

**CANNOCK CHASE DISTRICT COUNCIL
ADOPTION STATEMENT FOR
CANNOCK CHASE LOCAL PLAN 2018 – 2040**



Date of Adoption: 23 March 2026

**Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended)
The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012
(as amended)**

In accordance with Regulations 17, 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), notice is hereby given that on 23 March 2026 Cannock Chase Council resolved to adopt its new Local Plan, entitled the Cannock Chase Local Plan 2018 – 2040.

The Local Plan 2018 – 2040 replaces the Local Plan (Part 1) (2014) including the Rugeley Town Centre Area Action Plan. The Development Plan for Cannock Chase Council now consists of the Cannock Chase Local Plan 2018 – 2040, the Staffordshire Waste and Minerals Plan, and made Neighbourhood Plans.

The Cannock Chase Local Plan 2018 – 2040 sets out the strategic framework for development and it comprises of a strategic vision, objectives and District wide spatial strategy that directs growth towards the places and neighbourhoods that have capacity to accommodate it; as well as a suite of strategic and non-strategic planning policies and strategic and non-strategic site allocations that will guide future development of the District. It looks ahead from 2018 to 2040 and takes a positive approach towards planning for and accommodating future growth over than period.

The Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State on 29 November 2024. The Local Plan was subject to independent examination conducted by Mr A. McCormack BSc (Hons) MRTPI a Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. The Inspector chaired public hearing sessions between May and July 2025. Following the Inspectors' post hearing letter on 26 September 2025, the proposed main modifications were subject to public consultation between 20 October to 1 December 2025.

The final Inspectors' Report, dated 5 March 2026, confirmed that the Cannock Chase Local Plan 2018 – 2040, subject to a number of main modifications (as appended to the Inspectors' Report), is justified, effective, consistent with national policy, has met the duty to co-operate and satisfies the requirements of Section 20(5)(a) of the 2004 Act and meets the criteria for soundness in the NPPF September 2023. Pursuant to Section 23 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the adopted Cannock Chase Local Plan 2018 – 2040 incorporates the main modifications (as appended to the Inspectors' Report). It now carries full weight in the consideration of planning applications.

In accordance with Regulations 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), the following documents have been published and made available online on the Council's website: [Cannock Chase Local Plan | Cannock Chase District Council](#):

- Adopted Cannock Chase Local Plan 2018 – 2040 (incorporating main modifications and additional modifications)
- Cannock Chase Local Plan Adoption Statement (March 2026)
- Integrated Impact Assessment (incorporating Sustainability Appraisal and Addendum for Main Modifications) and accompanying Adoption Statement*
- Inspectors' Report and Appendix (March 2026)
- Cannock Chase Local Plan 2018 – 2040 Policies Map (Interactive and Non-Interactive Versions)
- Schedule of Additional Modifications to the Policies Map (December 2025)

Paper copies of these documents will soon be made available for public inspection at:

- Cannock Chase Council principal offices at the Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock
- Public Libraries at Cannock, Rugeley, Hednesford, Brereton, Norton Canes and Heath Hayes

*Please note that the Integrated Impact Assessment (and corresponding adoption statement) is only available to view at the Councils' principal offices at the Civic Centre.

Any person aggrieved by the adoption of the Cannock Chase Local Plan 2018 – 2040 may make an application to the High Court under Section 113(3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 on the ground that:

- a) the Local Plan is not within the powers conferred by Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004; or
- b) a procedural requirement has not been complied with.

Any such application must be made promptly, and in any event, no later than the end of the period of six weeks after the date of this notice, the six-week period commences on 23 March 2026 and concludes on 4 May 2026.

Further information is available by contacting the Planning Policy Team by email at planningpolicy@cannockchasedc.gov.uk or by telephone 01543 462 621

In accordance with the regulations a copy of this Adoption Statement has been sent to the Secretary of State for the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

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