

Pye Green Valley

Character Description: Residential suburban area consisting of predominately post-war housing, with remnants of 19th century properties. Lies adjacent to rural-urban fringe and contains large area of open green space - Pye Green Valley.

Key features are:

- Former colliery in Pye Green Valley means the green landscape is a restored one still in the process of restoration via heathland rejuvenation with limited redevelopment.
- Topography creates a number of key views towards the Chase, Hednesford Hills and over the urban area. The topography rises from east to west and south to north, reinforcing the contribution of the landscape to the character of the area.
- Valley heavily influenced by surrounding heathland landscape character having a semi-rural feel (particularly at the edges) providing transition between Chase and urban centres of Cannock/Hednesford.
- Largely post-war residential area on the urban-rural fringe with some historic 19th century properties to the east (near to Hednesford Town Centre and Historic Suburbs character area). Post-war properties are mainly low-medium density, semi-detached and detached houses in render and red brick. More contemporary design and materials used at Pye Green Valley Primary School at Rose Hill.
- 19th century buildings include former coal miners red brick terraced housing, West Hill Primary School and St John's Chapel (Station Road) which add character to area providing links to the area's historic development.
- BT phone mast in vicinity of the area (at Pye Green) acts as landmark in wider landscape, visible for long distance.
- Key 'gateway' between urban and rural areas at junction of Pye Green Road/Broadhurst Green/Bradbury Lane marks an entrance from the built-up area to Cannock Chase, a locally important asset to quality of life.

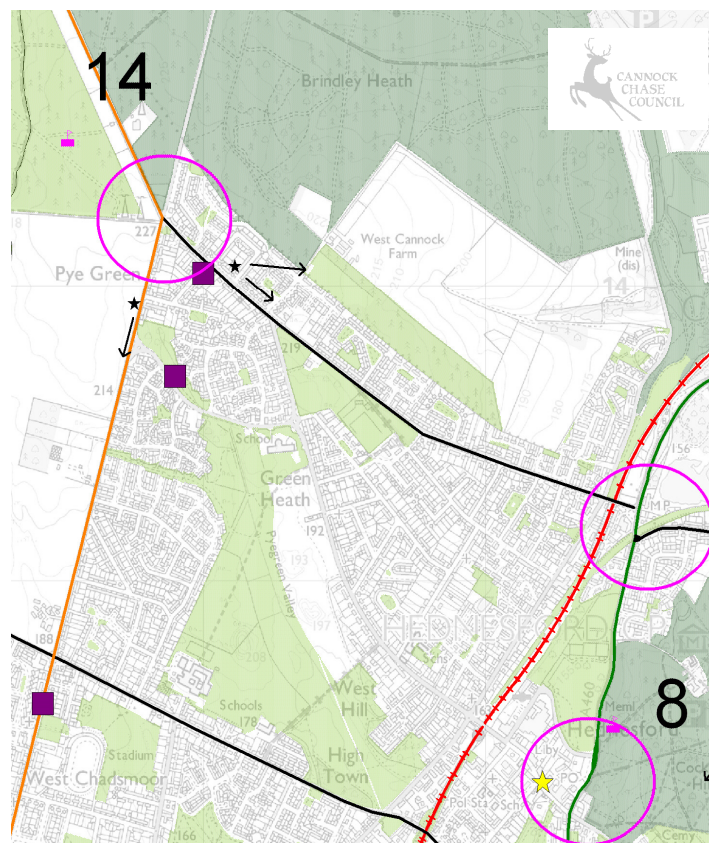
Key Local Design Principles or 'New development should':

- Preserve and enhance the semi-rural and rural-urban fringe character of the area by ensuring key views of and public links to green spaces and the Chase are retained and enhanced where appropriate and existing characteristic density, height and scale of area is respected.
- Preserve and enhance character of locally distinctive features including the impact upon their landscape setting.
- Acknowledge scope for a variety of good quality design and materials throughout area.
- Contribute to enhanced connectivity of green space linkages to wider urban area to the south including surrounding residential development.
- Design of potential medium-large scale development on site west of Pye Green Road should be sympathetic to semi-rural/fringe character, supporting the local preference for 'greening' of urban areas, with the space around buildings as important as the buildings themselves and creating appropriately sized gardens to family-sized homes.
- Respect the strong landscape character of adjoining land to the north by buffering the urban area and managing the visual impact of horticulture activities around the urban fringe.

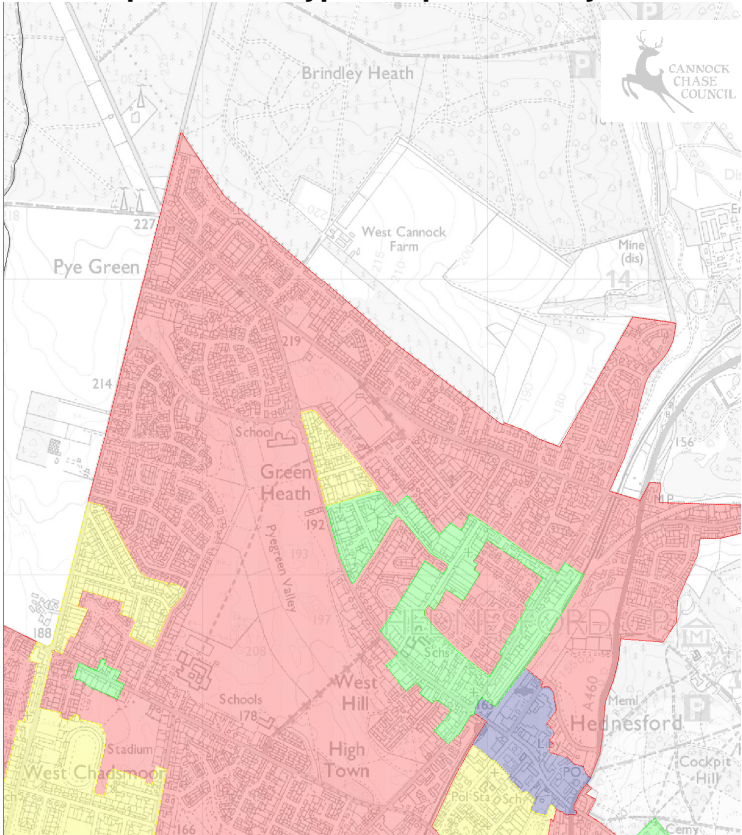
Further information:

- See character types descriptions for further information on the built character and detailing.
- Landscape Character Assessment- Heathland
- Historic Environment Character Assessment CHECZ 3-4
- 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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