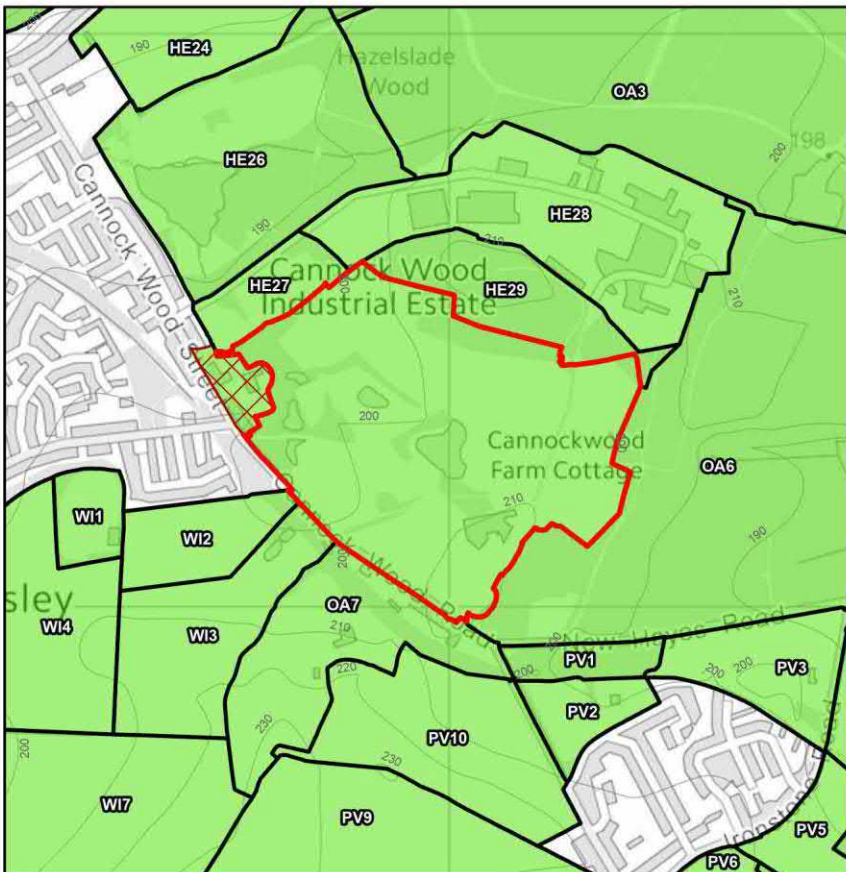
High

- <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 HE30



-  HE30
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  No openness



HE30

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 26.63ha

The parcel is located on the eastern edge of Hednesford. Hednesford is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

The parcel is open, comprising of agricultural fields. There are agricultural use buildings in the southeast of the parcel, but these are considered to be 'appropriate development' in the Green Belt.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The tree cover in the west of the parcel, adjacent to washed-over urban development on the east side of Cannock Wood Road, creates a strong degree of separation from the settlement. Cannock Wood Industrial Estate lies further to the north of the parcel, but its containing presence on land within HE30 and HE29 is limited due to the size of the parcel. Views from the parcel are dominated by open countryside. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

HE30

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
The parcel is open and lies adjacent to the large built-up area of Cannock. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Moderate
The parcel is open and peripheral to a moderate gap between Hednesford and Burntwood to the southeast. 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.

HE30

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of HE30 as an expansion of Hednesford:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of HE30 would increase urbanising containment on land to the north within HE29. The woodland to the east has strong distinction from this parcel, so the release would have a negligible impact on this area.

The adjoining land within HE27 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 HE30 makes a strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, a strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock and 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 Hednesford would be high.

High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the enhancement of existing woodland on the boundaries of HE30 and/or the introduction of new woodland belts or small woodlands within the parcel to the north. This would form a strong Green Belt boundary and would help reduce the urbanising visual influence of development. This would also help enhance the planned coalfield farmlands 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).