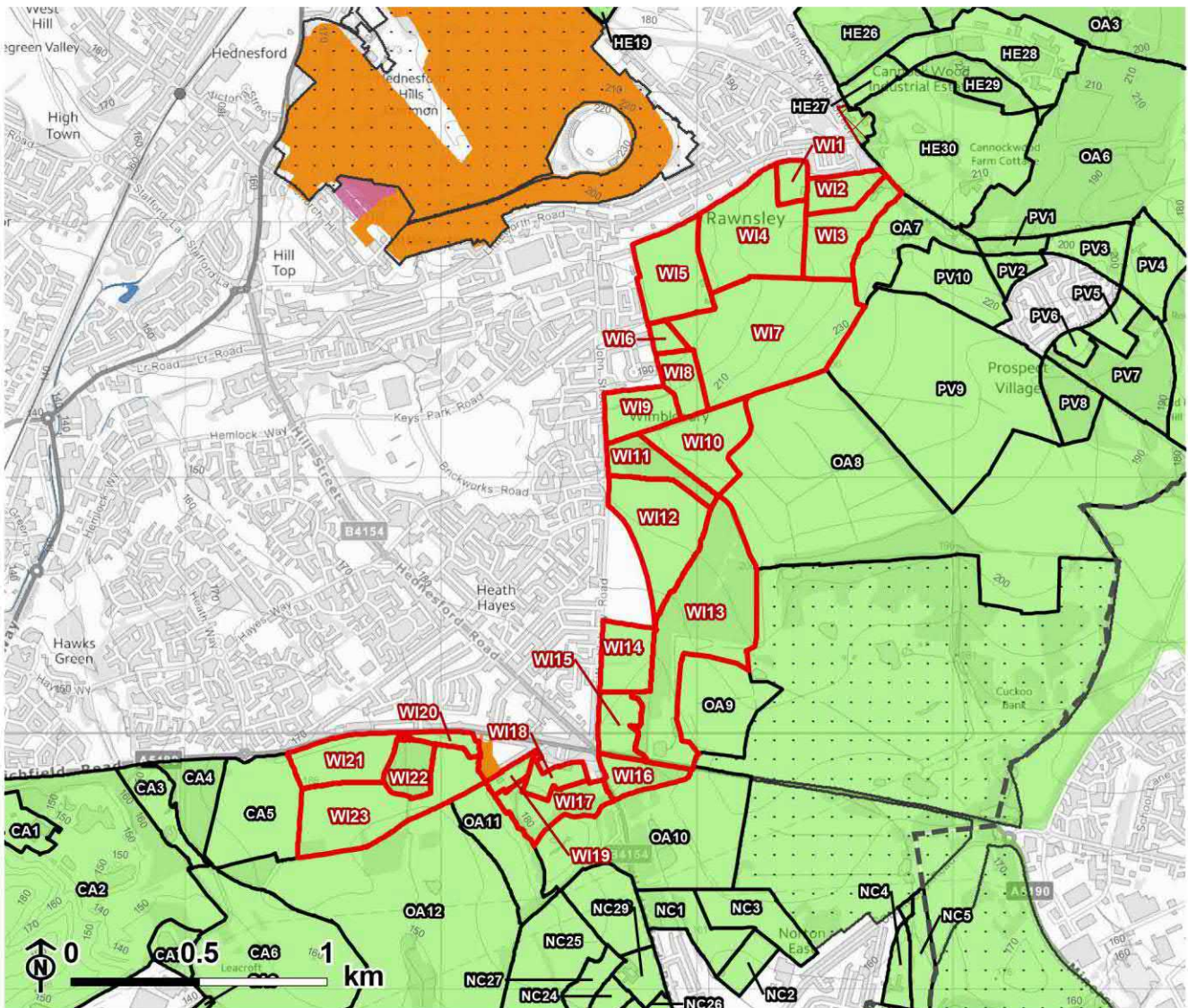


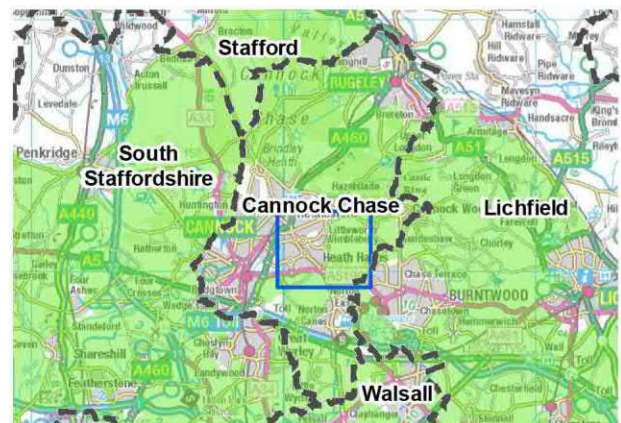
Appendix B

**Detailed Harm
Assessments
Wimbledon and Heath
Hayes**

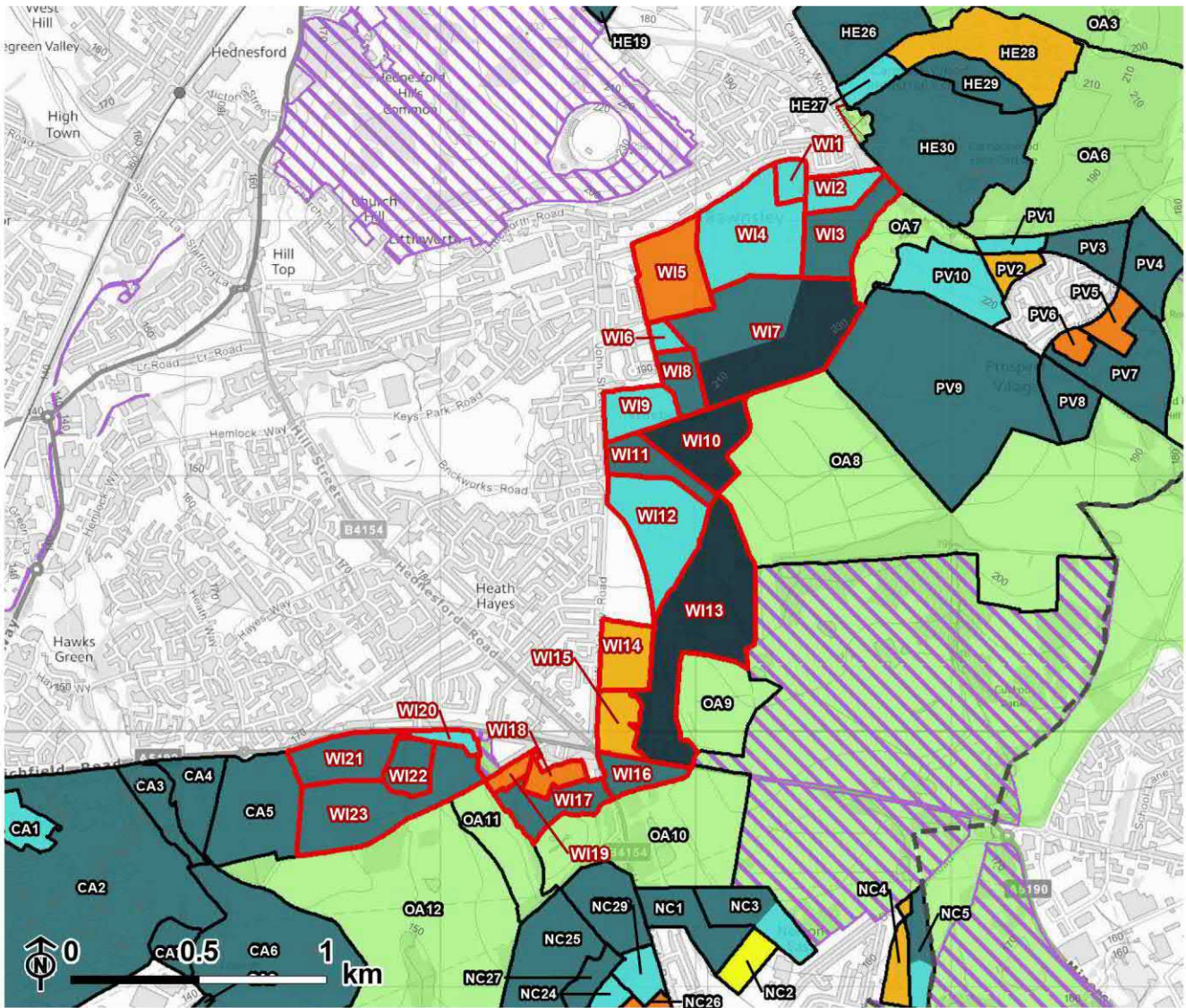
Wimblebury and Heath Hayes



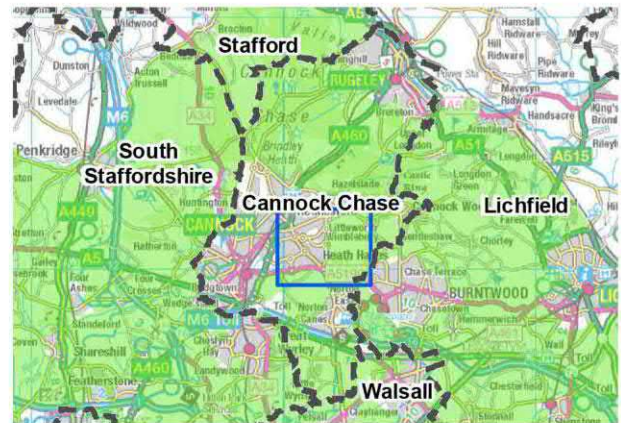
- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- Wimblebury and Heath Hayes parcel
- Neighbouring parcel
- No openness
- Absolute constraints**
- Ancient woodland
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- CRoW registered common land
- Cemetery
- Flood zone 3



Wimblebury and Heath Hayes



- Local Authority boundary
 - Green Belt
 - Red outline Wimblebury and Heath Hayes parcel
 - Black outline Neighbouring parcel
 - White with red border No openness
 - Purple hatched Absolute constraint(s)
- Harm rating**
- Very High (Dark Blue)
 - High (Medium Blue)
 - Moderate-High (Light Blue)
 - Moderate (Orange)
 - Low-Moderate (Light Orange)
 - Low (Yellow)
 - No/Very Low (Light Yellow)



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

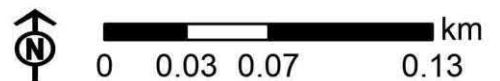
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Harm of release of land in W11



-  W11
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



WI1

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 1.9ha

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

The parcel comprises a cricket ground and associated clubhouse. This is 'appropriate development' within the Green Belt and therefore does not impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views, and although the tree line to the north is a moderate boundary feature creating separation from Wimblebury and Heath Hayes, the parcel is in close proximity to the settlement and has some limited containment by urban development. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI1

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Relatively strong
Land 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: Moderate
Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Wimblebury 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 and although it has a recreational use this does not significantly weaken the extent to which it can be considered 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.

WI1

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI1 as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes:

Rating: Minor

The release of WI1 would not have an impact on the distinction of land within WI4 to the south, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes, but it would increase urbanising containment of land in WI2.

Overall harm of Green Belt release






- Parcel WI1 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 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 Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be moderate-high.

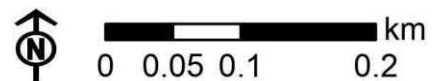
Moderate-High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within WI1, including to the east. This would form a strong Green Belt boundary and would help reduce the impact of urbanising containment. 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 WI2



-  W12
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  No openness



WI2

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 3.53ha

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

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

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views and the garden hedgerow boundary to the north is only a weak boundary feature, creating little separation from Wimblebury and Heath Hayes. The parcel is in close proximity to the inset area but is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI2

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Relatively strong
Land 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: Moderate
Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Wimblebury 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.

WI2

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI2 as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of WI2 would weaken the boundary separation between the inset settlement and land to the south in parcel WI3.

The release would have a negligible impact on land in HE30 to the east, which is separated from WI2 by a strong boundary formed by a tree cover along a former railway line.

The adjoining land within WI1 and WI4 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 WI2 makes a relatively strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock, 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 Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be moderate-high.

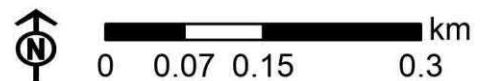
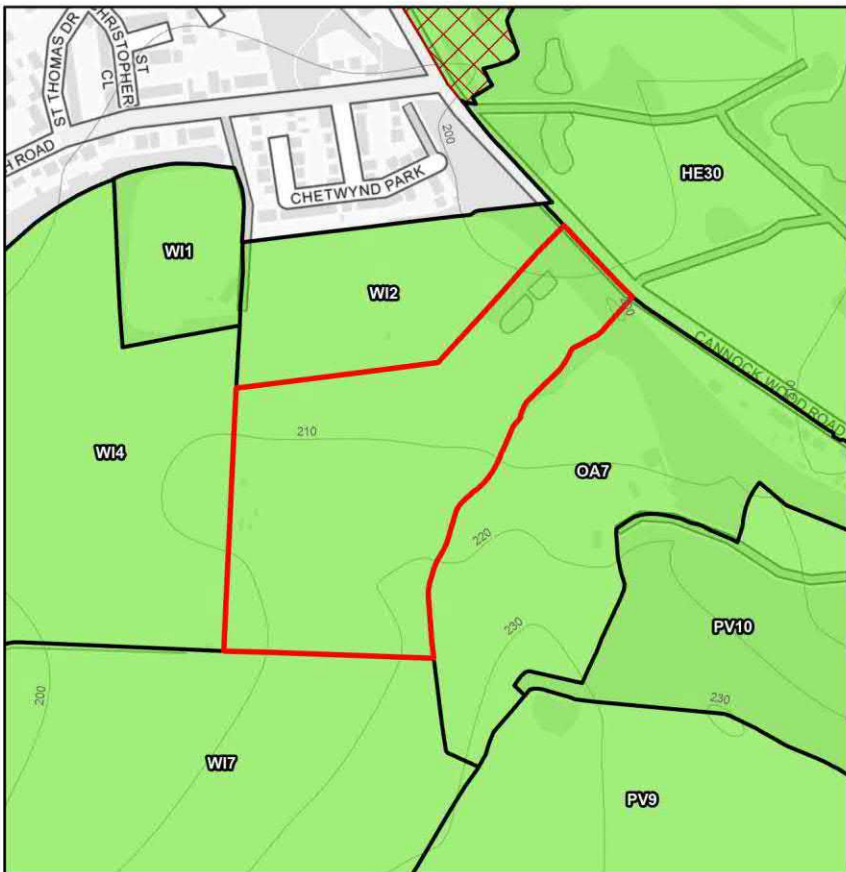
Moderate-High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within WI2, particularly to the south. This would form strong Green Belt boundaries 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 WI3



-  WI3
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  No openness



WI3

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 7.42ha

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

Land is open, comprising of paddock fields and several agricultural buildings located in the west 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 hedgerow boundaries to the north of the parcel form a moderate boundary feature creating separation from Wimblebury and Heath Hayes. The parcel is not contained by urban development, and neither the countryside nor the urban area dominate views. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI3

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Relatively strong
Land 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: Moderate
Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Wimblebury 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.

WI3

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI3 as an expansion of Cannock:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of WI3 would weaken boundary separation for land to the south and east, and would increase urbanising visual influence on the latter.

The release would have a negligible impact on land in HE30 to the east, which is separated from WI3 by a strong boundary formed by a tree cover along a former railway line.

The adjoining land within WI2, WI1, WI4 and WI7 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 WI3 makes a relatively strong 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-moderate. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be high.

High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within WI3, particularly to the south and east. This would form a strong Green Belt boundary and would help reduce the impact of urbanising containment. 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 WI4



-  WI4
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  No openness
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  CRoW registered common land



WI4

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 14.26ha

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

Land is open and is comprised of an agricultural field.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views, the tree line to the north is a moderate boundary feature creating separation from Wimblebury and Heath Hayes and the parcel is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI4

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Relatively strong
Land 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: Moderate
Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Wimblebury 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.

WI4

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI4 as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes:

Rating: Minor

The release of WI4 would increase urbanising containment, increase urbanising visual impact, and weaken the boundary distinction of land within WI3. It would also weaken the boundary separation between WI7 and the settlement.

The adjoining land within WI2, WI1 and WI5 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 WI4 makes a relatively strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock, 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 Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be moderate-high.

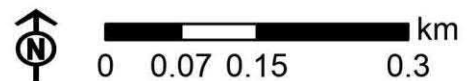
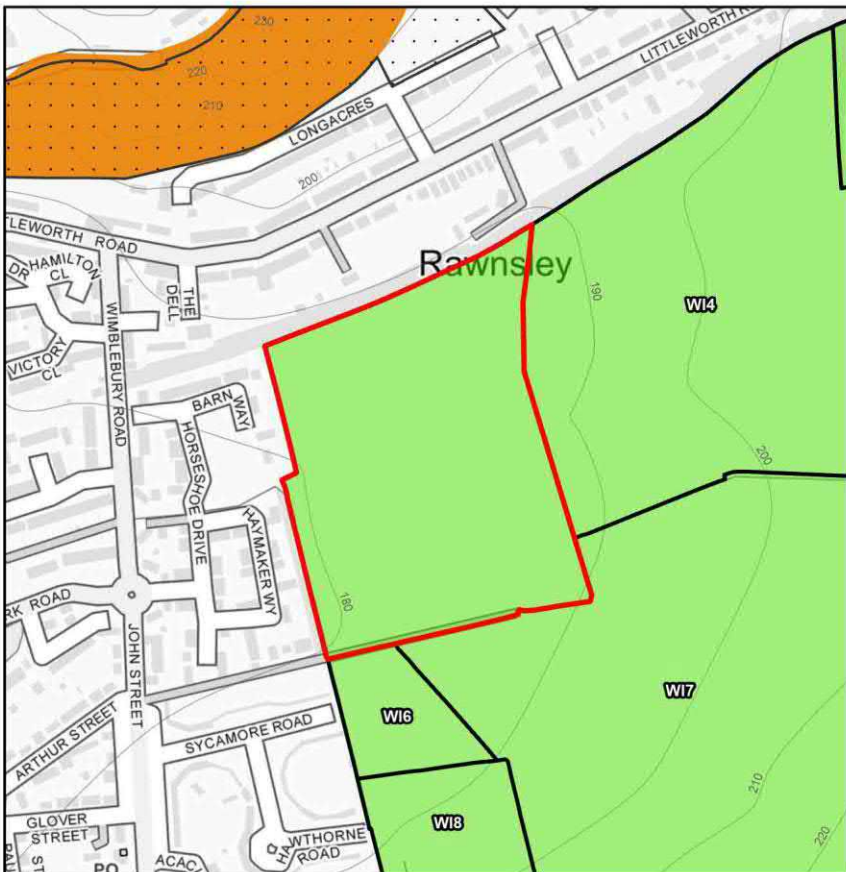
Moderate-High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within WI4, including to the south, east and west. This would form a strong Green Belt boundary and would help reduce the impact of urbanising containment and 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 WI5



-  WI5
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  CRoW registered common land



WI5

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 8.82ha

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

Land is open, and is comprised of agricultural fields and sparse tree cover.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Land has some degree of containment by urban development and the garden hedgerow boundary to the west is only a weak boundary feature, creating little separation from Wimblebury and Heath Hayes. The sloping landform within the parcel provides some distinction from the settlement. Neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI5

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Relatively strong
Land is open and is adjacent to the large built-up area in 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: Moderate
Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Wimblebury 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.

WI5

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI5 as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes:

Rating: Negligible

WI5 has relatively well treed boundaries, so its release would not have an impact on the distinction of land within WI7 to the south east, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes.

The adjoining land within WI4 and WI6 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 WI5 makes a relatively strong 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 negligible. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be moderate.

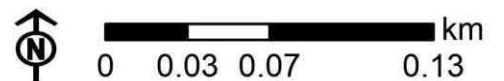
Moderate

- <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 WI6



-  WI6
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



WI6

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 1.31ha

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

Land is open, comprising of shrubland.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views, and although the parcel is not contained by urban development, the hedgerow boundary to the west is only a weak boundary feature, creating little separation from Wimblebury and Heath Hayes. Furthermore, the parcel is in close proximity to the settlement. Therefore, there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI6

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Relatively strong
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 relatively strong contribution to checking the 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 Heath Hayes/Hednesford and Burntwood, but urbanising development between the two at Prospect Village reduces perceived separation. 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 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 but 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 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.

WI6

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI6 as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes:

Rating: Minor

The release would weaken the boundary separation of land in WI7 to the east, and would create some urbanising containment of land in WI8.

There is a more substantial boundary to the north, so there would be negligible impact on WI5.

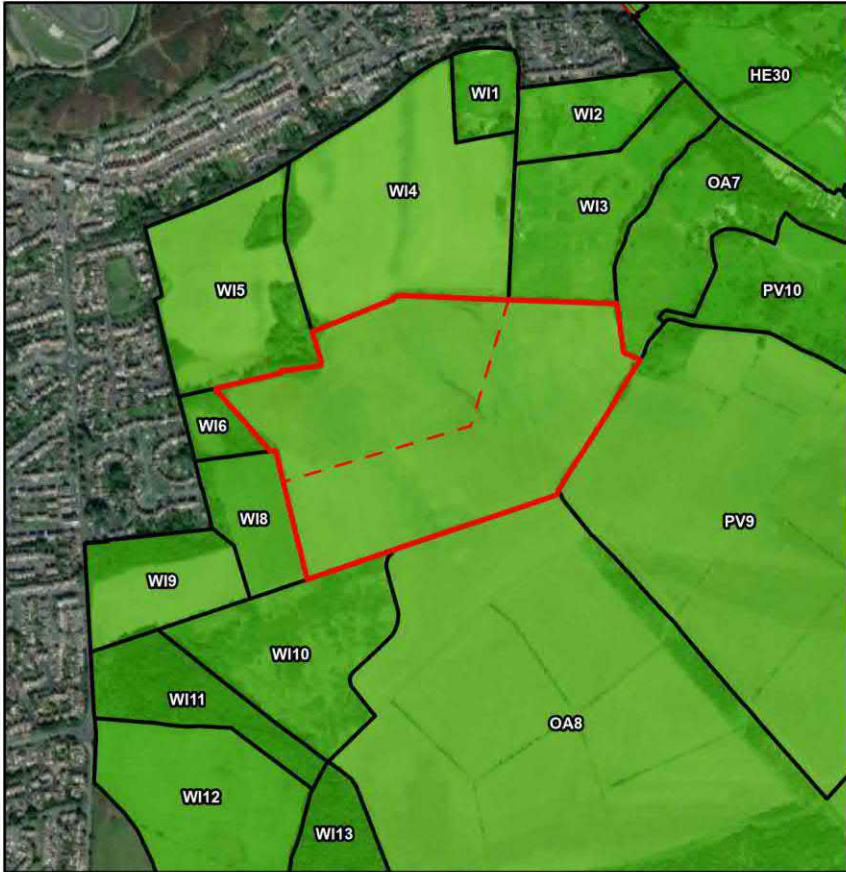
Overall harm of Green Belt release



- Parcel WI6 makes a relatively strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock, 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 Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be moderate-high. Impact on WI7 could be reduced by the creation of a stronger inset edge boundary feature along the eastern edge of WI6, such as by woodland planting. A release which retained the existing tree cover in the southern part of the parcel would also reduce containing impact on WI9. Woodland planting 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).

Moderate-High

- <div>Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within WI6, particularly to the south and southeast to form a strong Green Belt boundary. 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 WI7



-  WI7
-  Harm assessment subdivision
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  No openness
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  CRoW registered common land



WI7

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 24.98ha

The parcel is located east of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes. Wimblebury and Heath Hayes is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and it is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of an agricultural field.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views, the hedgerow and tree line to the west form a moderate boundary feature creating separation from Wimblebury and Heath Hayes, and the parcel is not contained by urban development. In addition, the parcel extends a significant distance from the settlement and the sloping landform within the parcel provides some distinction from the inset area. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI7

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
Land 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: Relatively strong
Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Wimblebury 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.

WI7

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI7 as an expansion of Cannock:

Rating: Moderate

The release of WI7 would decrease the landform distinction and boundary separation of land within the outer area to the south east from the settlement. The release of WI7 would also weaken the settlement gap between Wimblebury and Burntwood.

The adjoining land within WI3, WI4, WI5, WI6, WI8 and WI10 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

- Release of the lower north western slopes of WI7, as an expansion of Cannock:

Rating: Minor

Limiting the release to lower ground in the north western part of the parcel would ensure that the inset development in this area was still contained by from the wider Green Belt by high ground. This would also diminish perceived loss of settlement separation.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel WI7 makes a strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock, a 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 the release of the parcel as a whole on the adjacent Green Belt would be moderate. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be very high.

Very High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within WI7, including to the south and east. This would form a strong Green Belt boundary and would help reduce the impact on the perceived separation between Wimblebury and Burntwood. This would also help enhance the planned coalfield farmlands landscape character, in accordance with landscape strategies set out in the

WI7

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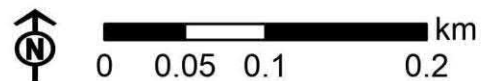
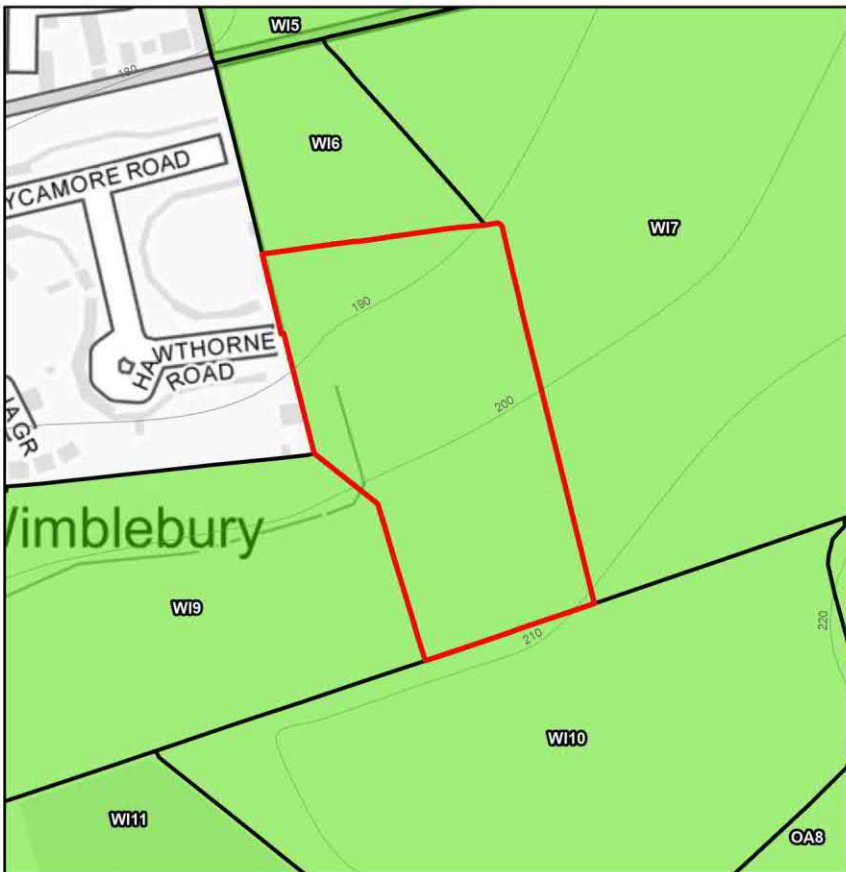
- The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of limiting the release to the north western slopes of the parcel would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be high.

High

Harm of release of land in WI8



-  W18
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



WI8

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 3.39ha

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

Land is open, comprising of an agricultural field.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is in close proximity to Wimblebury and Heath Hayes. However, the parcel is not contained by urban development and the hedgerow boundary to the west forms a moderate boundary feature creating separation from Wimblebury. Neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI8

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Relatively strong
Land 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: Moderate
Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Wimblebury 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.

WI8

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI8 as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release of WI8 would weaken the boundary distinction of land within WI7 from the settlement. It would also weaken the boundary separation of land within WI10, introducing greater visual urbanising influence.

The adjoining land within WI6 and WI9 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 WI8 makes a relatively strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock, 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-moderate. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be high.

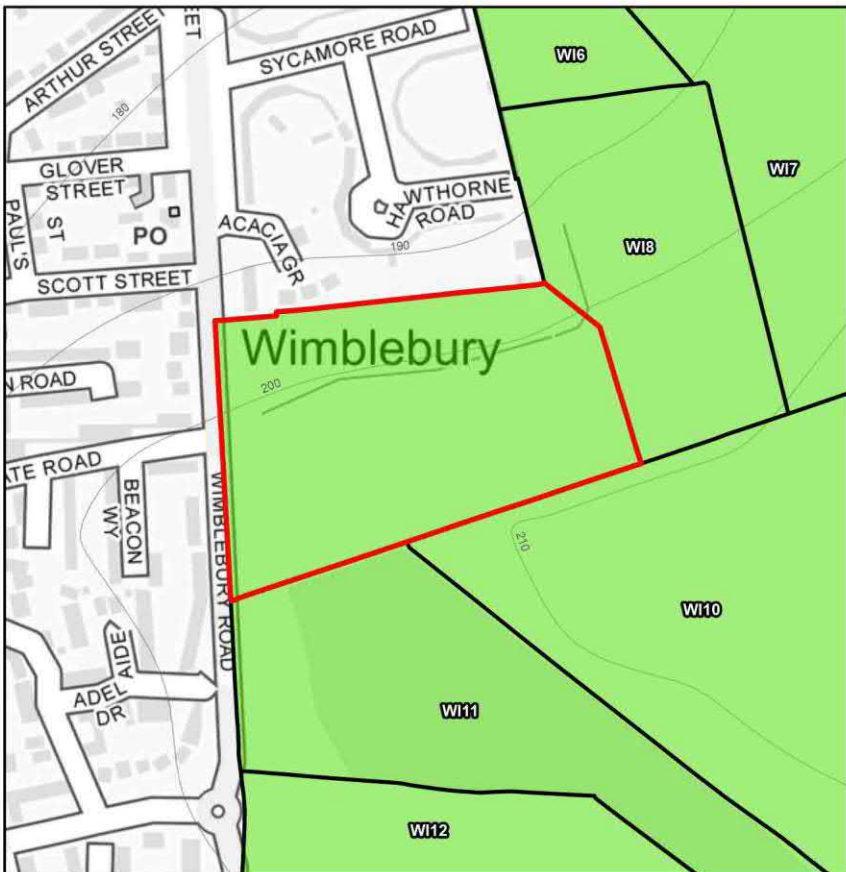
High

- <div>Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within WI8, particularly to the south and east to form a strong Green Belt boundary. 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 W19



-  W19
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



WI9

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 4.73ha

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

Land is open, and is comprised of an agricultural field and some tree cover in the north of the parcel.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is in close proximity to Wimblebury and Heath Hayes. Wimblebury Road to the west is only a weak boundary feature, creating little separation from the inset area. However, the parcel has only some degree of containment by urban development and neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI9

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Moderate
Land 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 moderate contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.
- Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Relatively weak
Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Wimblebury 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
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 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.

WI9

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI9 as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release of WI9 would weaken the boundary distinction of land within WI8 and WI10 from the settlement, and would also increase urbanising visual impact on the latter. It would increase urbanising containment of land in WI11.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel WI9 makes a moderate contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock, a moderate contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and a relatively weak contribution to preventing neighbouring towns merging into one another, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor-moderate. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be moderate-high.

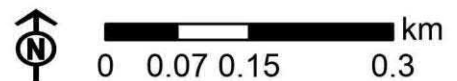
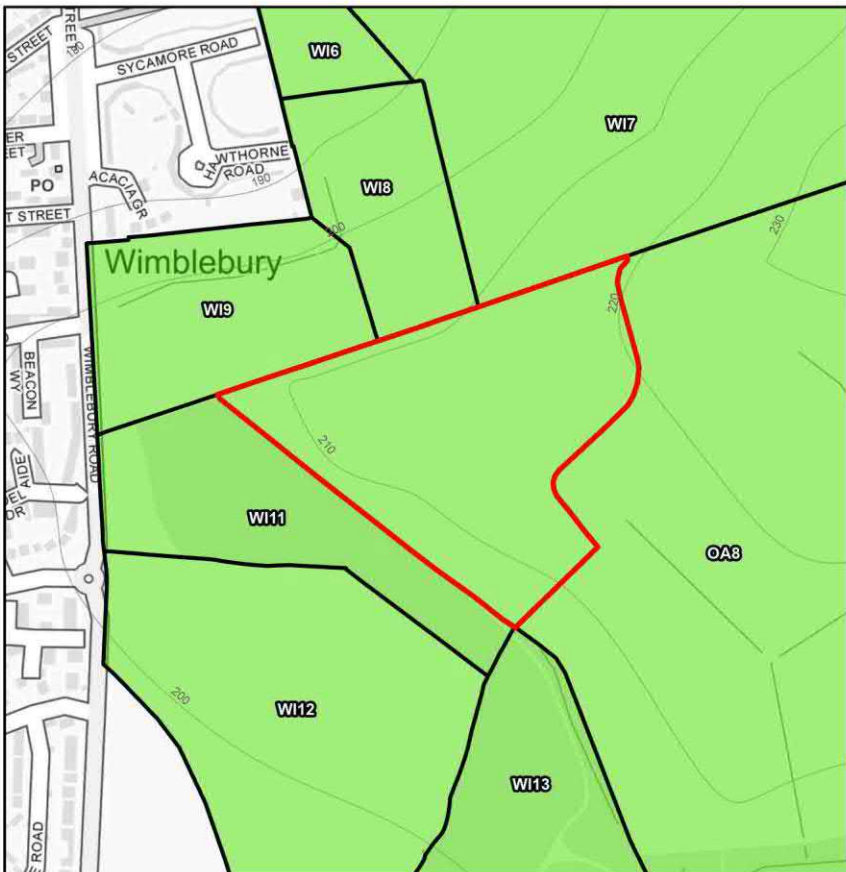
Moderate-High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within WI9, particularly to the south and east to form a strong Green Belt boundary. 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 WI10



-  WI10
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



WI10

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 8.5ha

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

Land is open, and is comprised of vacant shrubland.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel extends a significant distance from Wimblebury and Heath Hayes. Land is not contained by urban development, but intervening boundary features create only moderate separation from the settlement. The undulating landform and shrubland land cover provide some limited distinction from Wimblebury, and tree cover limits visibility of the urban area, so the countryside dominates views. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI10

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
Land 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: Relatively strong
Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Wimblebury 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.

WI10

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI10 as an expansion of Cannock:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of WI10 would increase urbanising containment of land in WI11, leaving the woodland as a narrow area of land playing a reduced role as an urban edge boundary feature. The release would also encroach on the lower slopes of the hill to the east, which forms a distinct feature helping to contain the urban influence of Cannock.

The adjoining land within WI7, WI8 and WI9 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 WI10 makes a strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock and 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-moderate. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be very high.

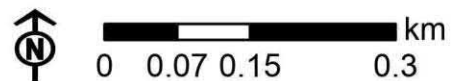
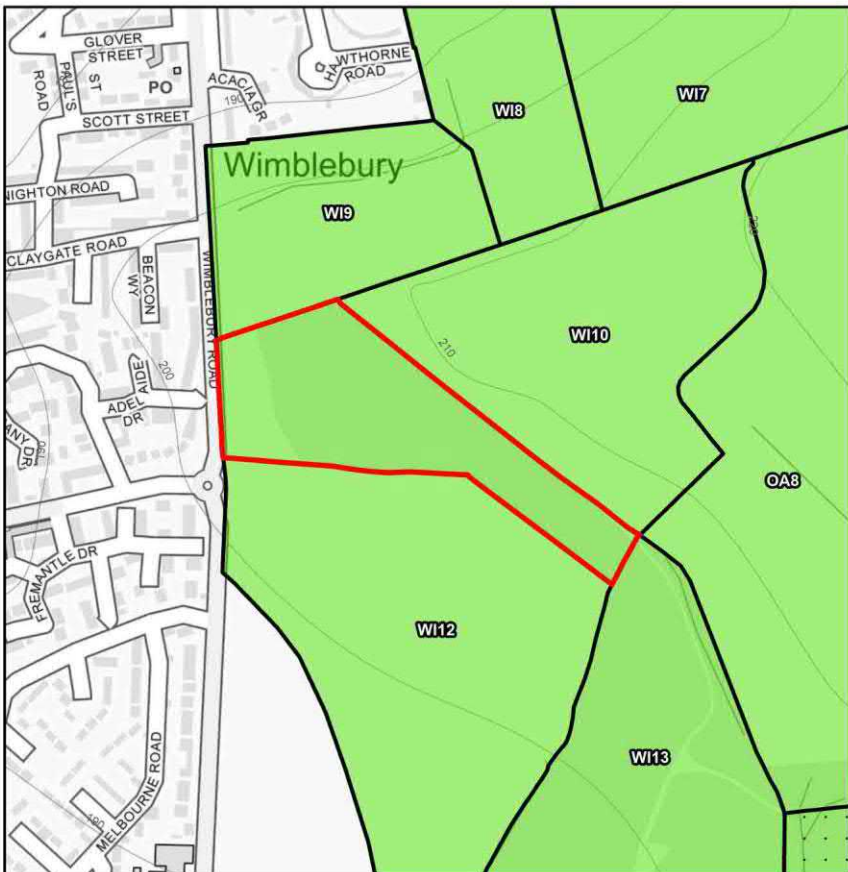
Very High

- <div>Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within WI10, particularly to the south and east. This would form a strong Green Belt boundary and would help to reduce the impact of urbanising containment. 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 WI11



-  WI11
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest



WI11

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 4.6ha

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

Land is open and is dominated by tree cover.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Tree cover within the parcel is very prominent, making it significantly different from Wimblebury and Heath Hayes, and forming a strong boundary feature that creates separation from the settlement. The parcel is not contained by urban development and extends a reasonable distance from the inset area, with views that are dominated by open countryside. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI11

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
Land 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: Relatively strong
Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Heath Hayes and Burntwood, but there are some significant separating features, including Cuckoo Bank and Chasewater and the Southern Staffordshire Coalfield Heaths SSSI. 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.

WI11

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI11 as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes:

Rating: Negligible

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

The adjoining land within WI9, WI10, WI12 and WI13 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 WI11 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock and 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 negligible. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes 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 WI12



- WI12
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- Site of Special Scientific Interest



WI12

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 11.83ha

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

Land is open, and is comprised of agricultural fields.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

There is no defined boundary to separate the parcel from inset but as yet undeveloped land to the east of Wimblebury Road. Views are dominated by the urban area, but the parcel is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI12

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Relatively strong
Land 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: Moderate
Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Heath Hayes and Burntwood, but there are some significant separating features, including Cuckoo Bank and Chasewater and the Southern Staffordshire Coalfield Heaths SSSI. 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.

WI12

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI12 as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of WI12 would increase urbanising containment of land in WI11 and would diminish its role as an inset edge boundary. The release would not have an impact on the distinction of woodland within WI13 to the south and east of WI12, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes.

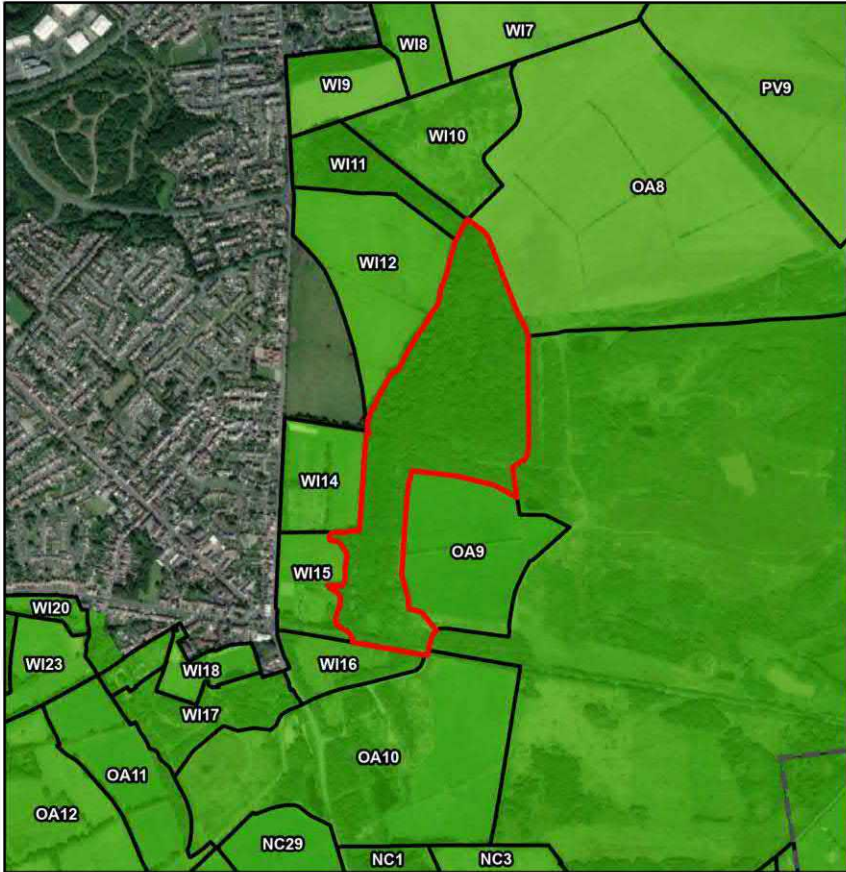
Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel WI12 makes a relatively strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock, 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 Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be moderate-high.

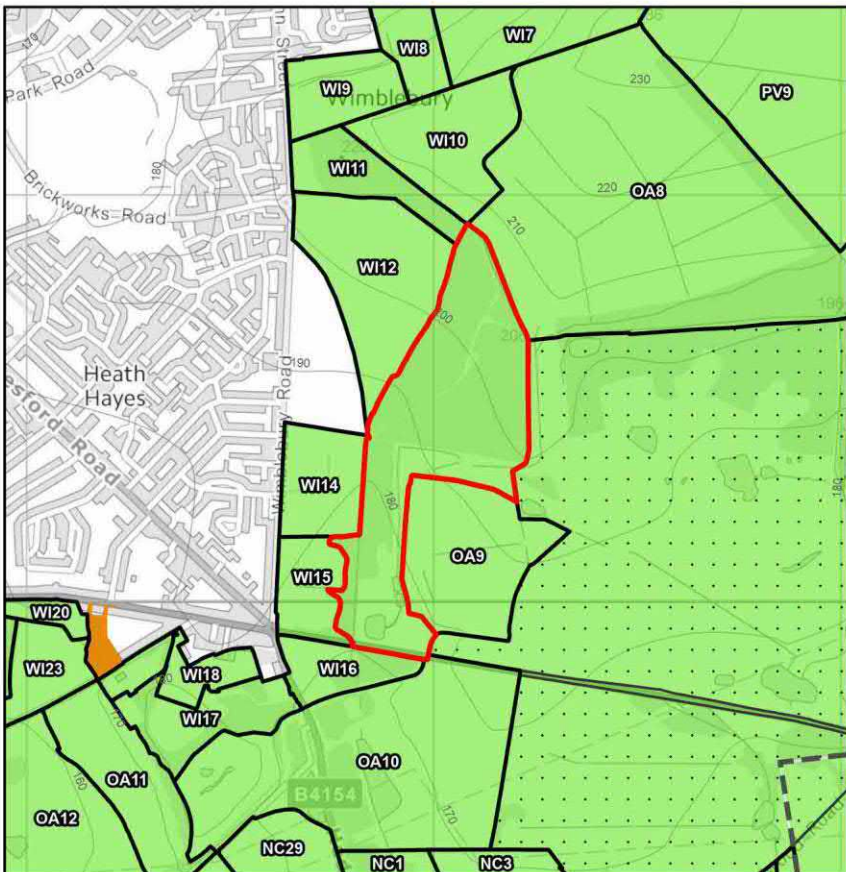
Moderate-High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within WI12, particularly to the northeast. This would form a strong Green Belt boundary and would help to reduce the impact of urbanising containment. 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 WI13



-  WI13
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest
-  CRoW registered common land



WI13

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 23.31ha

The parcel is located south east of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes. Wimblebury and Heath Hayes is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and it is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of woodland and scrub.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Tree cover is very prominent within the parcel, making it significantly different from the settlement, and forming a strong boundary feature, which creates separation from Wimblebury and Heath Hayes. The parcel extends a significant distance from the settlement, 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.

WI13

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
Land is open and is close 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: Relatively strong
Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Heath Hayes and Burntwood, but there are some significant separating features, including Cuckoo Bank and Chasewater and the Southern Staffordshire Coalfield Heaths SSSI. 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 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.

WI13

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI13 as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes:

Rating: Minor

Release of this wooded high ground parcel would slightly weaken separation between the towns of Cannock and Burntwood.

The adjoining land within WI11, WI12, WI14, WI15 and WI16 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 WI13 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement edge, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock and 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 Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be very high.

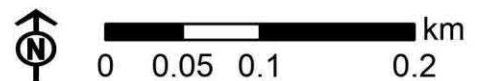
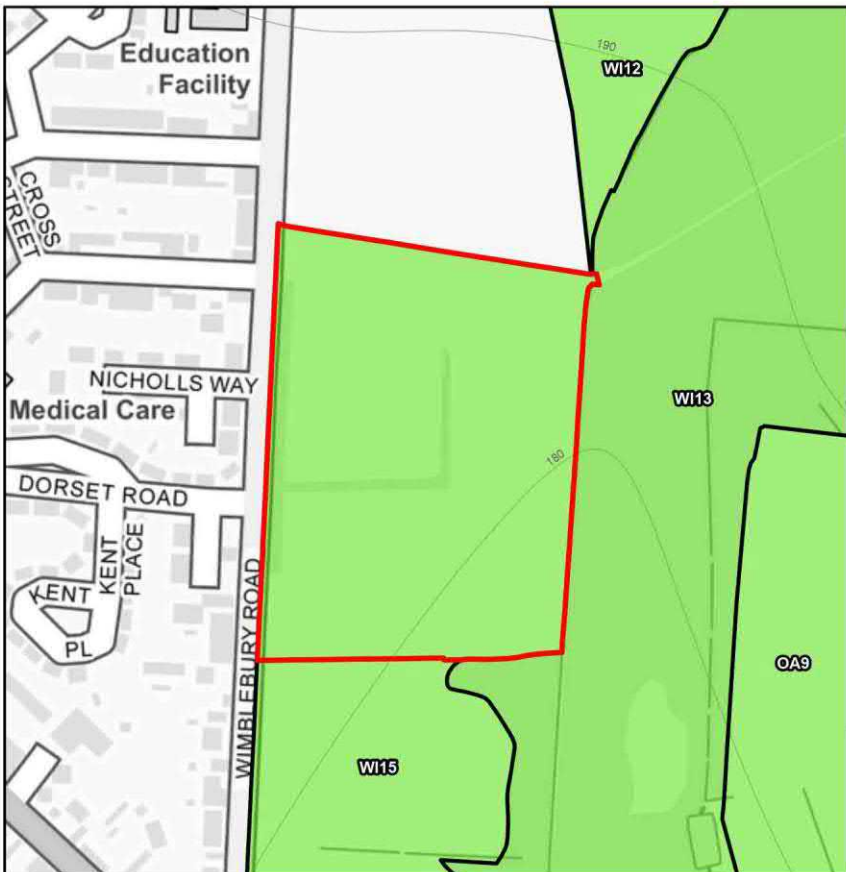
Very High

- <div>Harm could potentially be reduced by the enhancement of woodland vegetation within WI13, particularly to the east. This would form a strong Green Belt boundary and would help to reduce the impact of urbanising containment. 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 WI14



-  WI14
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



WI14

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 5.29ha

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

Land is open, comprising of recreational playing fields and allotments. However, these are 'appropriate development' within the Green Belt and therefore do not impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel has some containment by the inset but as yet undeveloped area to the north. However, although neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views, the tree line to the west is a moderate boundary feature creating separation from the settlement. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI14

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Relatively strong
Land 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: Moderate
Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Heath Hayes and Burntwood, but there are some significant separating features, including Cuckoo Bank and Chasewater and the Southern Staffordshire Coalfield Heaths SSSI. 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: Moderate
Land is open and is characterised by uses which are associated with the urban area and diminish the extent to which it is perceived as countryside, including allotments and recreational playing fields. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns:
Contribution: Weak/No
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:
Contribution: Equal
All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.

WI14

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI14 as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes:

Rating: Negligible

The release would not have an impact on the distinction of land within WI13 to the east of WI14, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes.

The adjoining land within WI15 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 WI14 makes a relatively strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock and it makes a moderate contribution to preventing neighbouring towns merging into one another and 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 Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be low-moderate.

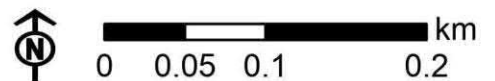
Low-Moderate

- <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 WI15



-  WI15
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



WI15

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 3.95ha

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

Land is open, comprising of an agricultural field and a playing area. However, these are 'appropriate development' within the Green Belt and therefore do not impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel has some degree of containment from the inset but as yet undeveloped area to the north of WI14 and is dominated by views of the urban area. The hedgerow boundary to the west is only a weak boundary feature, creating little separation from the settlement. Therefore, there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI15

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Moderate
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: Relatively weak
Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Heath Hayes and Burntwood, but there are some significant separating features, including Cuckoo Bank and Chasewater and the Southern Staffordshire Coalfield Heaths SSSI. 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 relatively weak contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:
Contribution: Relatively weak
Land is open and is characterised by 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.

WI15

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI15 as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes:

Rating: Minor

The release would not have an impact on the distinction of land within WI13 to the east, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes.

The release and development of WI15 would increase urbanising containment of land in WI14 and Wi16.

Overall harm of Green Belt release






- Parcel WI15 makes a moderate 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 and 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 Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be low-moderate.

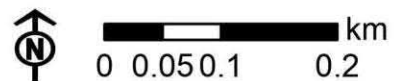
Low-Moderate

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of woodland belts and/or small woodlands to the south and north of WI15, to form stronger Green Belt boundaries and to form a buffer to help reduce the impact of urbanising containment. 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 WI16



-  WI16
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest



WI16

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 3.61ha

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

Land is open, comprising of vacant grassland and shrubland.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The tree line and Norton Road to the west of the parcel are a moderate boundary feature creating separation from Wimblebury and Heath Hayes. The field is lower than the urban area, which combined with the well-hedged boundaries means that the countryside dominates views. The parcel is not contained by urban development. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI16

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
Land 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: Strong
Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Heath Hayes and Burntwood, but urbanising development between the two reduces perceived separation and increases the fragility of the gap. 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 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.

WI16

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI16 as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes:

Rating: Negligible

The release would not have an impact on the distinction of land within WI12 to the north, or WI17 to the west of WI16, or the relevance of this land to Green Belt purposes, but it would weaken boundary separation for land to the south. There would not be sufficient loss of separation between towns to significantly affect the fragility of the gaps between Cannock and Burntwood, and between Cannock and Brownhills.

The adjoining land within WI15 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 WI16 makes a strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock, preventing neighbouring towns merging into one another, and 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 Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be high.

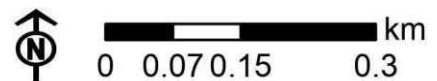
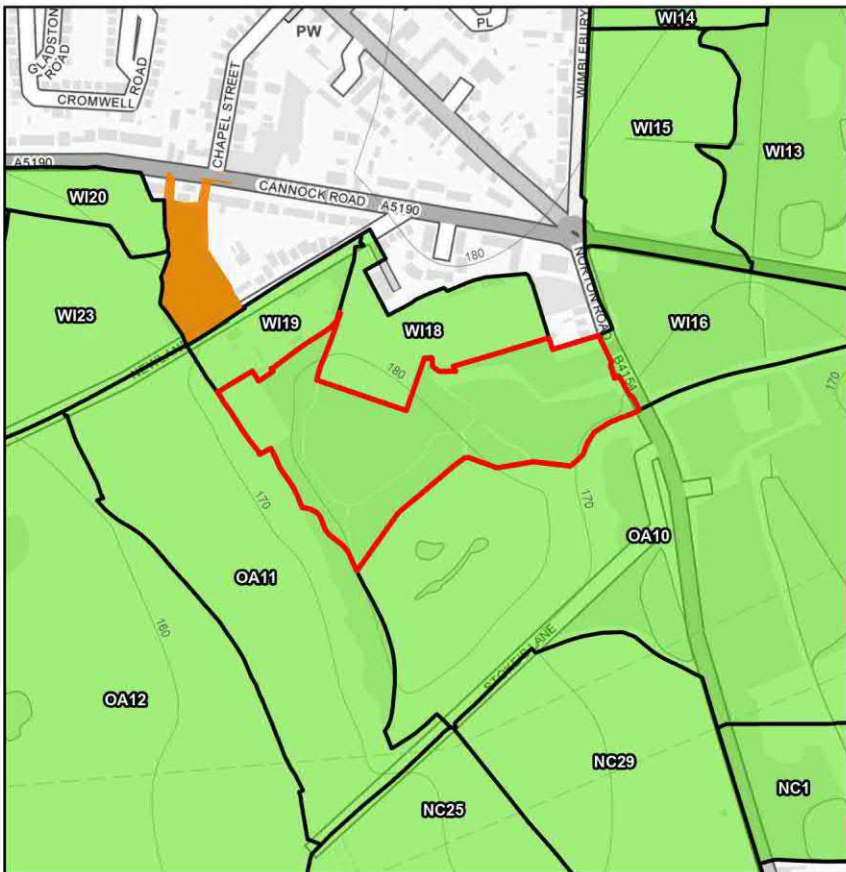
High

- <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 WI17



-  WI17
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  CRoW registered common land



WI17

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 5.59ha

The parcel is located south of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes. Wimblebury and Heath Hayes is part of the large built-up area of Cannock and it is a town. It does not, in terms of the role of Green Belt, constitute a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of vacant shrubland and tree cover.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Trees and hedgerows form a moderate boundary feature creating separation from the inset area, and the scrub vegetation and undulating landform within the parcel create additional distinction from Wimblebury and Heath Hayes. The parcel is not contained by urban development and views are dominated by open countryside. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI17

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
Land 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: Strong
Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Heath Hayes and Burntwood, but urbanising development between the two at Norton Canes 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 strong 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 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.

WI17

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI17 as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes:

Rating: Minor

Release and development of WI17 would weaken boundary separation for land to the south.

The adjoining land within WI16 to the east, WI18 to the north, and WI19 to the west of WI17 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 WI17 makes a strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock, to preventing encroachment on the countryside and 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 Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be high.

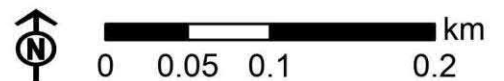
High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within WI17 to the south to form strong Green Belt boundaries. 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 WI18



-  WI18
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  CRow registered common land



WI18

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 2.34ha

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

Land is open, comprising of recreational playing fields.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

There is no boundary feature to create separation from the inset area.

Furthermore, the parcel has some degree of containment by urban development, is in close proximity to the settlement and is dominated by views of the urban area. Therefore, there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI18

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Moderate
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: Moderate
Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Heath Hayes and Burntwood, but urbanising development between the two at Norton Canes reduces perceived separation. Although the settlement gap is fragile, 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 moderate contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:
Contribution: Relatively weak
Land is open and is characterised by uses which are associated with the urban area and diminish the extent to which it is perceived as countryside, including recreational playing fields. 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.

WI18

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI18 as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of WI18 would mean that the scrubland in WI17 would all lie in close proximity to the inset edge, with some increased urbanising visual impact.

The adjoining land within WI19 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 WI18 makes a moderate contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock and to preventing neighbouring towns merging into one another and 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 Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be moderate.

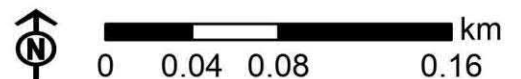
Moderate

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within WI18 to the south to form strong Green Belt boundaries and help reduce the urbanising visual influence of development. These measures 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 WI19



-  WI19
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  CRoW registered common land



WI19

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 1.33ha

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

Land is open, comprising of vacant land, private allotments and a dwelling. However, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The tree cover and shrubbery in the east of the parcel provides some distinction from the inset area. The hedgerow boundary to the north is mature, but has been breached by development and therefore provides little separation from Wimblebury and Heath Hayes. Furthermore, the parcel is in close proximity to the settlement and has some degree of containment by urban development. Therefore, there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI19

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Moderate
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: Relatively weak
Land is open and lies in a wide gap between Heath Hayes and Burntwood, but urbanising development between the two at Norton Canes reduces perceived separation. 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 relatively weak contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:
Contribution: Moderate
Land is open countryside but 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.

WI19

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI19 as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of WI19 would increase urbanising visual impact on the scrubland in WI17.

The adjoining land within WI18 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 WI19 makes a moderate contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock and preventing encroachment on the countryside, 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 Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be moderate.

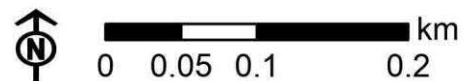
Moderate

- <div>Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within WI19 to the south. 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 WI20



-  WI20
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt
-  CRoW registered common land



WI20

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 1.47ha

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

Land is open, comprising of a paddock field.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The A5190 Cannock Road is a moderate boundary feature creating separation from Wimblebury and Heath Hayes, and although there is some inset development to the east, the presence of constrained, largely wooded common land limits any sense of urbanising containment. The parcel lies in close proximity to the settlement, but some views of the urban area are obscured by trees at the inset edge. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI20

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Relatively strong
Land 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
Land is open and there is a wide gap between Cannock and Burntwood. Urbanising development reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Chasewater and undulating land. 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
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.

WI20

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI20 as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes:

Rating: Minor

The release, crossing the A5190, would weaken the boundary separation of land within WI23 to the south, although the role of the main road as a consistent boundary is already weakened by the presence of adjacent inset development to the east of WI20. It would have negligible impact on the woodland that forms parcel WI22.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel WI20 makes a relatively strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock and 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 Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be moderate-high.

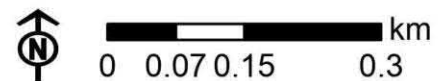
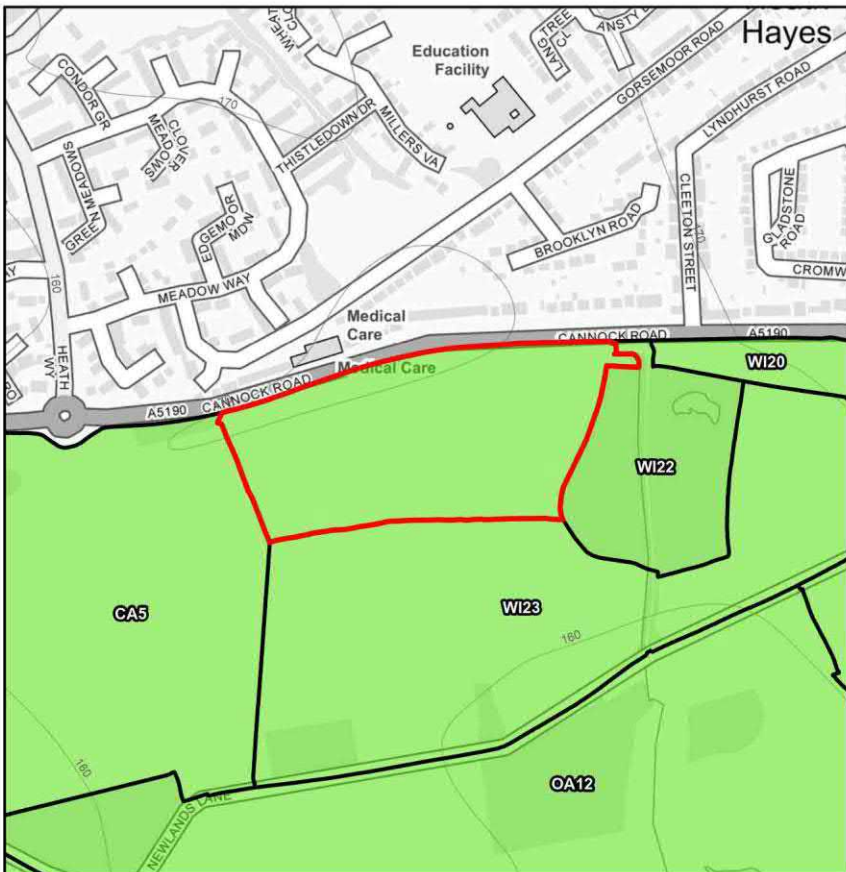
Moderate-High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the enhancement of existing woodland vegetation that forms the boundaries of WI20, particularly to the south, to form strong Green Belt boundaries. These measures 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 WI21



-  WI21
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



WI21

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 6.8ha

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

Land is open, comprising of an agricultural field.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The A5190 Cannock Road is a moderate boundary feature creating separation from the settlement and neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views. Therefore, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI21

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Relatively strong
Land 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
Land is open and there is a wide gap between Cannock and Burntwood. Urbanising development reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Chasewater and undulating land. 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
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.

WI21

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI21 as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of WI21 would increase urbanising containment of the woodland in WI22, diminishing its role as a boundary feature. It would weaken the boundary distinction of land within WI23, leaving the fields that form this parcel more vulnerable to further encroachment. It would also weaken the Green Belt boundary of land to the west in CA5, creating a degree of urbanising containment.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel WI21 makes a relatively strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock, a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and a relatively weak contribution to preventing neighbouring towns merging into one another, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor-moderate. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be high.

High

- Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within WI21, to the south and west. 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 WI22



-  WI22
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Green Belt



WI22

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 3.62ha

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

Land is open and is dominated by tree cover. There is a Sewage Pumping Station (Severn Trent Water) but this scale of development does not impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Tree cover is very prominent, making it significantly different from Wimblebury and Heath Hayes and forming a strong boundary feature which creates separation from the settlement. In addition, the parcel is not contained by urban development and is dominated by views of open countryside. Therefore, there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

WI22

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
Land 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
Land is open and there is a wide gap between Cannock and Burntwood. Urbanising development reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Chasewater and undulating land. 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.

WI22

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI22 as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes:

Rating: Negligible

There is no adjacent land that makes a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes.

The adjoining land within WI20, WI23 and WI21 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 WI22 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement edge, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock and to preventing encroachment on the countryside. It also makes a moderate contribution to preventing neighbouring towns merging into one another. The additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be negligible, so the harm of its release would be high. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be High.

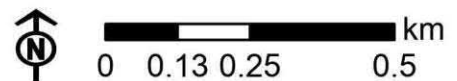
High

- <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 WI23



- WI23
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority boundary
- Green Belt
- CRoW registered common land



WI23

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 14.2ha

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

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

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The hedgerows/tree lines and Cannock Road to the north combine to form strong boundary separation from the settlement. Furthermore, the parcel is not contained by urban development, and there is sufficient visual separation for the countryside to dominate views. Therefore, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

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Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
Contribution: Strong
Land 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
Land is open and there is a wide gap between Cannock and Burntwood. Urbanising development reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Chasewater and undulating land. 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 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.

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Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of WI23 as an expansion of Cannock:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of WI23 would increase urbanising containment of woodland in WI22, diminishing its role as a boundary feature. It would also leave narrow fields to form the Green Belt fringe to the south of Newlands Lane, adjacent to the western end of the parcel, although Newlands Lane and its well-treed hedgerows would mean that there would be no significant loss of boundary strength.

The adjoining land within WI20, WI21 and CA5 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 WI23 makes a strong contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area of Cannock, a 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 Wimblebury and Heath Hayes would be high.

High

- <div>Harm could potentially be reduced by the introduction of new woodland belts and/or small woodlands within WI23, particularly to the south and east. 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).</div>