

Cannock Chase - Electoral Divisions Draft Proposals

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Key Context

The Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBCE) in-principle decision on council size is to retain the existing council size of 62.

Forecast electorate figures for 2028 have now been finalised.

A public consultation on new division arrangements will run from 10/01/2023 to 20/03/2023. During this period, any individuals, groups or organisations can submit their proposals for new arrangements.

We are working to finalise our SCC proposals for all our districts and boroughs. The following proposal is for review at the forthcoming workshops.

All proposals need to consider the following LGBCE criteria, which are given equal weighting:

- Electoral equality for electors
- Community identities and interests
- Effective and convenient local government

Cannock Chase - Projected Division Variances 2028

Name of Division	Electorate 2022	% Variance to Staffordshire Average 2022	Forecast Electorate 2028	% Variance to Staffordshire Average 2028
Brereton & Ravenhill	9,605	-10.6%	12,024	3.5%
Chadsmoor	10,613	-1.2%	11,052	-4.9%
Cannock Town Centre	11,725	9.1%	12,352	6.3%
Cannock Villages	11,225	4.5%	11,768	1.3%
Etchinghill & Heath	9,248	-13.9%	9,542	-17.9%
Hednesford & Rawnsley*	23,919	11.3%	25,601	10.2%
Cannock Total	76,335		82,339	
Staffordshire Total	666,097		720,224	
Cannock Average	10,905	1.5%	11,763	1.3%
Staffordshire Average	10,744		11,617	

* Two member division

Cannock Chase - Key Points

- Cannock Chase District total projected electorate in 2028 is 82,339.
- Cannock Chase will continue to have 7 members. The boundary proposals seek to eliminate the current 2 councillor division of Hednesford & Rawnsley, and replace with 2 single member divisions.
- The average electorate per division in Cannock is forecast to be 11,763. This is slightly higher than the average electorate per division across Staffordshire as a whole, which is forecast to be 11,617.
- The highest forecast variances by 2028 are in Etchinghill & Heath and Hednesford & Rawnsley, with forecast variances of over +/- 10%. Boundary changes will be required to improve electoral equality across the district.
- Even in divisions where variances are theoretically within acceptable levels, the effects of natural population change and the impact of housing developments across the district means that changes may be required in order to meet the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBCE) requirements of electoral equality for voters, reflecting community identities and interests, and effective and convenient local government.
- The LGBCE is currently undertaking a review of Electoral Wards in Cannock Chase. These proposals consider both current ward boundaries and the LGBCE draft recommendations for ward boundaries in order to understand possible levels of coterminosity.

Cannock Chase Divisions & Projected Variances by 2028

Etchinghill & Heath
-17.9%

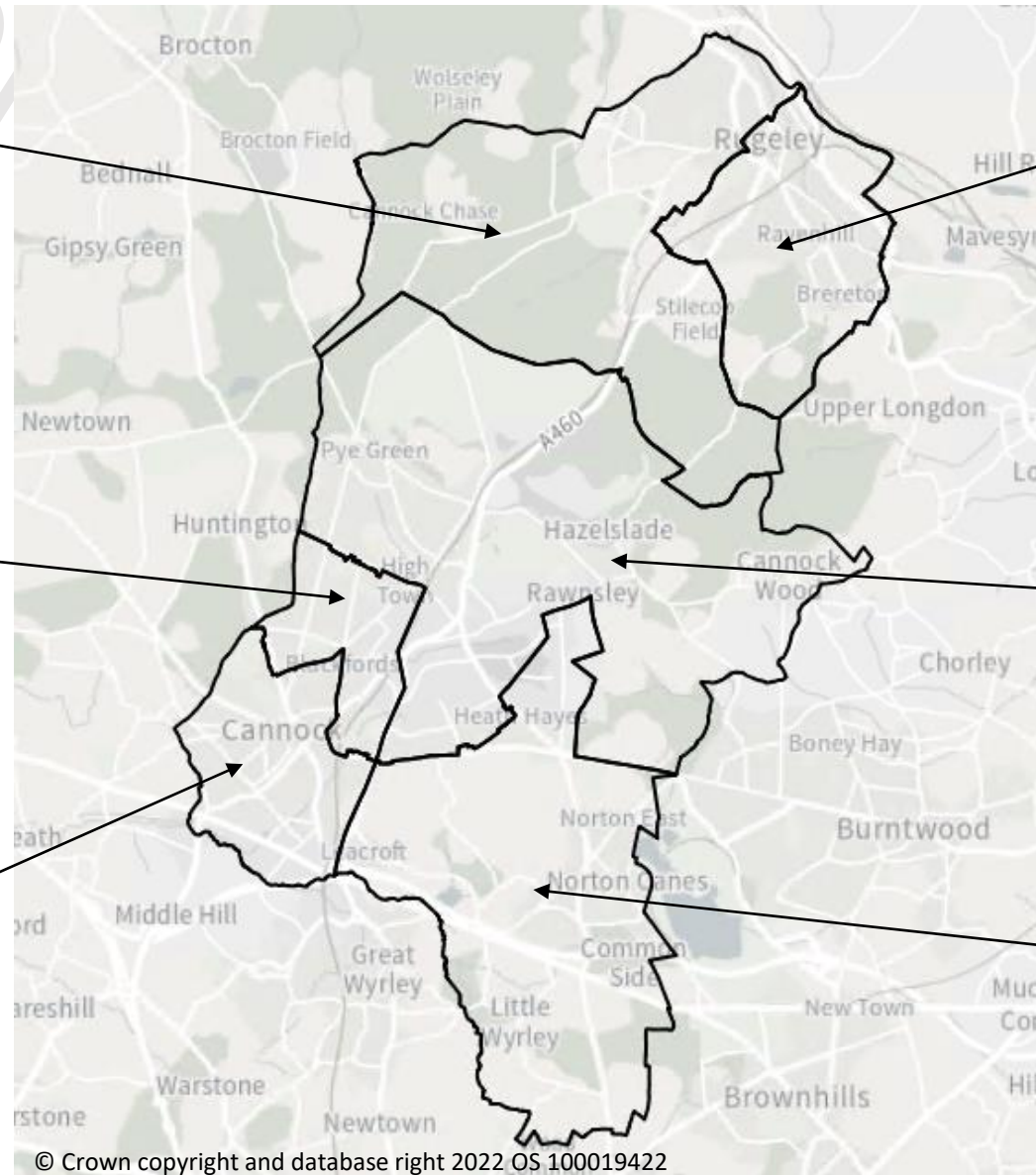
Brereton & Ravenhill
+3.5%

Chadsmoor -4.9%

Hednesford & Rawnsley
+10.2% (current two
member division)

Cannock Town Centre
+6.3%

Cannock Villages +1.3%



Etchinghill & Heath

Etchinghill & Heath ED is currently forecast to have a variance of -17.9% by 2028, and therefore the division requires more electors.

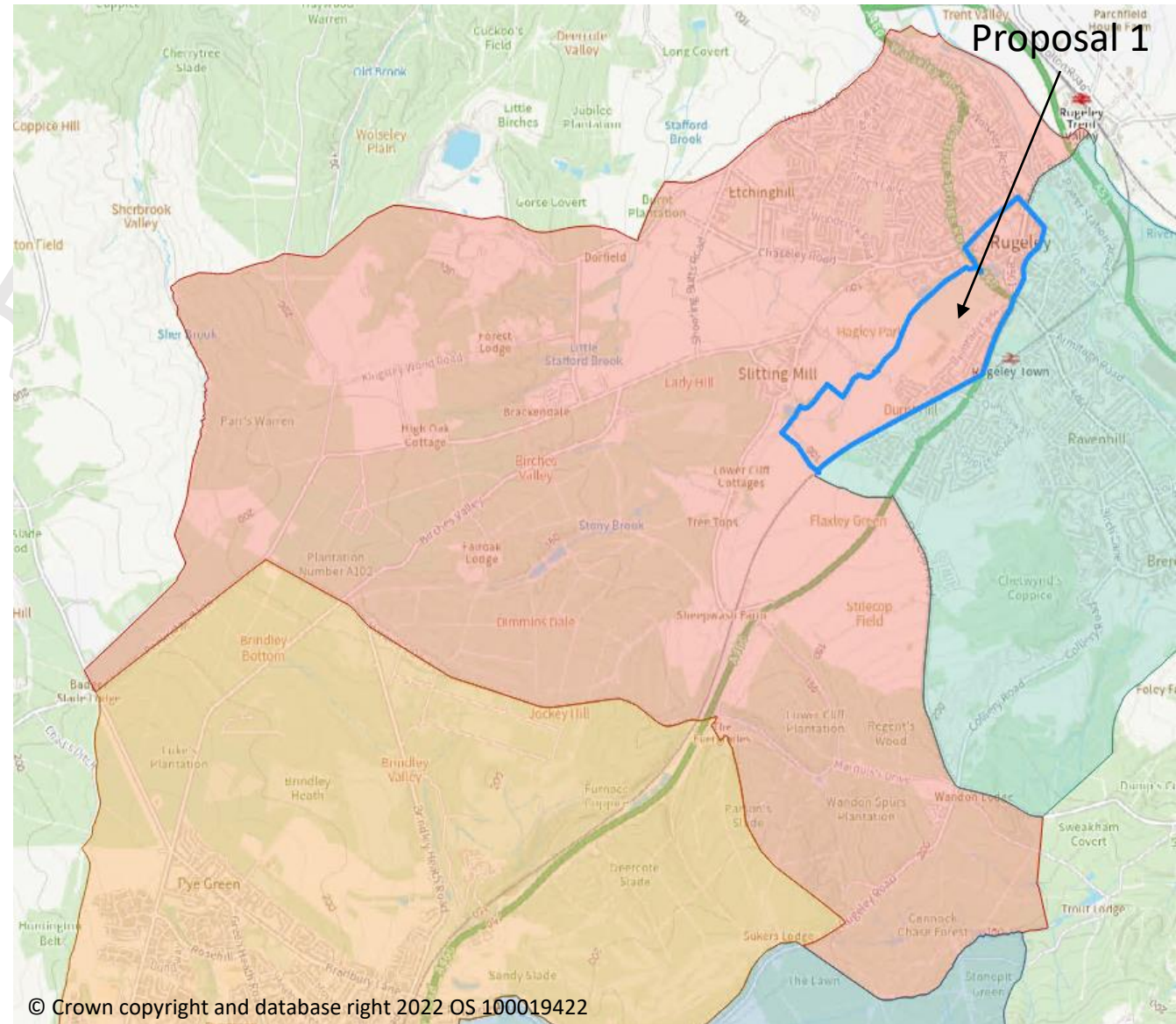
Proposal 1, as shown on the map, proposes moving part of the Western Springs Ward and part of the current Hagley Ward into Etchinghill & Heath ED.

To improve the variance further it would be necessary for the Etchingill & Heath ED to traverse the sparsely populated Cannock Chase forest area.

Etchinghill & Heath ED

Forecast 2028 Variance: -17.9%

Variance after proposed changes: -6.8%



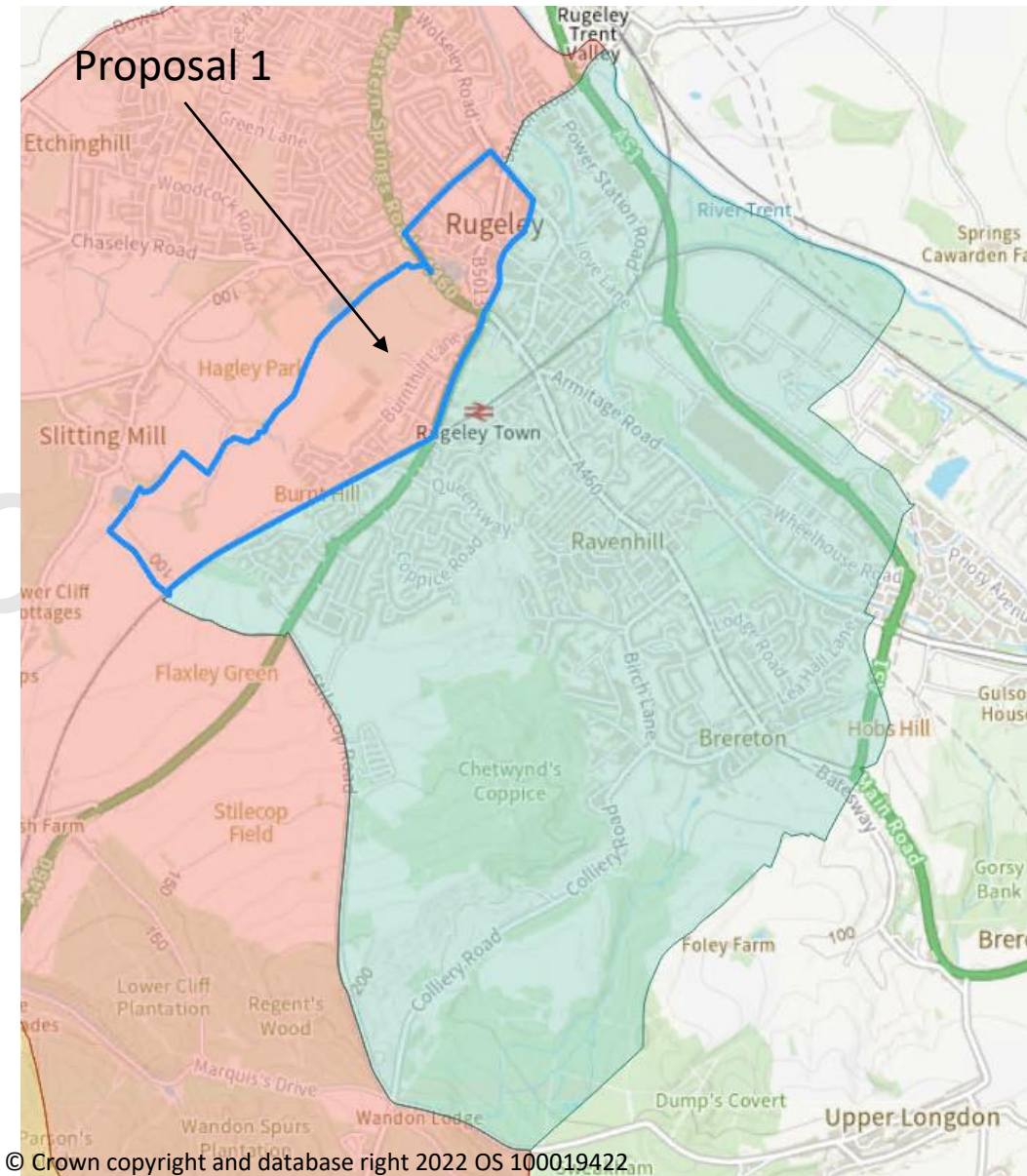
Brereton & Ravenhill

Brereton & Ravenhill ED is currently forecast to have a variance of +3.5% by 2028. Due to the variance in neighbouring Etchinghill & Heath ED, the number of electors in Brereton & Ravenhill ED will need to reduce.

Proposal 1, as outlined previously, moves part of the Western Springs Ward and part of the current Hagley Ward into Etchinghill & Heath ED.

Forecast 2028 Variance: +3.5%

Variance after proposed changes: -7.5%

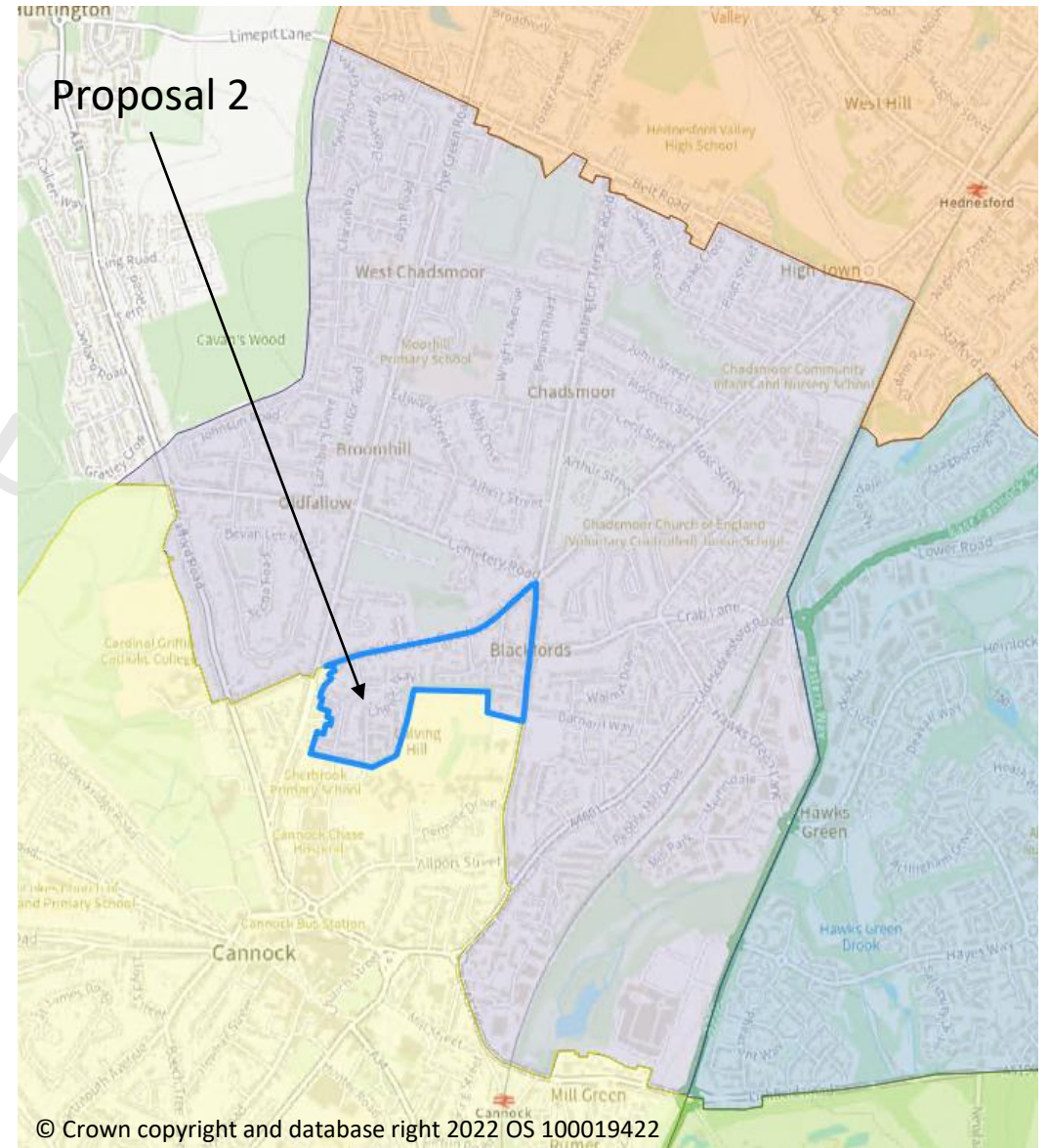


Chadsmoor

Chadsmoor ED is projected to have a variance of -4.9% by 2028, and therefore the division requires more electors.

Proposal 2, as shown on the map, moves a small area to the south of Old Fallow Road into the Chadsmoor ED. Whilst this improves electorate equality, this doesn't provide coterminosity with the current District Wards or the draft recommendations so alternatives should be explored.

Forecast 2028 Variance: -4.9%
Variance after proposed changes: +1.6%

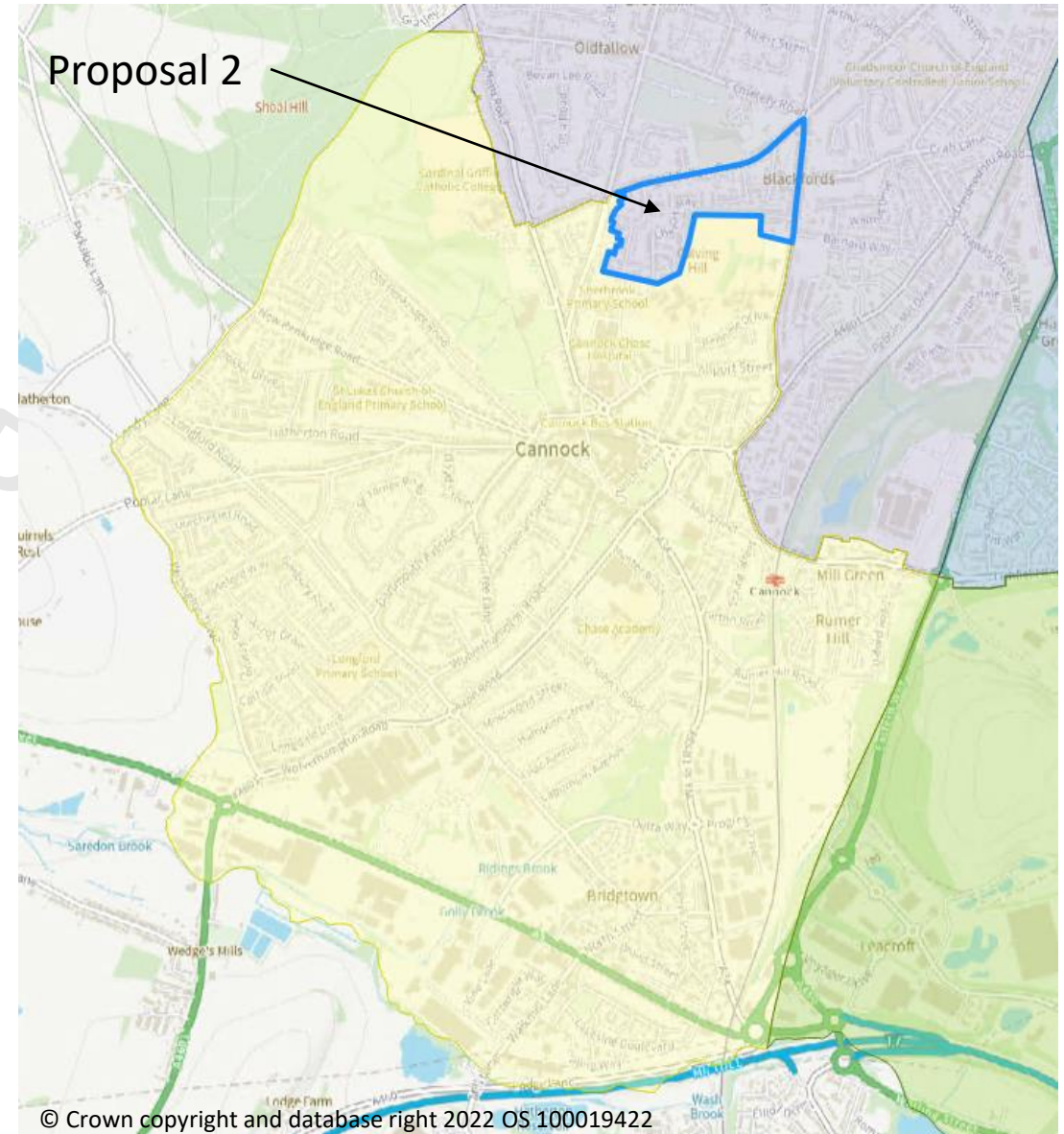


Cannock Town

Cannock Town Centre ED is projected to have a variance of +6.3% by 2028, and therefore the number of electors needs to reduce.

Proposal 2, as outlined previously, moves a small area to the south of Old Fallow Road into the Chadsmoor ED thus reducing the variance in Cannock Town ED.

Forecast 2028 Variance: +6.3%
Variance after proposed changes: -0.2%



Chadsmoor and Cannock Town (alternative)

Proposal 3, as shown on the map, moves a smaller area to the south of Old Fallow Road into the Chadsmoor ED.

This results in a negative variance in Chadsmoor ED and, as with Proposal 2, doesn't provide coterminousity with the current District Wards or the draft recommendations.

Cannock Town ED

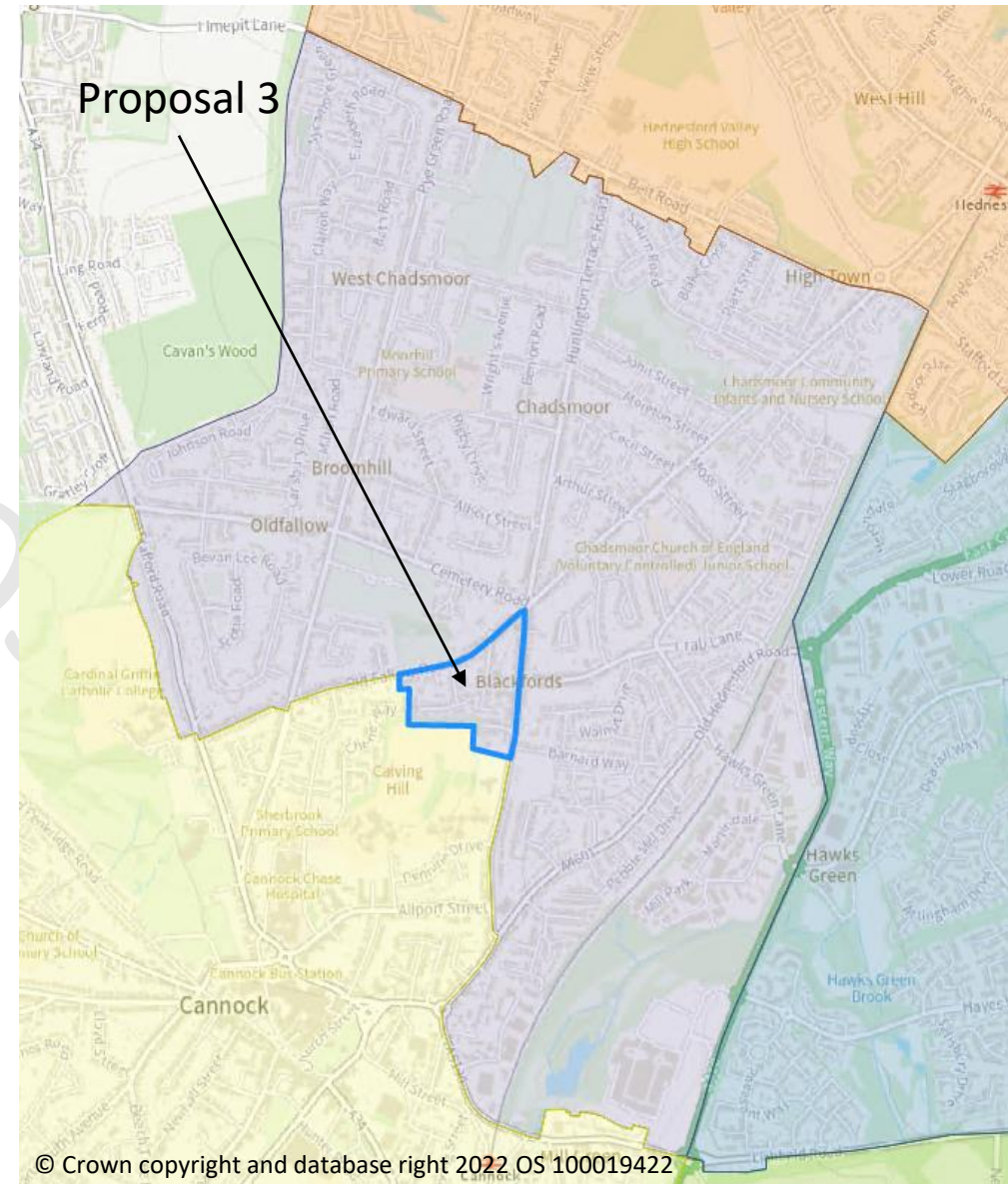
Forecast 2028 Variance: +6.3%

Variance after proposed changes: +3.4%

Chadsmoor ED

Forecast 2028 Variance: -4.9%

Variance after proposed changes: -1.9%



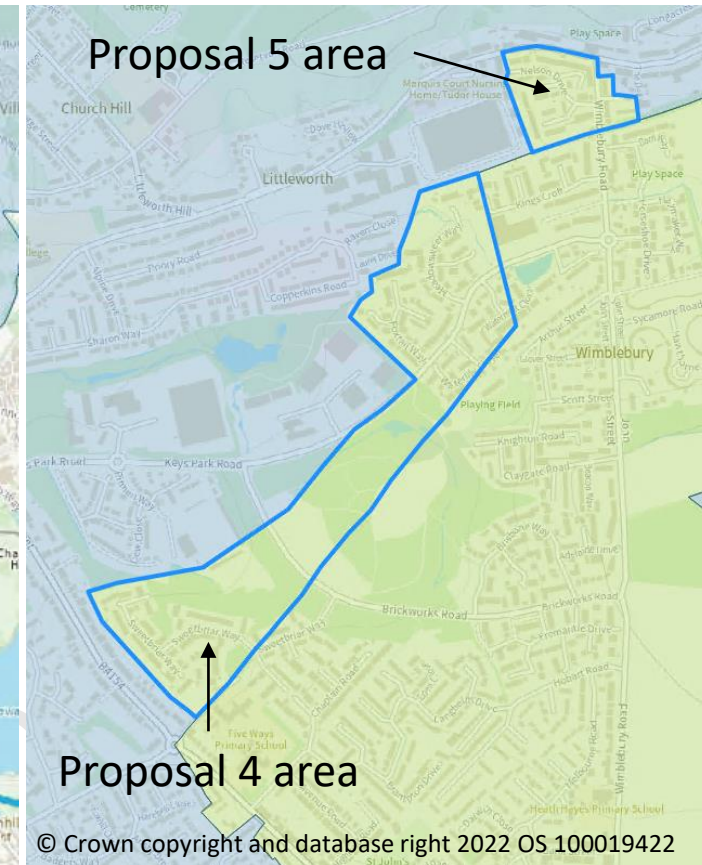
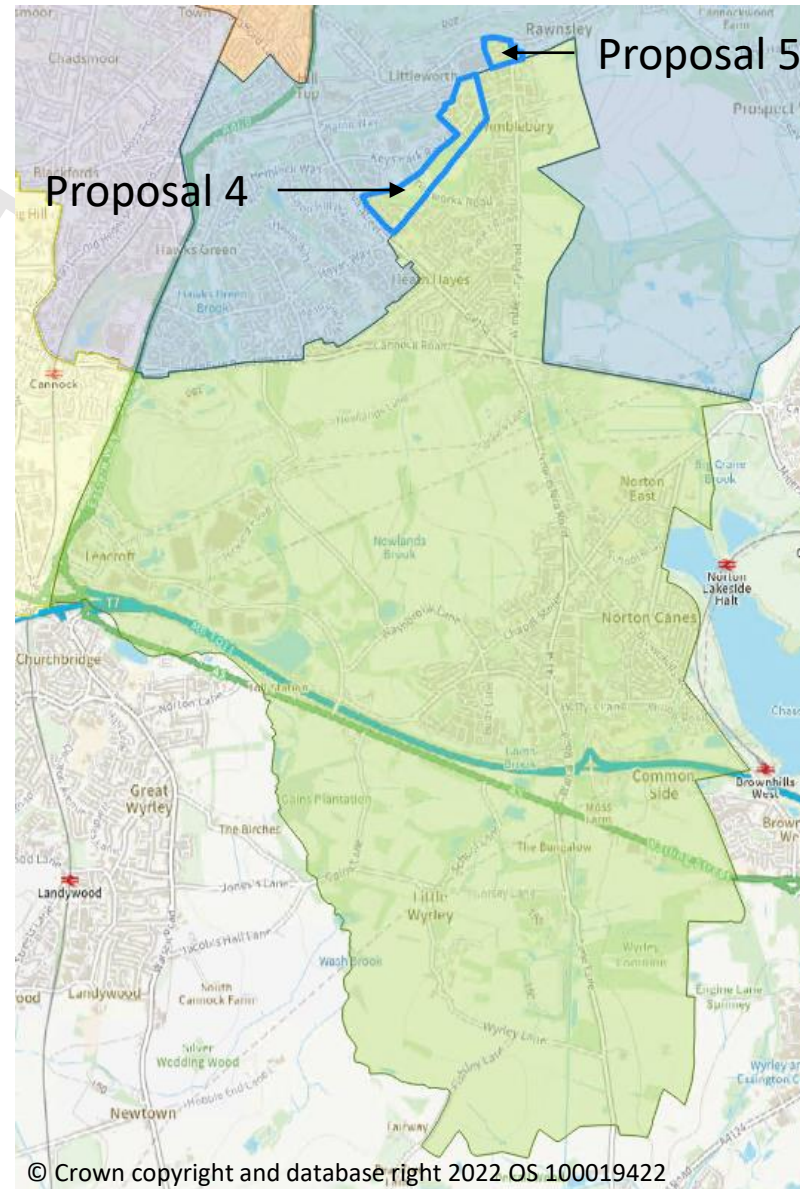
Norton Canes, Heath Hayes & Wimblebury

Cannock Villages ED is projected to have a variance of +1.3% by 2028. Changes to this ED need to be considered due to variances in neighbouring divisions.

Proposal 4, as shown on the map, moves a small area near Keys Park Road into the Norton Canes, Heath Hayes & Wimblebury ED (renamed from Cannock Villages ED).

Proposal 5, as shown on the map, moves the Nelson Drive estate into the Norton Canes, Heath Hayes & Wimblebury ED.

Forecast 2028 Variance: +1.3%
Variance after proposed changes: +7.9%



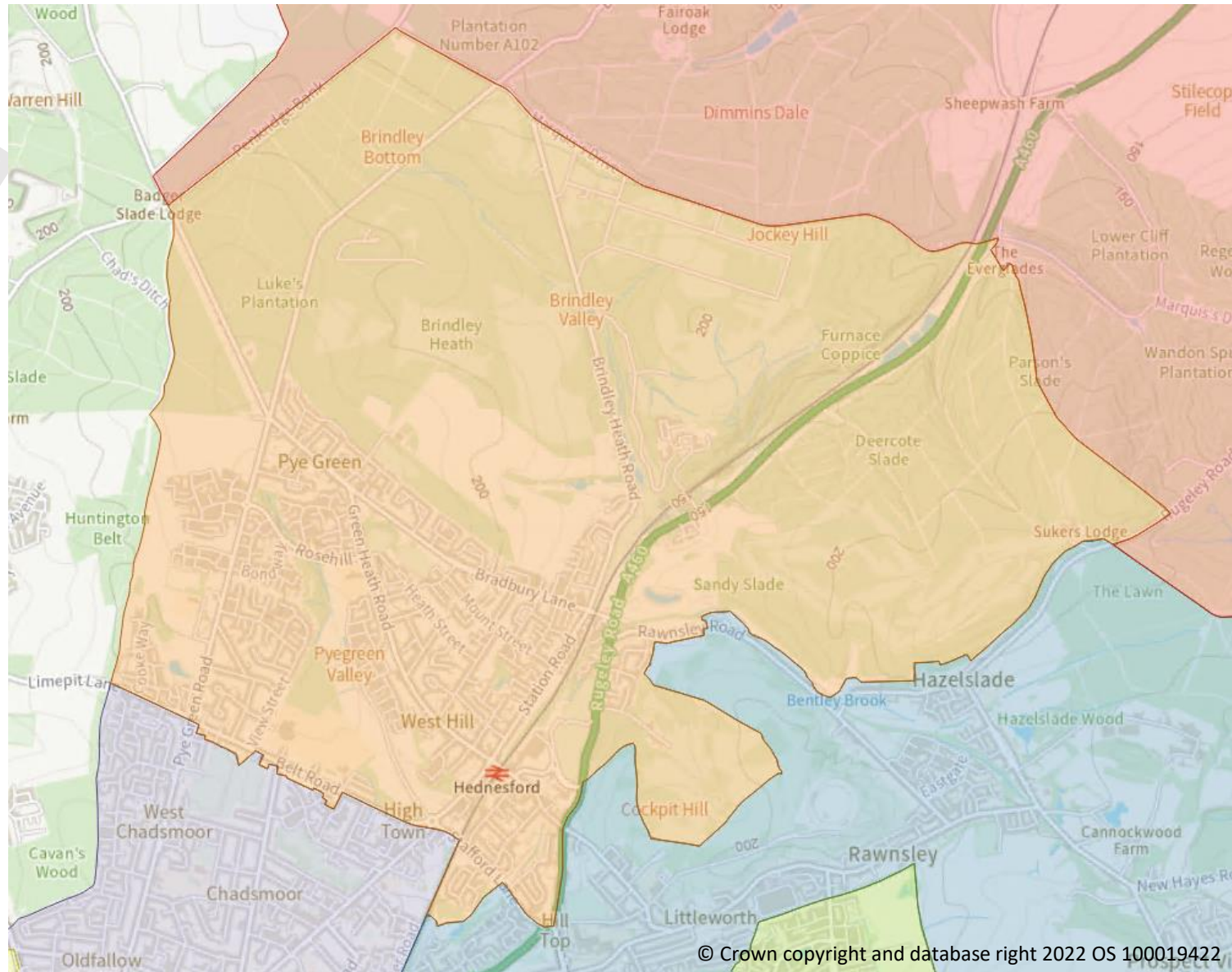
Hednesford

Hednesford & Rawnsley ED is currently a two member division, and is projected to have a variance of +10.2% by 2028. The council has requested a review of two member divisions, and therefore the mapping has been based on two single member divisions.

It is proposed that Hednesford ED would form a new division.

Forecast 2028 Variance: +10.2%

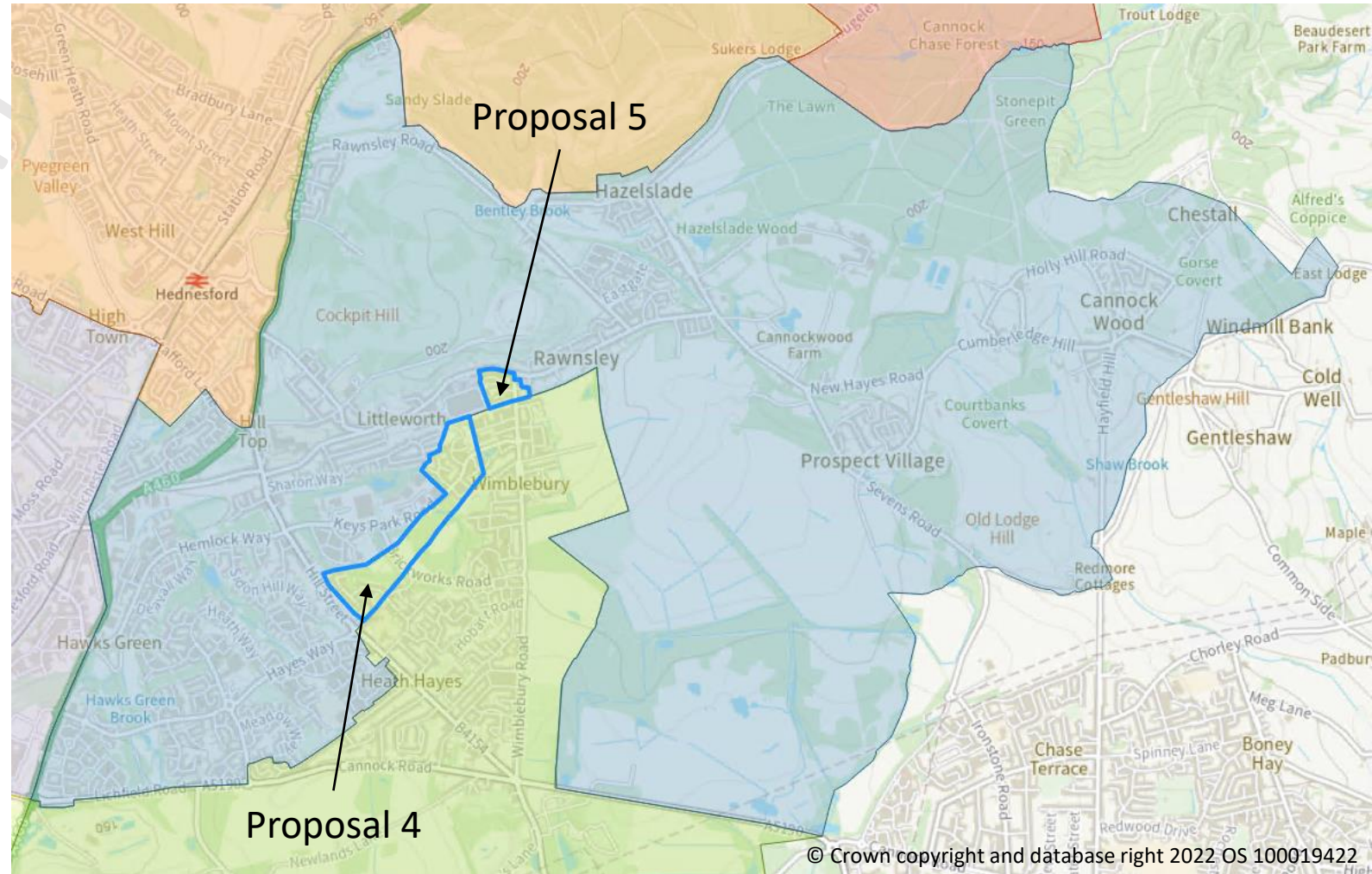
Variance after proposed changes: +8.4%



Hawks Green, Rawnsley & Cannock Wood

A second new division would be formed of Hawks Green, Rawnsley & Cannock Wood.

This would consist of the remainder of the Hednesford & Rawnsley ED, excluding the areas labelled Proposal 4 and Proposal 5 on the map (as outlined previously).



Forecast 2028 Variance: +10.2%

Variance after proposed changes: +5.4%

Hednesford and Hawks Green, Rawnsley & Cannock Wood (alternative)

An alternative, marked as Proposal 6 on the map, also includes the Stringers Hill / Beverley Hill estate and Fallow Park estate into Hawks Green, Rawnsley & Cannock Wood ED. This increases the variance to +10.8%.

Due to the variance, this change has not been included in the proposal options.

Hednesford

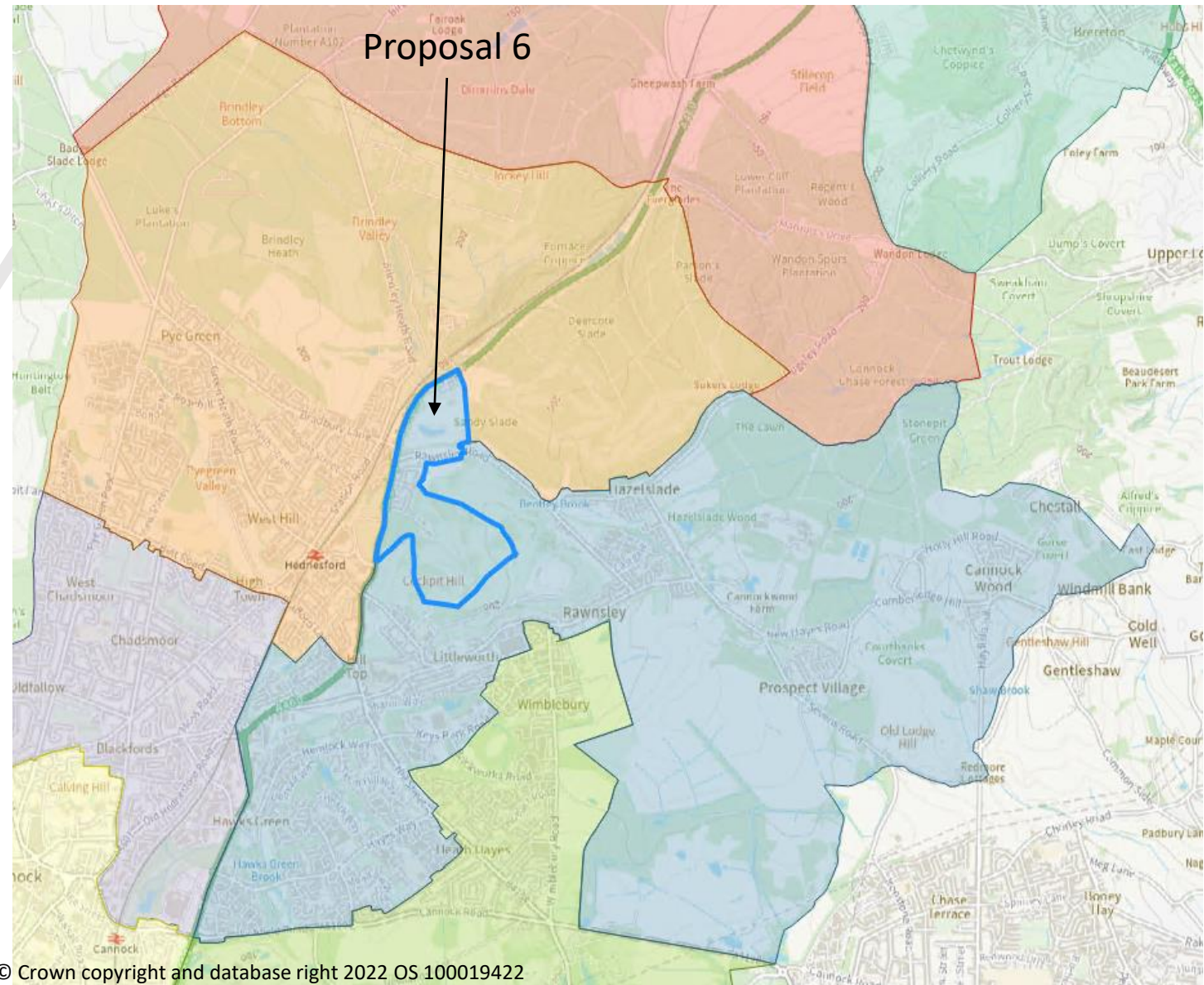
Forecast 2028 Variance: +10.2%

Variance after proposed changes: +3.0%

Hawks Green, Rawnsley & Cannock Wood

Forecast 2028 Variance: +10.2%

Variance after proposed changes: +10.8%



Cannock Chase Proposals - Summary

- The potential changes outlined in this analysis are shown on the following slide, including the potential new variances across each division.
- This could achieve better electoral equality. With the changes suggested here, all divisions would have an electoral variance of less than +/- 10%.
- Levels of coterminosity are dependent on the outcome of Cannock Chase ward boundary review (final report due 9 May 2023).
- The LGBCE will want to explore all alternative options before accepting any division pattern and variance.

Cannock Chase Proposed Divisions (1)

Etchinghill & Heath
- 6.8%

Hednesford +8.4%

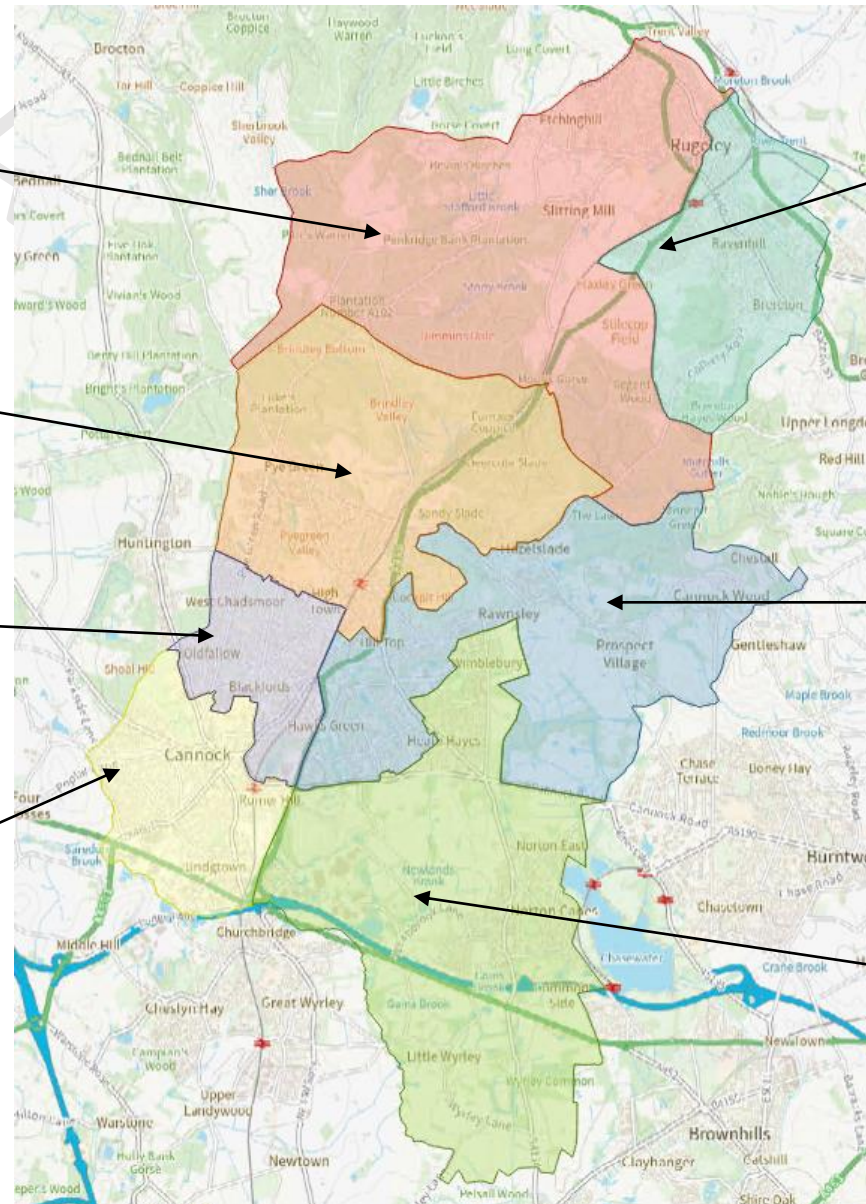
Chadsmoor +1.6%

Cannock Town -0.2%

Brereton & Ravenhill
-7.5%

Hawks Green, Rawnsley &
Cannock Wood +7.0%

Norton Canes, Heath Hayes
& Wimblebury +6.3%



Cannock Chase Proposed Divisions (2)

Etchinghill & Heath
- 6.8%

Hednesford +8.4%

Chadsmoor -1.9%

Cannock Town +3.4%

Brereton & Ravenhill
-7.5%

Hawks Green, Rawnsley &
Cannock Wood +5.4%

Norton Canes, Heath Hayes
& Wimblebury +7.9%

