

## Hazelslade and Rawnsley

**Character Description:** Outlying suburb, but with clear sense of 'village' identity by virtue of its fairly self-contained nature and location on the edge of the urban area bordering AONB and Green Belt countryside. Consists of mainly residential properties from post-war era but with some Industrial and Victorian houses and key features e.g. the Hazelslade Public House.

### Key features are:

- Built area has origins in late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20<sup>th</sup> century with some surviving properties along Littleworth and Rawnsley Road. Existing Rawnsley Farm probably pre-dates this development
- Old 19<sup>th</sup> century mineral railway line earthworks survive to the south of Littleworth Road demonstrating relationship of area to coal mining activities. Now serves as a 'green link' for walking and cycling, but is overgrown.
- Influenced by surrounding agricultural landscape, which retains its historic field patterns and some historic farmsteads e.g. Cannock Wood Farm to the south. Adjacent to AONB and Hednesford Hills with forestry and open landscape dominating rural fringe character. Hazelslade Local Nature Reserve provides key link to the wider countryside with water features attracting local wildlife.
- Surrounded by undulating topography of Heathland and Coalfield landscape characters creating a series of key views in and out of the area to the Chase, the surrounding landscape and over the settlement itself.
- Largely low density, post-war properties dating from 1960-70s with some more modern infill. Industrial and Victorian properties display some distinctive detailing and add to overall local character. Some properties along Littleworth Road create 'rhythm' along streetscene with consistent building/roof lines and detailing e.g. chimneys. Variety of materials but largely red/buff brick and brown/grey tiles. Largely 2 storey with plenty of bungalows.
- Hazelslade Public House marks 'gateway' between area and wider countryside. Rawnsley Cricket Club, local primary school, doctors surgery and small convenience shops along main roads provide community facilities.

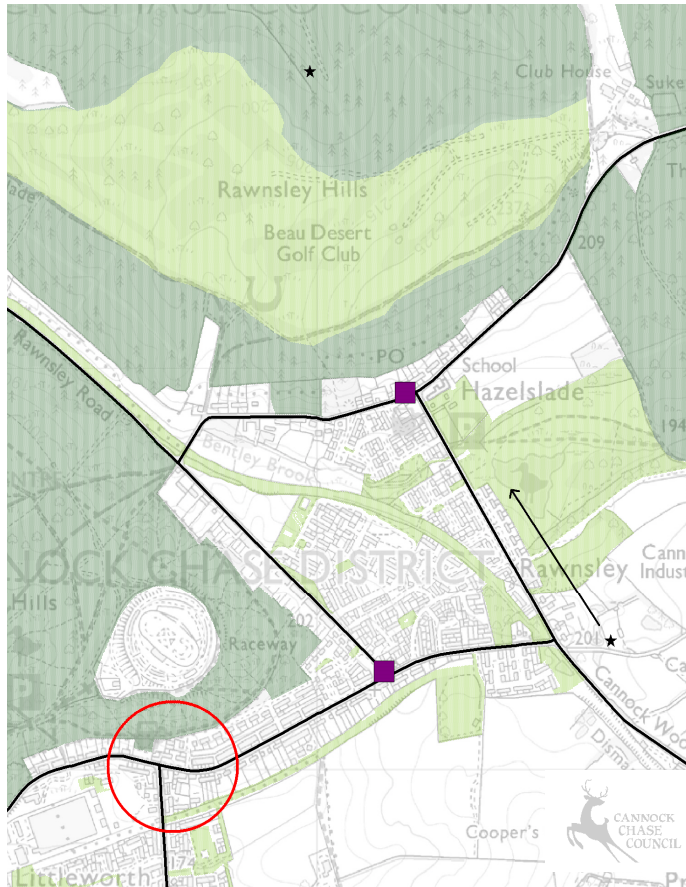
### Key Local Design Principles or 'New development should':

- Preserve and enhance locally distinctive and historic features including strong rural-urban fringe landscape character, 'village' identity and characteristic building lines and detailing.
- Recognise scope for a variety of good quality design and materials throughout area whilst respecting scale and layout of existing development.
- Consider potential impact on local views from surrounding areas created by virtue of topography, with consequent importance of choice of roof covering, and upon landscape context taking opportunities for landscape buffering to the urban edge.
- Support opportunities for enhancement of existing open spaces, the redundant railway line as a green route through the area and other links to surrounding rural areas.
- Respect and enhance the forms of historic farmsteads in their landscape setting.

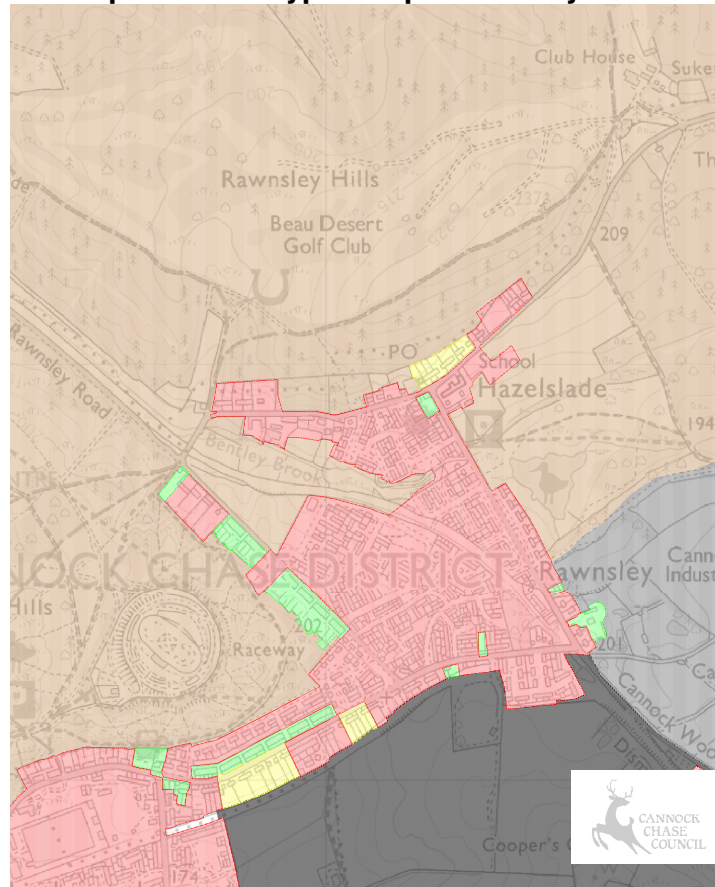
### Further information:

- See character types descriptions for further information on the built character and detailing.
- Landscape Character Assessment (2008)- Heathland, Planned Coalfield Farmland and Coalfield Farmland
- Historic Environment Character Assessment (2009)- CHECZ 8-11
- Cannock Chase Local List

## Key Features Map



## Character and Landscape Types (period/type of development and type of open countryside nearby)



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