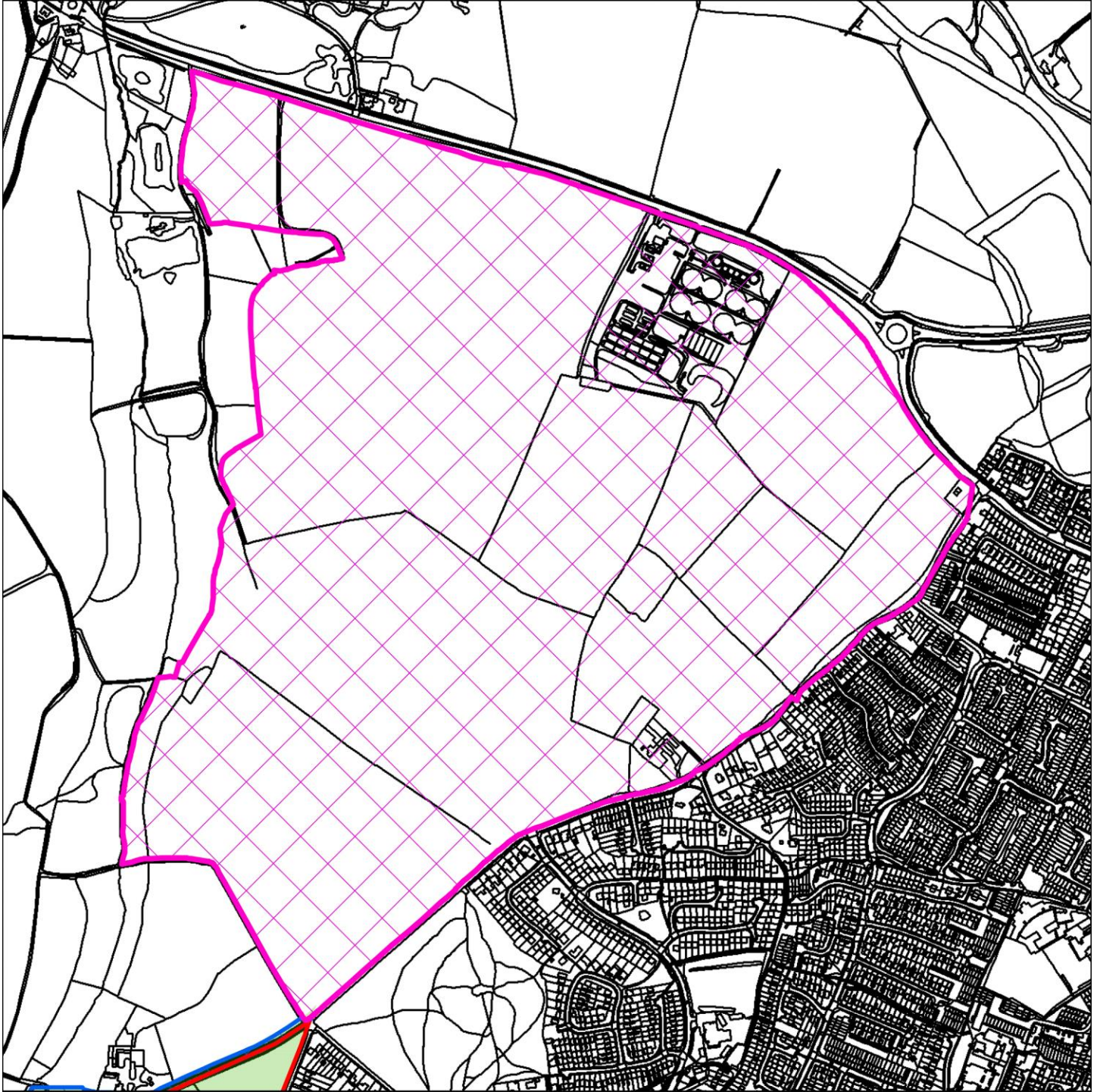


Appendix 1

Green Belt judgements

Land Parcel Ref: Broad Area 1

Parcel Type: Broad Area



 Report Parcel  Green Belt parcel  Broad Area  Green Belt

0 105 210
m



Land Parcel Ref: Broad Area 1

Parcel Type: Broad Area

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

Does the Broad Area protect open land from sprawl from large built-up areas, i.e. have significant areas/route ways within the Broad Area been developed?

Rating: High

Notes:

The broad area lies adjacent to a large built-up area of Rugeley, preventing the northwards and westwards sprawl of the town along the A51 and Stafford Brook Road, respectively, as well as the wider countryside.

Purpose 2: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another

Does the Broad Area prevent the merging of settlements?

Rating: High

Notes:

The broad area sits in between the large built up areas of Rugeley to the south east and Colwich/Little Haywood to the north west on the other side of the Trent Valley.

Purpose 3: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment

Does the Broad Area have the characteristics of countryside or has it been significantly affected by encroachment of urbanised built development?

Rating: High

Notes:

The broad area contains a large sewage treatment works at the northern border of the parcel and Bower House off Bower Lane at the southern border of the parcel. The rest of the broad area is free from development and open with good views of the countryside to the north and south west. Woodland grows along the western edge of the parcel part of which is designated as the Stafford Brook Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

Purpose 4: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns

Does the Broad Area contribute to the setting and special character of Cannock or Rugeley?

Rating: Low

Land Parcel Ref: Broad Area 1

Parcel Type: Broad Area

Notes:

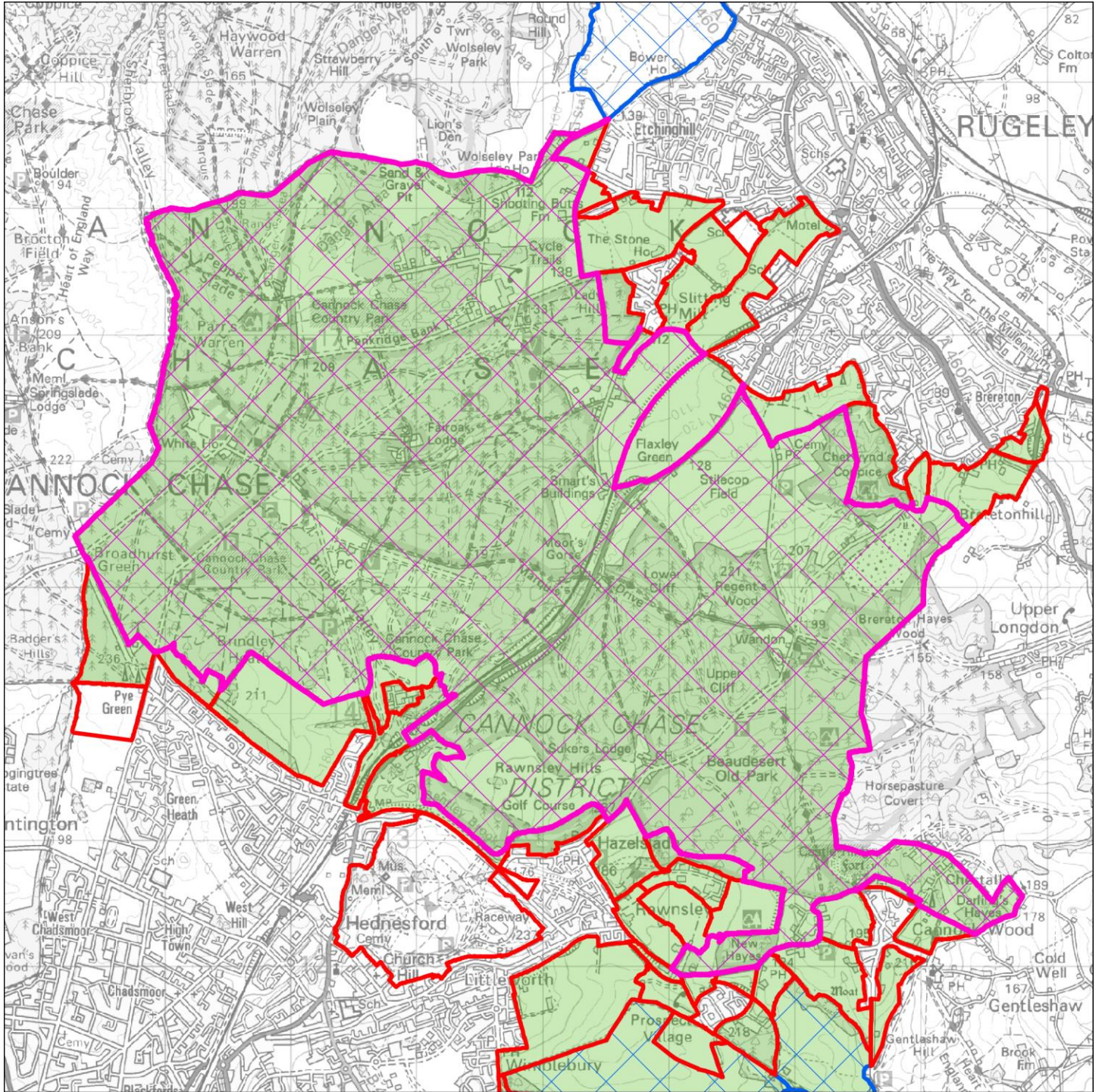
Rugeley to the south east of the broad areas has a large historic core from which it is possible to see out across parts of the Cannock Chase Country Park and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). However, there is no intervisibility between the land in the broad area and the historic core of Rugeley.

Land Parcel Ref:

Broad Area 2

Parcel Type:

Broad Area



 Report Parcel  Green Belt parcel  Broad Area  Green Belt

0 500 1,000
m



Land Parcel Ref: Broad Area 2

Parcel Type: Broad Area

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

Does the Broad Area protect open land from sprawl from large built-up areas, i.e. have significant areas/route ways within the Broad Area been developed?

Rating: Low

Notes:

The broad area does not lie adjacent to a large built up area (as it is bounded by other Green Belt parcels which lie in between this broad area and the built up area, that are separately appraised).

Purpose 2: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another

Does the Broad Area prevent the merging of settlements?

Rating: High

Notes:

The broad area is the largest expanse of undeveloped and open land within the District. The broad area sits in between the large built-up areas of Cannock to the south west and Rugeley to the north east. Further to the north west of the broad area is the large built-up area of Stafford. In its south eastern corner, the broad area separates the large built-up area of Cannock from the small settlements of Prospect Village and Cannock Wood which lie very close to its eastern edge. The Broad Area has a strong sense of openness and makes a significant contribution to preventing the merging or erosion of the visual or physical gap between these settlements. Roughly 80% of the land within the broad area is dense woodland.

Purpose 3: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment

Does the Broad Area have the characteristics of countryside or has it been significantly affected by encroachment of urbanised built development?

Rating: High

Notes:

The broad area represents the largest area of open countryside in the District. It is largely made up of the largely wooded Cannock Chase Country Park, which is also designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Relative to the size of the broad area, there is very little development. The development that does sit within the broad area is generally rural in character, such as the small hamlet of Chestall to the east of Cannock Wood in the south eastern corner of the parcel and the isolated dwellings along Kingsley Wood Road in the north of the parcel. Penkridge Bank Road running in parallel with Kingsley Wood Road contains some large tourism developments including, Silver Trees Holiday Park, Go Ape at Cannock Chase, education, conference and cycling facilities. While such developments do have an urbanising influence on the countryside within their immediate vicinity, they are all located in dense woodland which screens them from influencing the wider countryside within the broad area. Other significant features within the broad area include Castle Ring hill fort and medieval hunting lodge to the north of Kingswood in the south eastern corner of the parcel. Within the woodland on the Cannock Chase Country Park are some large pockets of ancient woodland and national and international ecological designations, including Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and Special Areas of Conservation (SACs).

Purpose 4: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns

Does the Broad Area contribute to the setting and special character of Cannock or Rugeley?

Rating: High

Land Parcel Ref: Broad Area 2

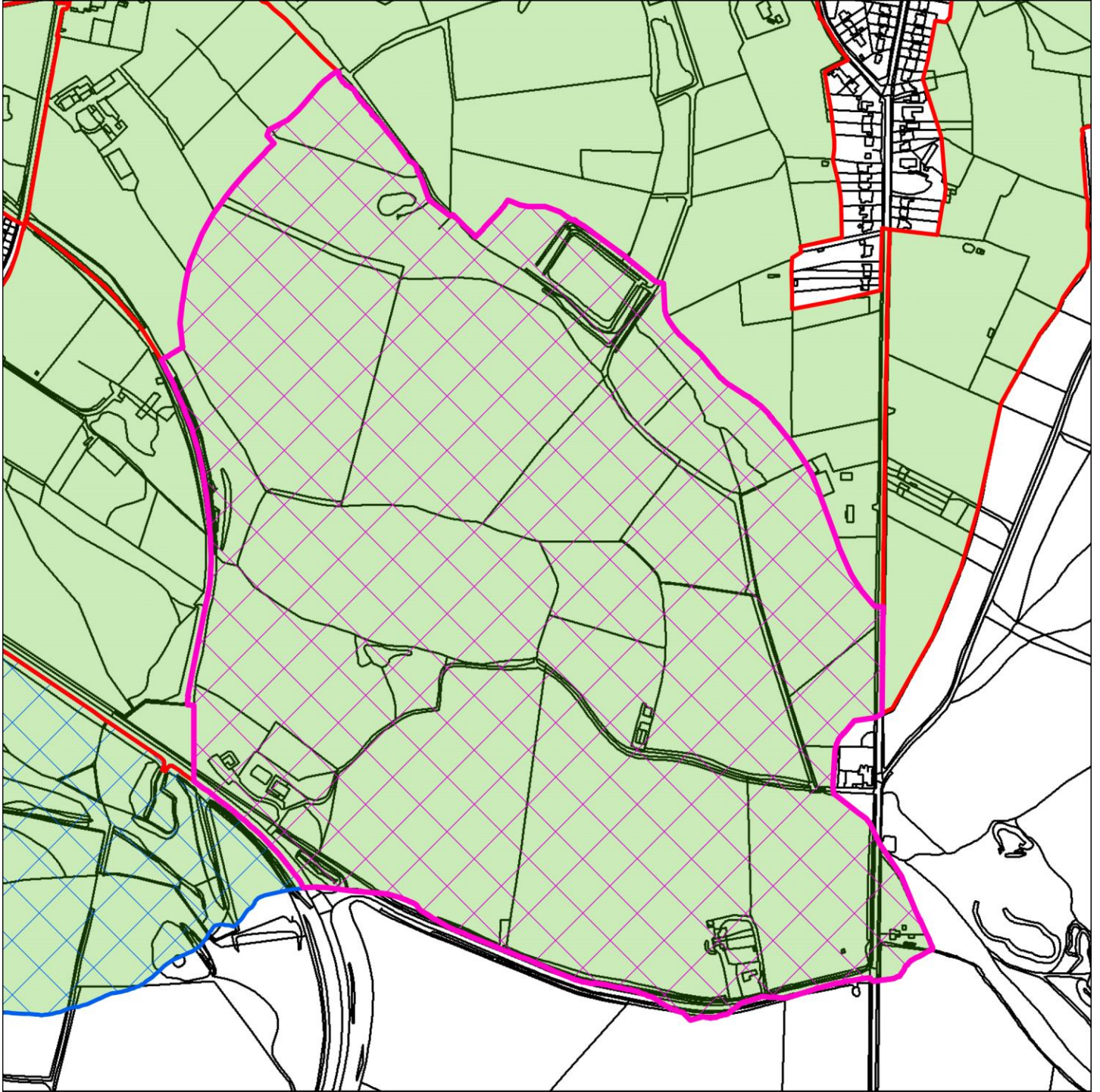
Parcel Type: Broad Area

Notes:

Rugeley to the north east of the broad areas has a large historic core from which it is possible to see out across parts of the Cannock Chase Country Park and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). Therefore, the broad area does play an important role in preserving the special character and setting of the historic town of Rugeley. However, the broad area contributes less significantly to the setting and special character of Cannock to the south, which has a relatively small historic core from which it is not possible to see out towards the Cannock Chase Country Park and AONB.

Land Parcel Ref: Broad Area 3

Parcel Type: Broad Area



 Report Parcel  Green Belt parcel  Broad Area  Green Belt

0 75 150
m



Land Parcel Ref: Broad Area 3

Parcel Type: Broad Area

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

Does the Broad Area protect open land from sprawl from large built-up areas, i.e. have significant areas/route ways within the Broad Area been developed?

Rating: Low

Notes:

The broad area does not lie adjacent to a large built up area (as it is bounded by other Green Belt parcels which lie in between this broad area and the built up area, that are separately appraised).

Purpose 2: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another

Does the Broad Area prevent the merging of settlements?

Rating: High

Notes:

This relatively small broad area represents the southernmost portion of the Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). It sits in between the villages of Prospect Village to the west and Cannock Wood to the east and separates these small settlements from the large built up area of Burntwood to the south.

Purpose 3: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment

Does the Broad Area have the characteristics of countryside or has it been significantly affected by encroachment of urbanised built development?

Rating: High

Notes:

The broad area represents the southernmost portion of the Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). There are a few farm buildings and isolated dwellings within the parcel none of which are considered to be significant urbanising influences on the countryside within the Green Belt. The Broad Area has a strong sense of openness with good views of the high ground within its immediate vicinity. The Scheduled moated site and bloomery in Courtbanks Covert is located at the northern edge of the parcel within the ancient woodland of Red Moor.

Purpose 4: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns

Does the Broad Area contribute to the setting and special character of Cannock or Rugeley?

Rating: Low

Land Parcel Ref: Broad Area 3

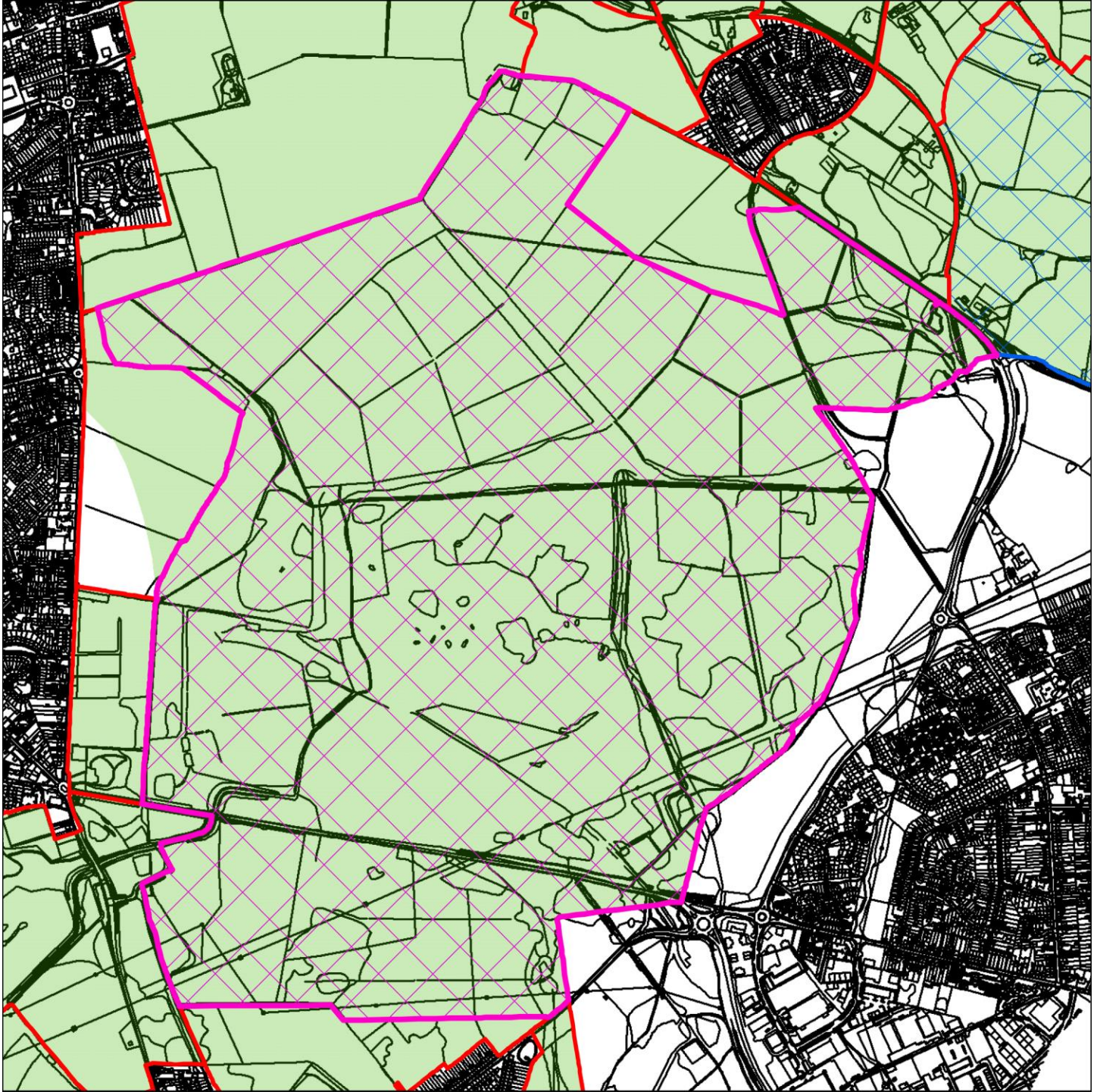
Parcel Type: Broad Area

Notes:

The broad area is a significant distance from the historic towns of Rugeley to the north and Cannock to the west and is not in direct view of either towns' historic core. Therefore, the broad area is not considered to make a significant contribution to the setting or special character of either historic town.

Land Parcel Ref: Broad Area 4

Parcel Type: Broad Area



 Report Parcel  Green Belt parcel  Broad Area  Green Belt

0 175 350
m



Land Parcel Ref: Broad Area 4

Parcel Type: Broad Area

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

Does the Broad Area protect open land from sprawl from large built-up areas, i.e. have significant areas/route ways within the Broad Area been developed?

Rating: Low

Notes:

The broad area does not lie adjacent to a large built up area (as it is bounded by other Green Belt parcels which lie in between this broad area and the built up area, that are separately appraised).

Purpose 2: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another

Does the Broad Area prevent the merging of settlements?

Rating: High

Notes:

The broad area sits in between the large built up areas of Cannock to the north west, Burntwood to the south east and Norton Canes to the south. In addition, the broad area plays a role in separating the large built up area of Cannock from the village of Prospect Village to the east.

Purpose 3: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment

Does the Broad Area have the characteristics of countryside or has it been significantly affected by encroachment of urbanised built development?

Rating: High

Notes:

With the exception of a few lines of pylons running through its lower portions, the broad area contains no development. The broad area is very open with excellent views of the surrounding countryside, particularly from the northern half of the parcel which is higher than the southern half. Woodland grows east-west through the centre of the parcel. The south eastern half of the parcel is designated as the Chasewater and Southern Staffordshire Coalfield Heaths Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

Purpose 4: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns

Does the Broad Area contribute to the setting and special character of Cannock or Rugeley?

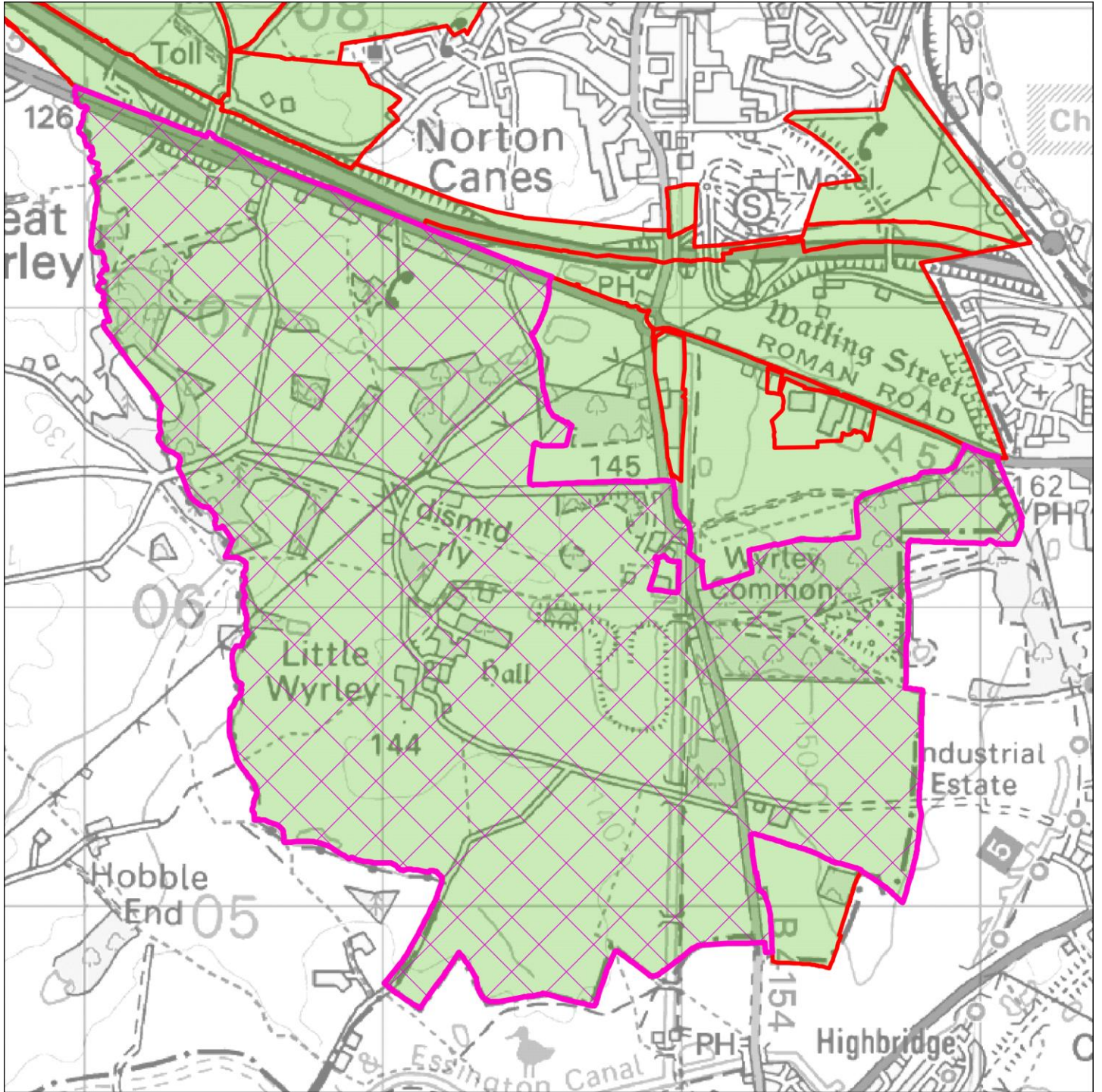
Rating: High

Land Parcel Ref: Broad Area 4

Parcel Type: Broad Area

Notes:

The broad area is a significant distance from the historic core of Rugeley to the north. Furthermore, its historic core is not visible from the high ground within the broad area. Therefore, it is not considered that the broad area plays a role in preserving the setting and special character of the historic town of Rugeley. However, the broad area does contribute to the setting and special character of Cannock to the west. Despite having a relatively small historic core with limited outward views of the surrounding countryside, from the high ground within the parcel it is possible to see in to the historic core of Cannock.



 Report Parcel  Green Belt parcel  Broad Area  Green Belt

0 235 470
m



Land Parcel Ref: Broad Area 5

Parcel Type: Broad Area

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

Does the Broad Area protect open land from sprawl from large built-up areas, i.e. have significant areas/route ways within the Broad Area been developed?

Rating: Low

Notes:

The broad area does not lie adjacent to a large built up area (as it is bounded by other Green Belt parcels which lie in between this broad area and the built up area, that are separately appraised).

Purpose 2: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another

Does the Broad Area prevent the merging of settlements?

Rating: High

Notes:

The broad area sits in between the large built up areas of Norton Canes in the District of Cannock Chase to the north, Great Wyrley in the District of South Staffordshire to the west, Brownhills to the east in the District of Walsall and the Walsall urban area (West Midlands conurbation) to the south.

Purpose 3: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment

Does the Broad Area have the characteristics of countryside or has it been significantly affected by encroachment of urbanised built development?

Rating: High

Notes:

A line of pylons runs through the centre of the broad area. The broad area also contains two small gypsy and traveller sites, containing areas of hardstanding for mobile homes. In addition there are three large farms within the broad area, two of which are located within the small hamlet of Little Wyrely in the centre of the parcel. Little Wyrely also contains a handful of large detached dwellings, including the historic Little Wyrely Hall. The broad area is very open with excellent views of the surrounding countryside. The Cannock Extension Canal which cuts north-south through the centre of the parcel up to the Lime Lane industrial estate is a Special Area of Conservation (SAC). There are some significant pockets of woodland within the parcel, most notable within Wyrely Common in the eastern half of the parcel.

Purpose 4: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns

Does the Broad Area contribute to the setting and special character of Cannock or Rugeley?

Rating: Low

Land Parcel Ref: Broad Area 5

Parcel Type: Broad Area

Notes:

The broad area is a significant distance from the historic cores of Rugeley and Cannock to the north. There is no intervisibility between the countryside within the broad area and the historic cores of the historic towns within the District. Therefore, it is not considered that the broad area plays a role in preserving their setting and special character.