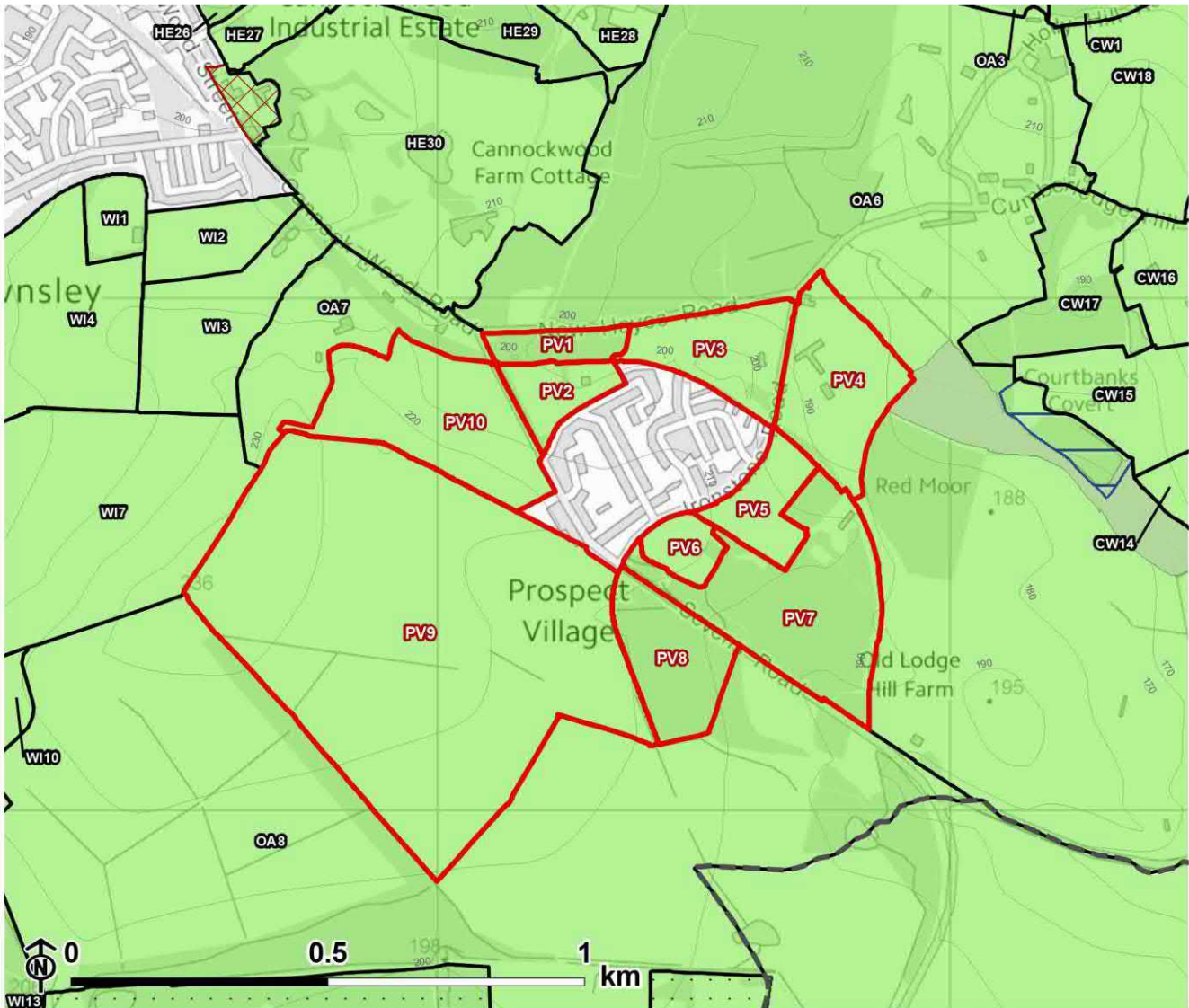


Appendix B

**Detailed Harm
Assessments
Prospect Village**

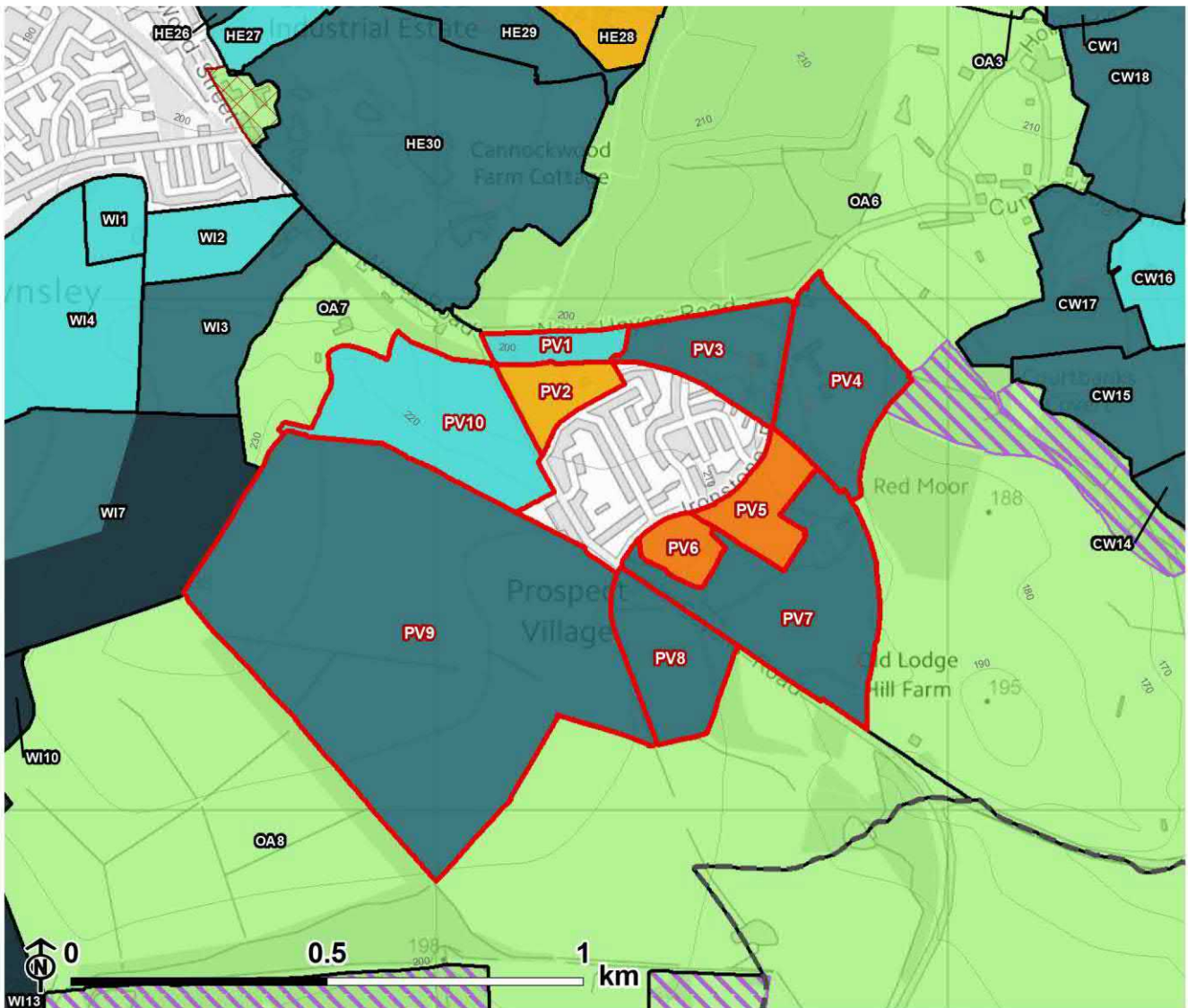
Prospect Village



- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- Prospect Village parcel
- Neighbouring parcel
- No openness
- Absolute constraints**
- Ancient woodland
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Scheduled monument



Prospect Village



- Local Authority boundary
 - Green Belt
 - Red outline: Prospect Village parcel
 - Black outline: Neighbouring parcel
 - White box with red border: No openness
 - White box with purple border: Absolute constraint(s)
- Harm rating**
- Dark blue: Very High
 - Blue: High
 - Cyan: Moderate-High
 - Orange: Moderate
 - Light orange: Low-Moderate
 - Yellow: Low
 - Light yellow: 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

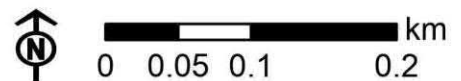
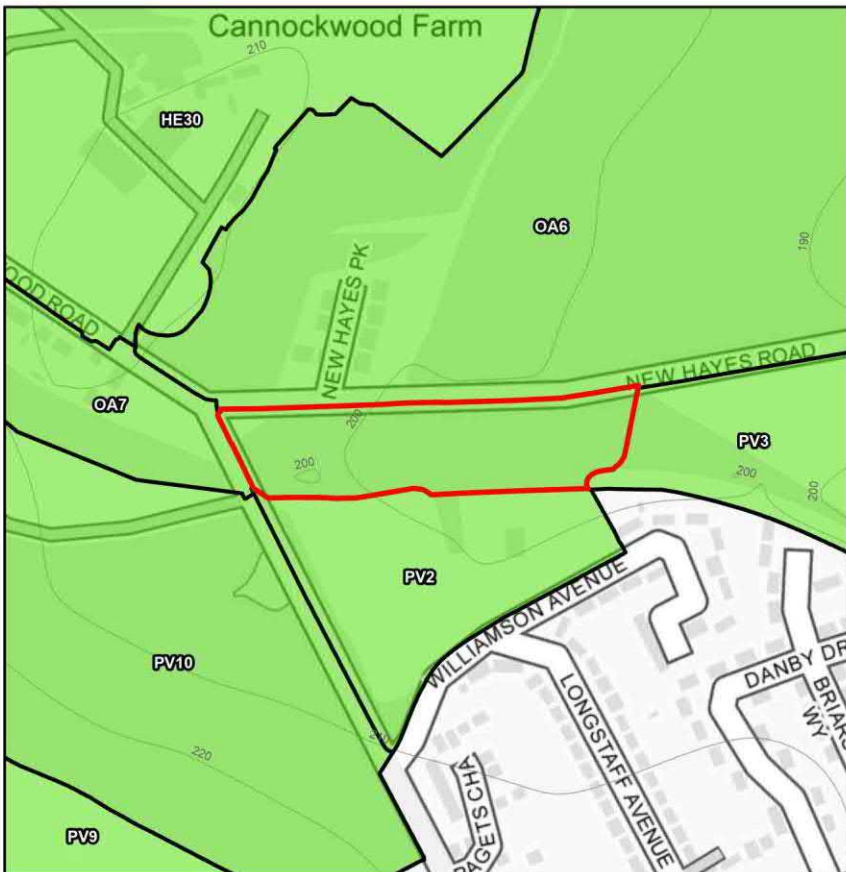
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Harm of release of land in PV1



-  PV1
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



PV1

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 1.66ha

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

Land is open and is dominated by sparse tree cover.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although the dwellings to the north of New Hayes Road are insufficient in scale to have a strong urbanising influence on PV1, they are sufficient to cause some weakening of the role of the woodland in PV1 as a boundary to urban development. As the parcel is relatively narrow, urbanising development either to the north or south is considered to have some visual influence. However, its tree cover creates distinction from the settlement. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

PV1

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Weak/No
Although relatively close to the large built-up area of Cannock, there is strong separation from it. Development here would be associated with Prospect Village. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Moderate
Land is open and is peripheral to a moderate gap between Cannock and Burntwood, but urbanising development between the two at Prospect Village reduces perceived separation. 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
Land 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.

PV1

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of PV1 as an expansion of Prospect Village:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of PV1 would increase urbanising containment of land in PV3. The release would not have an impact on the distinction of land within the land to the north of PV1, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes.

The adjoining land within PV2 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

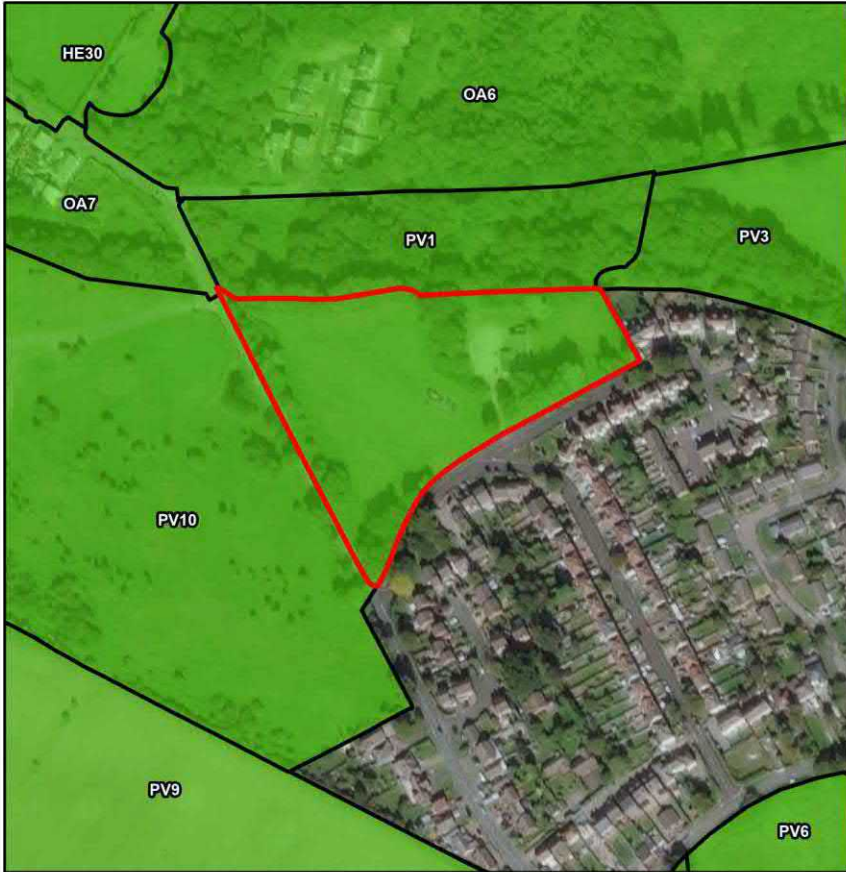
Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel PV1 makes a strong contribution 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 Prospect Village would be moderate-high.

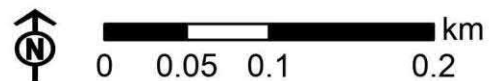
Moderate-High

- <div>Harm could potentially be reduced by the enhancement of existing woodland/woodland belts within PV1 to the east. 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).</div>

Harm of release of land in PV2



-  PV2
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



PV2

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 2.28ha

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

Land is open, comprising playing fields divided by a hedgerow and featuring some small areas of scrub vegetation. Prospect Village Hall is located in the eastern half of the parcel, however this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although tree cover prevents development in Prospect Village from dominating views, there are sufficient gaps along the urban edge for the boundary to be considered relatively weak. The parcel has only limited containment by urban development, but lies in close proximity to the inset settlement. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

PV2

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Weak/No
Although relatively close to the large built-up area of Cannock, there is strong separation from it. Development here would be associated with Prospect Village. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Relatively weak
Land lies on periphery of a moderate gap between Cannock and Burntwood, but urbanising development between the two at Prospect Village reduces perceived separation. 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: Moderate
The land is open and The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. The parcel is characterised by playing fields and open space associated with Prospect Village Hall which are associated with the urban area and diminish the extent to which it is perceived as 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.

PV2

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of PV2 as an expansion of Prospect Village:

Rating: Minor

The release would bring the urban area onto lower ground, diminishing the landform distinction between this area and the sloping land to the west of Cannock Wood Road (PV10). There would be negligible impact on the wooded PV1 to the north.

Overall harm of Green Belt release






- Parcel PV2 makes a moderate contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and a relatively weak contribution to preventing the merger of towns. The additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Prospect Village would be low-moderate.

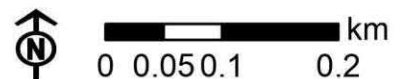
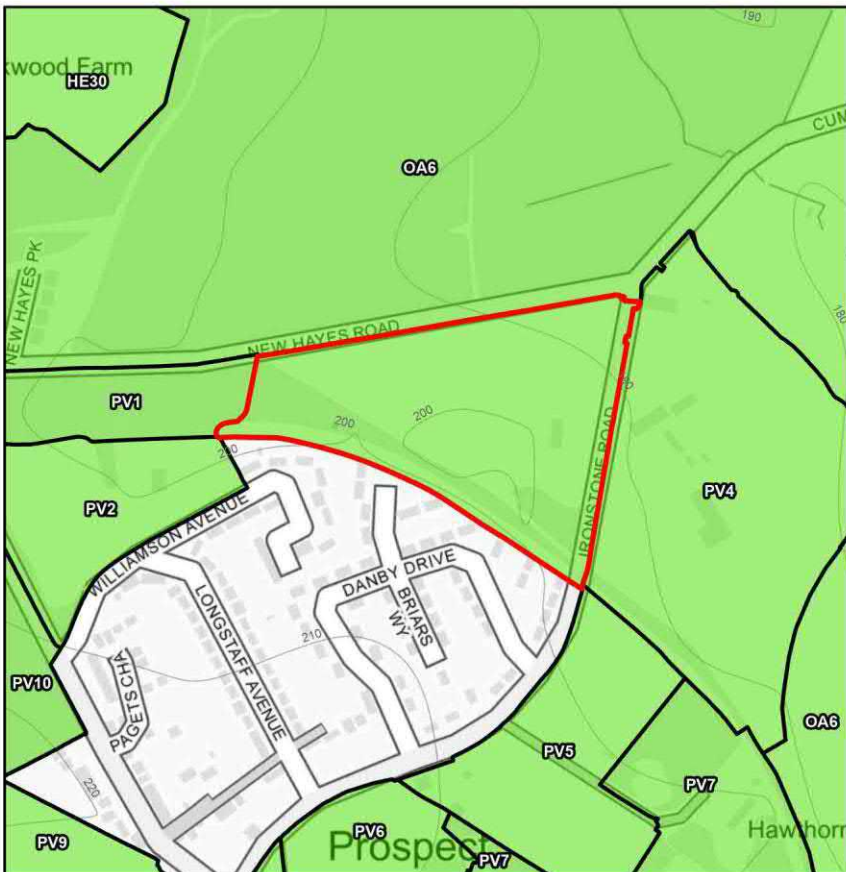
Low-Moderate

- <div>Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within PV2 to the north and west. 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).</div>

Harm of release of land in PV3



-  PV3
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Ancient woodland



PV3

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 4.66ha

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

Land is open, comprising of fields defined by hedgerows and a woodland belt to the south. A single building (Perth House) is located in the east of the parcel, however this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Strong boundary tree cover and a sloping landform provide distinction from the inset area. In addition the parcel is not contained by urban development and views are dominated by open countryside. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

PV3

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Weak/No
Although relatively close to the large built-up area of Cannock, there is strong separation from it. Development here would be associated with Prospect Village. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Moderate
Land is open and is peripheral to a moderate gap between Cannock and Burntwood, but urbanising development between the two at Prospect Village reduces perceived separation. 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
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.

PV3

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of PV3 as an expansion of Prospect Village:

Rating: Minor

The release of PV3 would weaken the boundary distinction for land to the north of New Hayes Road.

The adjoining land within PV1 and PV4 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

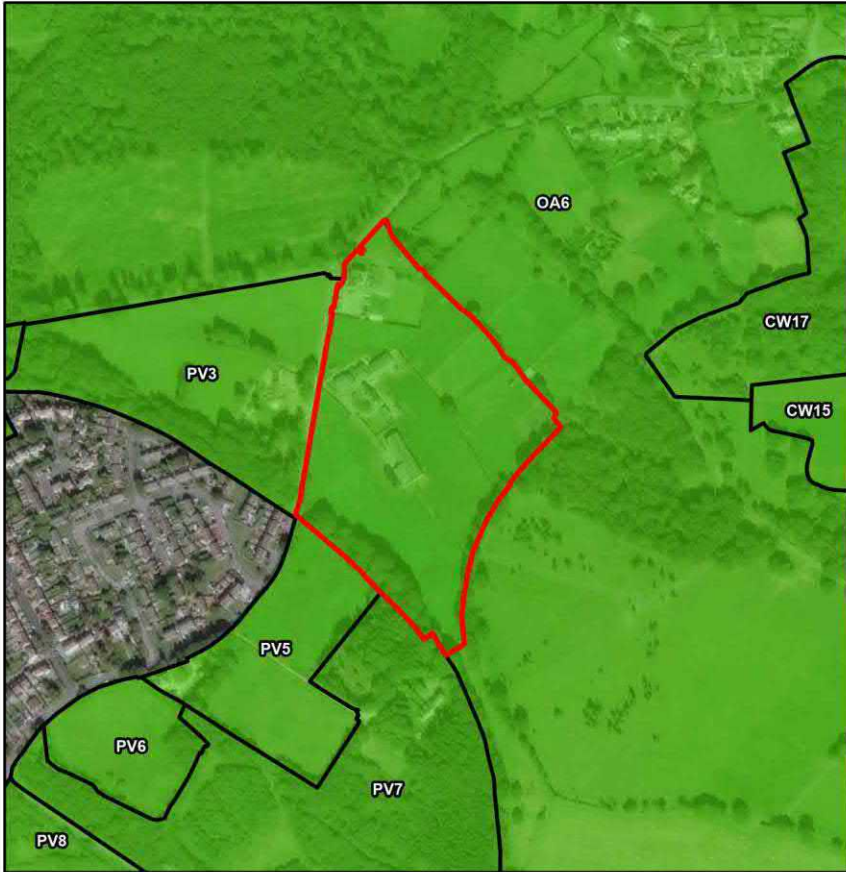
Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel PV3 has very strong distinction from the urban area, and therefore makes a particularly 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 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 Prospect Village would be high.

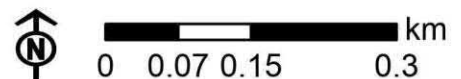
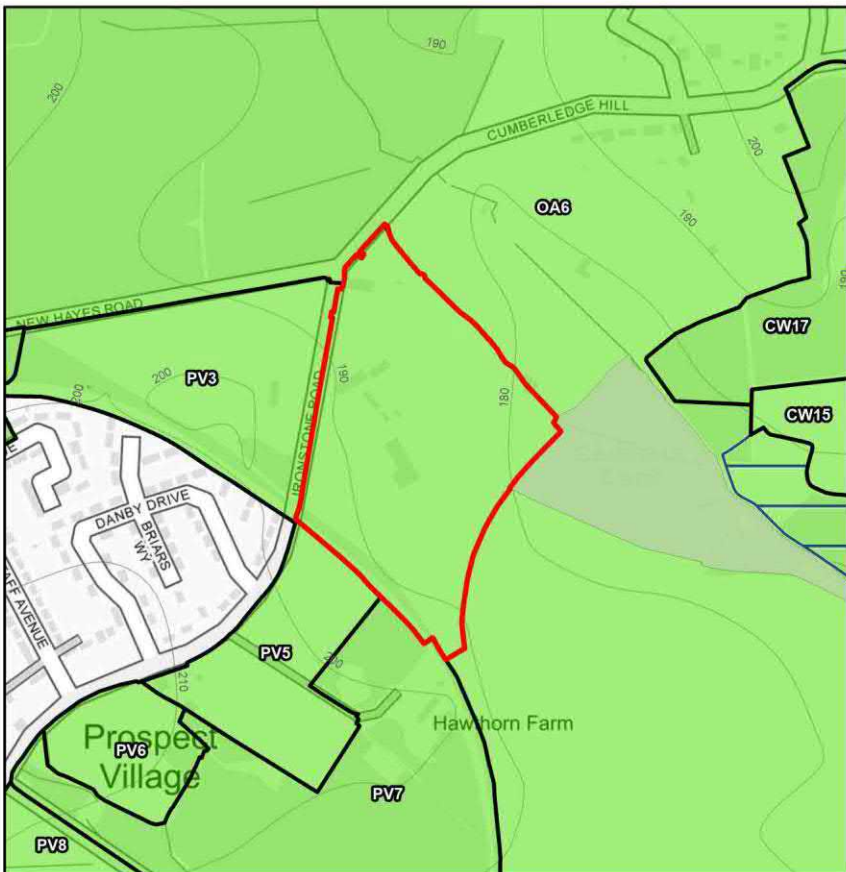
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- Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within PV3 to the north and east. This would form a strong Green Belt boundary and would help reduce the urbanising visual influence of development. 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).

Harm of release of land in PV4



-  PV4
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Scheduled monument
-  Ancient woodland



PV4

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 6.51ha

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

Land is open, comprising of agricultural fields and agricultural buildings in the centre and northern areas of the parcel. However, these are 'appropriate development' within the Green Belt and therefore do not impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The tree belt, which is a consistent feature to the north and east of the village, is a strong boundary creating separation from the inset area. The parcel is not contained by urban development, slopes away from the settlement and is dominated by views of open countryside. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

PV4

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Weak/No
Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Moderate
Land is open and is peripheral to a moderate gap between Cannock and Burnwood, but urbanising development between the two at Prospect Village reduces perceived separation. 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
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.

PV4

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of PV4 as an expansion of Prospect Village:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of PV4 would increase urbanising visual impact and weaken the strong boundary distinction of land within the outer area to the north.

The release would not have an impact on the distinction of land within PV7 to the south of PV4, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes.

The adjoining land within PV3 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 PV4 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution 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 Prospect Village would be high.

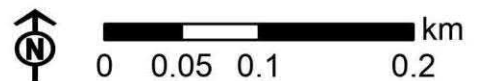
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- Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within PV4, particularly to the north. This would form strong Green Belt boundaries and would help reduce the urbanising visual influence of development. This would also help enhance the 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 PV5



-  PV5
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Ancient woodland



PV5

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 2.92ha

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

Land is open, comprising of paddock fields and a single dwelling located in the western corner of the parcel. However, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is in close proximity to Prospect Village. However, the parcel is not contained by urban development, and Ironstone Road and the associated tree line form a moderate boundary feature creating separation from the inset area. Neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

PV5

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

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

PV5

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of PV5 as an expansion of Prospect Village:

Rating: Minor

The release of PV5 would not have an impact on the distinction of land within PV4 to the north, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes.

The release would weaken PV7's boundary separation from the inset settlement edge.

The adjoining land within PV6 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 PV5 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and a moderate contribution to preventing neighbouring towns merging into one another, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Prospect Village would be moderate.

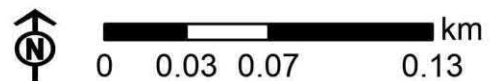
Moderate

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within PV5 to the south and east. This would form a strong Green Belt boundary and would help reduce impact on the boundary separation of PV7. 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 PV6



-  PV6
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



PV6

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 1.57ha

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

Land is open and is comprised of a paddock field.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although the parcel is not contained by urban development there is only a weak boundary feature, creating little separation from Prospect Village. Furthermore, the parcel is in close proximity to the inset area. Neither the urban area nor the countryside dominates views. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

PV6

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

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

PV6

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of PV6 as an expansion of Prospect Village:

Rating: Minor

The release would weaken the boundary distinction provided by the young woodland and scrub that forms parcel PV7.

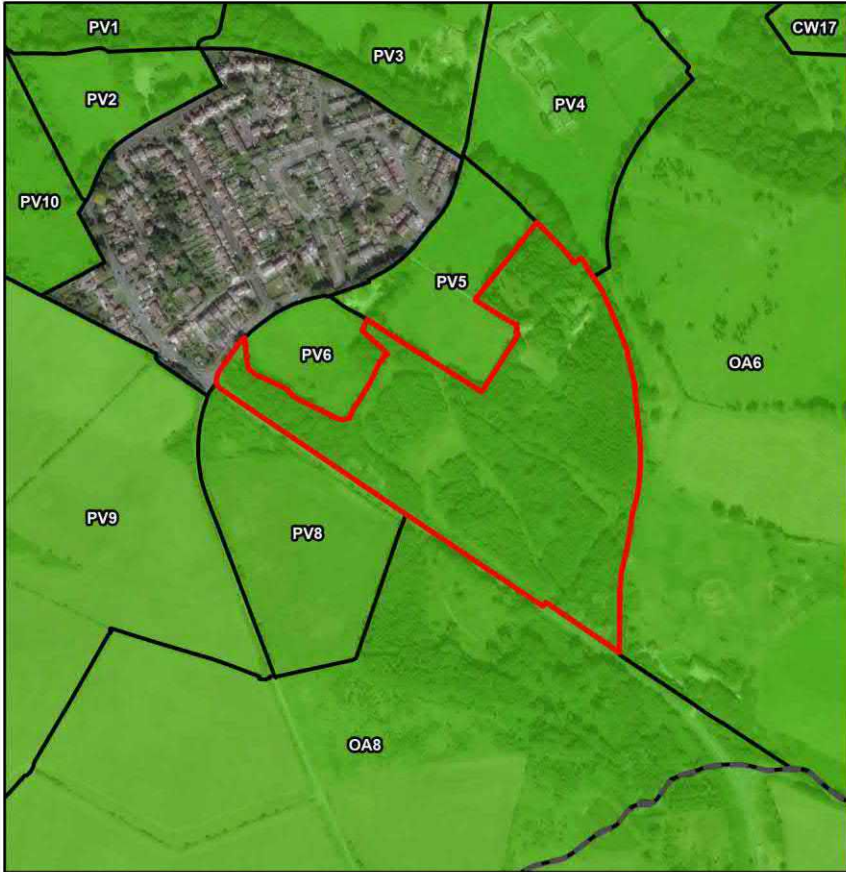
Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel PV6 makes a relatively strong contribution 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 Prospect Village would be moderate.

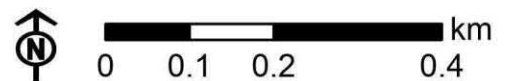
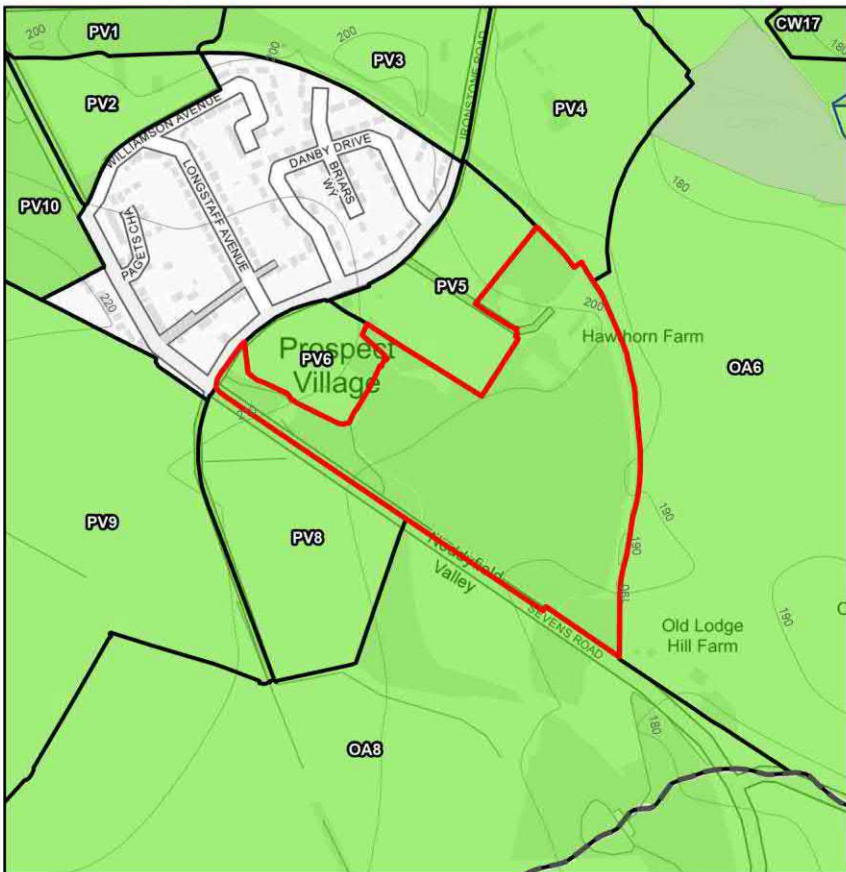
Moderate

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within PV6 to the south and east. This would form a strong Green Belt boundary and would help reduce impact on the boundary distinction of PV7. 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 PV7



- PV7
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- Scheduled monument
- Ancient woodland



PV7

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 10.7ha

The parcel is located south east of Prospect Village. Prospect Village does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open and is dominated by tree cover. A dwelling is located in the north of the parcel, however, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The young woodland and scrub in the parcel create distinction from the inset village, and together with Ironstone Road forms a strong boundary feature to create separation from the inset area. The parcel extends a significant distance from the settlement and is not contained by urban development.

Open countryside dominates views. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

PV7

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

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

PV7

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of PV7 as an expansion of Prospect Village:

Rating: Minor

The release would weaken the distinction between Prospect Village and land to the east of PV7 provided by the gently sloping land descending from the village across PV7. This would have a minor impact on the settlement gap between the towns of Cannock and Burntwood, which Prospect Village lies between.

The adjoining land within PV4, PV5, PV6 and PV8 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

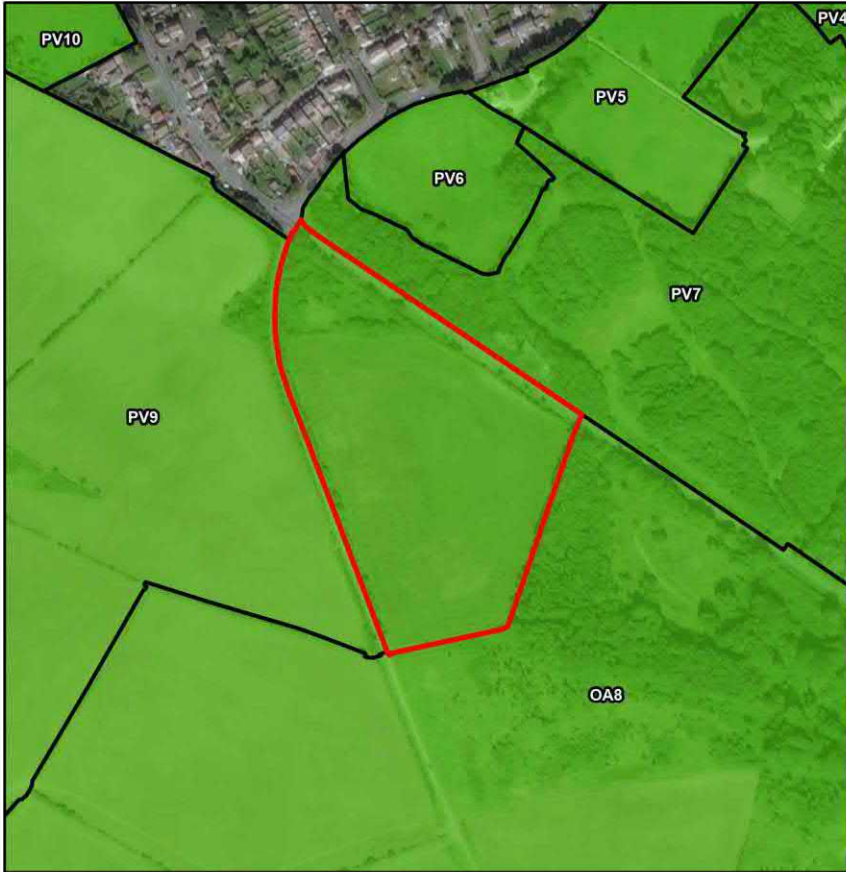
Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel PV7 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside. It also makes a relatively strong 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 Prospect Village would be high.

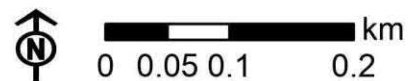
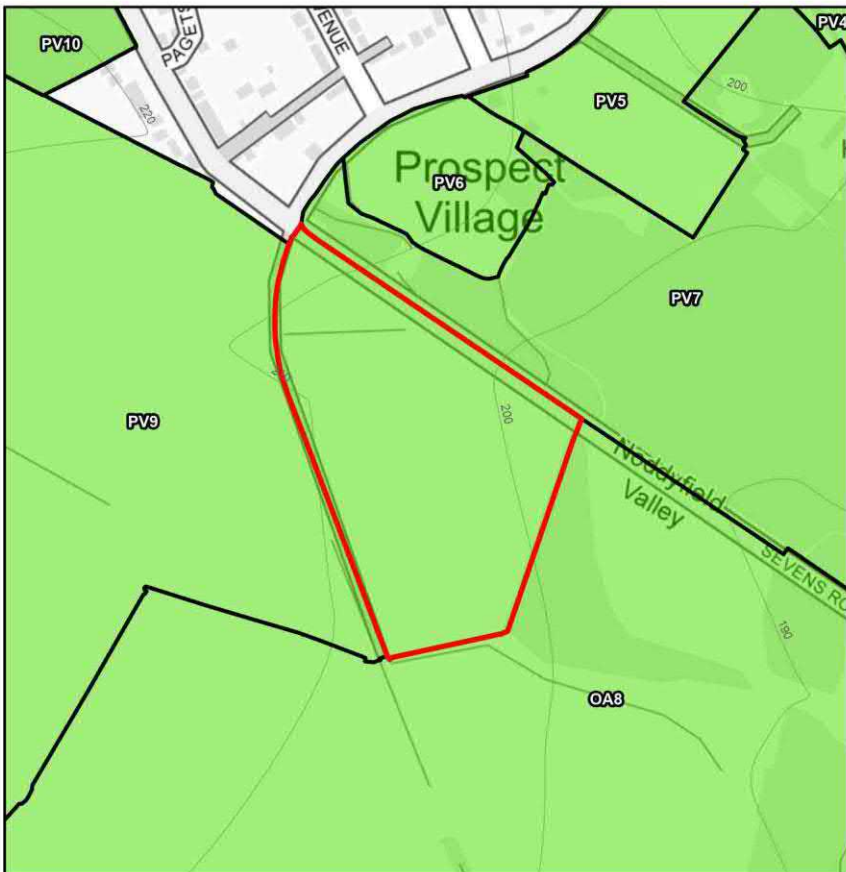
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- Harm could potentially be reduced by the enhancement of existing woodland/woodland belts within PV7 to the east. This would form a strong Green Belt boundary and would help reduce the impact on distinction between Prospect Village and land to the east and on the settlement gap between Cannock and Burntwood. 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 PV8



-  PV8
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



PV8

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 4.94ha

The parcel is located south of Prospect Village. Prospect Village does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, and is comprised of an agricultural field and shrubland in the north of the parcel.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The sloping landform within the parcel provides some distinction from the inset area. Land is not contained by urban development, and Sevens Road and the triangle of scrub vegetation at the parcel's northern tip form a strong boundary feature creating separation from the inset area. Views from the parcel are dominated by open countryside. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

PV8

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

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

PV8

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of PV8 as an expansion of Prospect Village:

Rating: Minor

The release of PV8 would weaken the strong boundary distinction of land within the outer area to the south from the settlement, with a consequent minor impact on separation between the towns of Cannock and Burntwood.

The adjoining land within PV6, PV7 and PV9 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

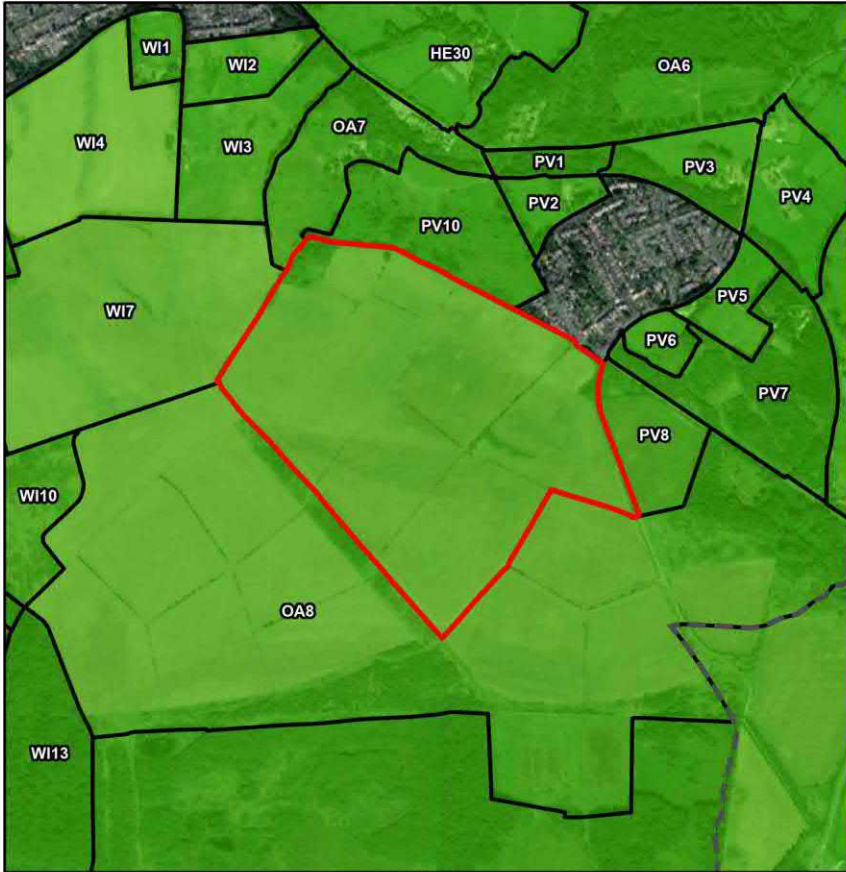
Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel PV8 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside. It also makes a relatively strong 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 Prospect Village would be high.

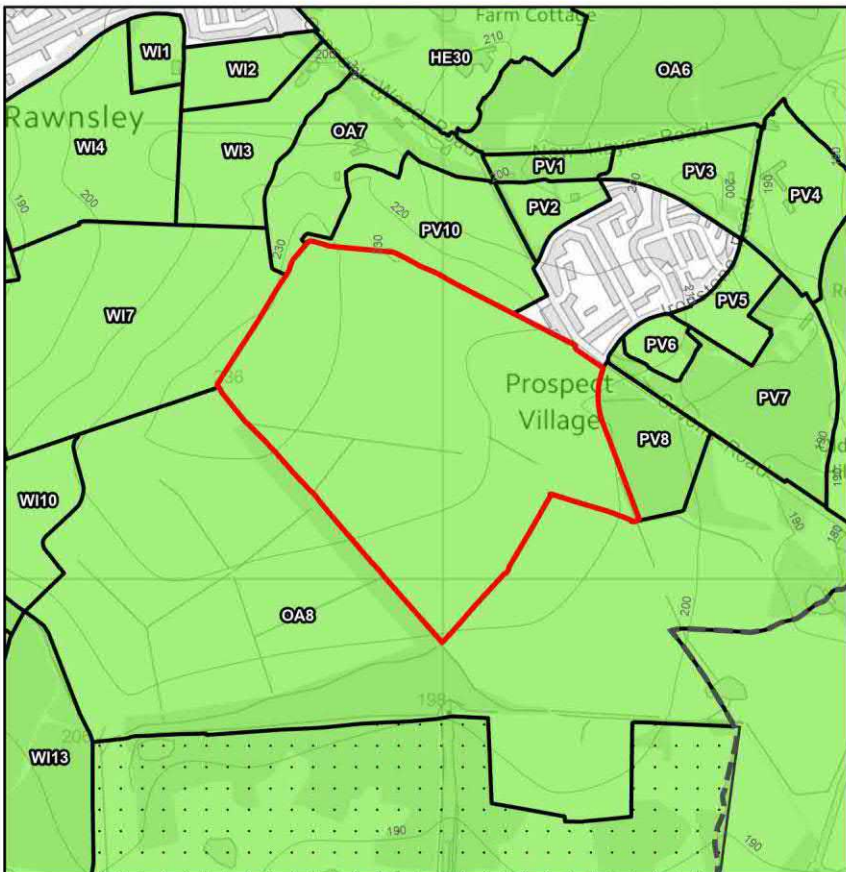
High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within PV8 to the south and west. This would create stronger Green Belt boundaries that would help to retain strong boundary distinction for land to the south and reduce any perceived narrowing of the gap between Cannock and Burntwood. 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 PV9



- PV9
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Ancient woodland



PV9

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 44.45ha

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

Land is open, comprising of agricultural fields and separating hedgerows.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Sevens Road and the garden hedgerow boundary to the north is a moderate boundary feature creating separation from Prospect Village. The sloping landform provides some distinction from the inset area. In addition, the open fields in this parcel extend a significant distance from the settlement without any strong boundary features. The area is not contained by urban development and views are dominated by open countryside. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

PV9

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

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

PV9

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of PV9 as an expansion of Prospect Village:

Rating: Minor

The release of PV9 would weaken the boundary distinction of land within the outer area to the south, and would weaken the strong boundary distinction of land within PV8 from the settlement.

The adjoining land within PV10 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

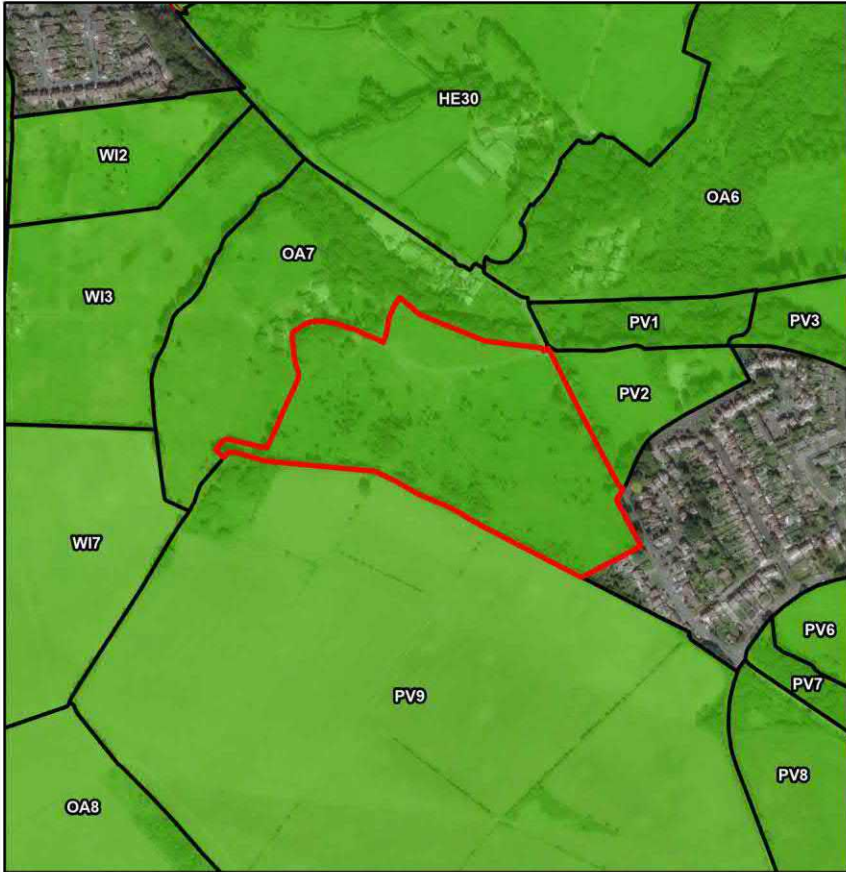
Overall harm of Green Belt release






- Parcel PV9 has very strong distinction from the urban area, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside and a relatively strong 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 Prospect Village would be high.

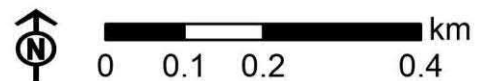
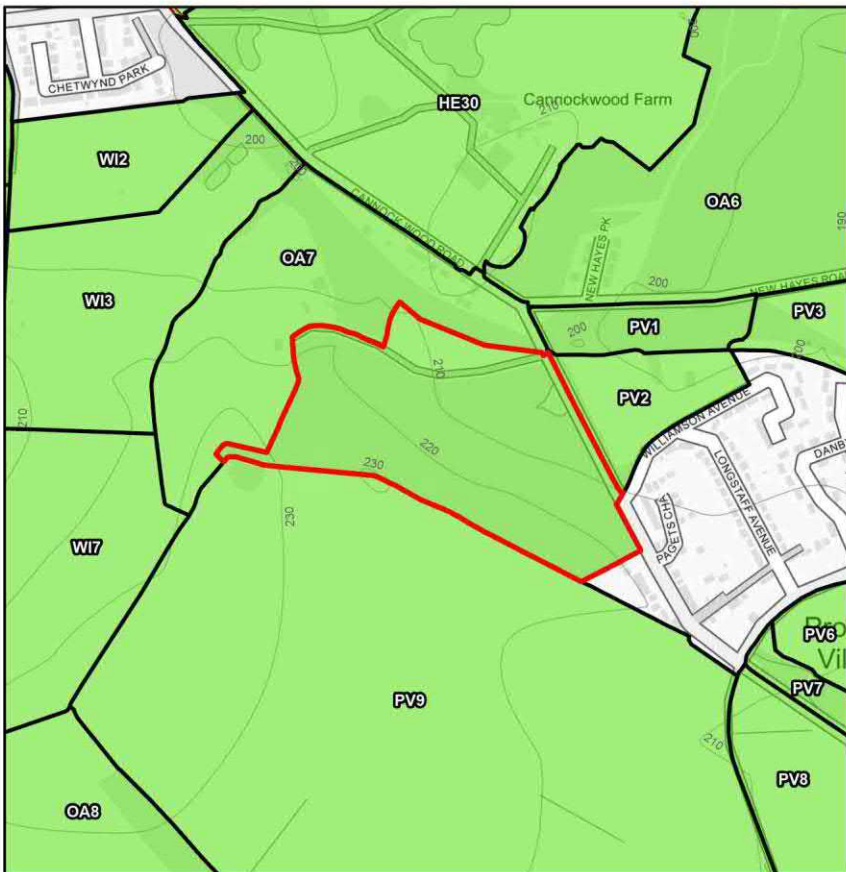
High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within PV9, particularly along its boundaries to the south and east. This would form strong Green Belt boundaries and would help reduce the impact on boundary distinction. 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 PV10



-  PV10
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  No openness



PV10

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 9.07ha

The parcel is located on the western edge of Prospect Village. Prospect Village does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of grassland and shrubland.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although the garden hedgerow boundary to the south of the parcel is only a weak boundary feature, creating little separation from Prospect Village, the sloping landform within the parcel provides some distinction from the inset area. The parcel is not contained by urban development and extends a significant distance from the settlement, and views are dominated by open countryside. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

PV10

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Weak/No
Although relatively close to the large built-up area of Cannock, there is strong separation from it. Development here would be associated with Prospect Village. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Relatively strong
Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Cannock and Burntwood, but urbanising development between the two at Prospect Village reduces perceived separation. 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 relatively strong contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:
Contribution: Strong
Land is open countryside and 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.

PV10

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of PV10 as an expansion of Prospect Village:

Rating: Minor

The release of PV10 would weaken the strong distinction provided by landform for the high ground to the west. In reducing separation between Prospect Village and Cannock it would also slightly weaken the gap between the towns of Cannock and Burntwood, although hilltop area and the wooded former railway line would help to retain separation.

The adjoining land within PV2 and PV9 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 PV10 makes a strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and a relatively strong contribution to preventing neighbouring towns merging into one another, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Prospect Village would be moderate-high.

Moderate-High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within PV10, particularly to the west. This would create stronger Green Belt boundaries that would help to reduce the urbanising visual influence of development and reduce any perceived impact on the gap between Cannock and Burntwood, as well as Cannock and Prospect Village. 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).