Character Area Profile Legends and Glossary

Key Features Map

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	Local Centre
	Neighbourhood/village centre
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	Landmark
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	Node
	Gateway
	Primary key route
	Secondary key route
	Motorway
	Minor key route
	Major Accessible Greenspace
	Accessible Greenspace
· · · · · ·	Railway
	Canal

Term	Explanation
Key View	Views of the skyline or landscape across the District, often created by the lie of the land or landmark features. They help provide key first/lasting impressions of the District and they make a major contribution to the character of an area
Landmark	Notable buildings that stand out – they help create key first/lasting impressions of areas and are identified with particular places
Node	key movement points of the District, but not as prominent as gateways
Gateway	Key entrance/exit points of the District and communities across it e.g. major road junctions and where the urban and rural areas meet. Help create key first/lasting impressions of areas
Primary key route	The most popular roads used to access the District and pass through on journeys to the wider area e.g. Shropshire and the Black Country or Birmingham.
Secondary key route	Used primarily for key local journeys to neighbouring areas or within the District.
Minor key route	Similar to secondary routes but used on a lesser scale.
Accessible Greenspace	Accessible public green space throughout the urban areas used for leisure purposes. Countryside areas that aren't open to the public are excluded. Major greenspaces are identified because of their District-wide importance. The network of greenspace contributes to the character of an area.

Character Types Map

Historic Town Centre

Town Centre Redevelopment

Edge of Historic Town Centre

Historic Local Centre

Industrial - Victorian (Pre 1914AD)- houses

Inter War (1914-1945AD)- houses

Post War (1945-1990/2000AD)- houses

Modern (1990-2000AD onwards)- houses

Large Scale Industrial and Commercial

Landscape Character Types Map

River Meadowlands

Wooded Estatelands

Settled Farmlands

Sandstone Hills & Heath

Planned Coalfield Farmland

Coalfield Farmland

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Term	Explanation
Historic Town	Old town centres of Cannock, Rugeley and Hednesford- have medieval
Centre	or early/mid 19 th century origins and surviving old buildings
Town Centre	Parts of the old town centre knocked down and rebuilt in modern style-
Redevelopment	often as indoor malls or markets
Edge of Historic	Buildings that are often larger e.g. supermarkets or cinemas so have
Town Centre	located on the edge for more space for the development
Historic Local	Old local centres of Heath Hayes, Chadsmoor, Bridgtown and Brereton
Centre	that have long history and have surviving old buildings, mainly from the
	19 th /early 20 th century
Industrial-	Residential areas built in the 18 th -early 20 th century. Includes traditional
Victorian	terraced houses and some large, grand estate buildings
Inter War	Residential areas built in the early-mid 20 th century (1914-1945). Often
	semi-detached properties or bunglows
Post War	Residential areas built between 1945-1990s. Often semi-detached or
	detached properties and are large estates
Modern	Residential areas built from 1990s/2000 to the present day. Similar to
	post-war but can also include flats/apartments
Large Scale	Areas for businesses e.g. business parks at Kingswood Lakeside in
Industrial and	Cannock or the Towers in Rugeley
Commercial	

River	Flat area created by the flooding of the River Trent. Meadows and trees
Meadowlands	are a key feature of this countryside. Some farming and industrial
	activities occur in this area.
Wooded	Large, dense woodland is key feature of this countryside. Some valleys
Estatelands	created by streams and rivers. Farming occurs in the area.
Settled	Flatter areas which are mainly laid out for farming or horse grazing e.g.
Farmlands	'grassed' fields. Trees and hedgerows are a key feature, but they are not
	large woodlands.
Sandstone Hills	Heath plants and woodland, valleys and hills are key features of this
and Heath	countryside. Horse grazing and farming occurs in the area.
Planned	Flat areas previously used for coal mining and since filled in. Rather than
Coalfield	recovering from coal mining 'naturally' the restoration has been more
Farmland	planned, with planting of trees and heath plants purposefully e.g. at
	Kingswood Lakeside. Farming and industrial activities occur in the area.
Coalfield	Flat areas previously used for coal mining and since filled in. Mainly
Farmland	grass and woodland areas with some open water features. Farming
	occurs in the area. The area has been allowed to recover from coal
	mining 'naturally'.

'Further Information' Glossary

Term	Explanation
Character Type Descriptions	Character types refer to the categories given to the time and period of development in a particular area e.g. is it residential or commercial, built after 1945 or before. There are several character types as set out in the relevant legend above
Rugeley/Cannock EUS (2009/10) and HUCAs	Rugeley/Cannock Extensive Urban Survey- provided detailed analysis of the history and present day built form of the two town centres. HUCA = Historic Urban Character Area
Historic Environment Character Assessment and CHECZ/RHECZ	Provides analysis of historic sensitivity of selected areas in the District. CHECZ= Cannock Historic Environment Character Zone. RHECZ= Rugeley Historic Environment Character Zone
Landscape Character Assessment	Provides analysis of landscape features and their sensitivity/quality across the District. Heathland, Wooded Estatelands etc all refer to a particular type of distinctive landscape and are explained fully in the assessment (or summarised above)
Cannock Chase Local List	A list of buildings or structures which are of local importance