

CANNOCK CHASE DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER 2025

1. This Order shall come into operation on 31 January 2025 and shall have effect for a period of three years from the date hereof unless it is extended pursuant to the statutory powers of Cannock Chase District Council ('the Council').
2. This Order applies to the areas within the Cannock Chase District as specified by the red line marked on the attached Maps at Appendices 1-5, being public spaces in the Council's area to which the Act applies ('the Restricted Areas').
3. The Council is satisfied that the conditions set out in Section 59(2) of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 ('the Act') have been met, namely that activities carried on in a public place within the Restricted Area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality.
4. The Council is further satisfied that the conditions set out in Sections 59, 64 and 72 of the Act have been satisfied. The Council is in all the circumstances expedient to make this Order for the purposes of reducing anti-social behaviour in the restricted areas. The Council makes the Order because anti-social behaviour in the restricted areas has had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality. The effect or likely effect of this is of a persistent or continuing nature such as to make it unreasonable, and justifies the restrictions imposed in this Order.
5. The Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 59 of the Act, hereby makes the following Order:-

ORDER

6. The effect of this Order is to impose the following prohibitions and/or requirements at all times in the Restricted Area(s), as defined in Appendices 1-5 and specified in the Schedule of Restricted Areas below:-
 - a) **Alcohol**
 - Any person is prohibited from having an open alcohol container in their possession or consuming alcohol or anything which is reasonably believed to be alcohol.
 - Any person is required to surrender any open alcohol container, or which is reasonably believed to be alcohol or a container for alcohol, when required to do so by an Authorised Officer of the Council.
 - The Restricted Areas for this prohibition are defined in the Schedule of Restricted Areas and Appendices 1-5.

b) **Motor Vehicles**

- Any person is prohibited from engaging, assisting or causing any anti-social behaviour connected to the use of a mechanically propelled vehicle/powered transporter (this includes cars, quad bikes, motorbikes, scooters, mopeds and e-bikes).
- Prohibited behaviour includes, but is not limited to:
 - i. Sounding horns (so as to cause nuisance), playing loud music or revving engines;
 - ii. Driving in a way to cause danger to themselves or other individuals, or in a way which causes damage, or a risk of damage, to property;
 - iii. Performing stunts (including, but not limited to, doughnuts, skidding, handbrake turns, wheel spinning);
 - iv. Causing obstruction of a public highway or publicly accessible place (whether by moving or stationary vehicles or otherwise).
- The Restricted Area for this prohibition is defined in the Schedule of Restricted Areas as the whole District of Cannock Chase.

c) **E-scooters**

- Any person is prohibited from riding an E-scooter (and an e-bike which does not meet the standard requirements of an Electronically Assisted Pedal Cycle).
- Any person may push and walk alongside their E-scooter (or non-compliant e-bike) through the defined area.
- The Restricted Area for this prohibition is defined in the Schedule of Restricted Areas as the whole District of Cannock Chase.

d) **Urination/defecation/hypodermic needles**

- Any person is prohibited from urinating, defecating, or unsafely disposing of hypodermic needles, or associated paraphernalia.
- The Restricted Areas for this prohibition are defined in the Schedule of Restricted Areas and Appendices 1-3.

e) **Abandoned items**

- Any person is prohibited from leaving unattended personal belongings in a manner that impedes entrances and exits to buildings, properties, public thoroughfares and fire exits, or in a way which poses a public health risk.
- The Restricted Areas for this prohibition are defined in the Schedule of Restricted Areas and Appendices 1-3.

f) **Unauthorised access onto properties/buildings**

- Any person is prohibited from climbing, or accessing, any structure or building other than for a lawful purpose.
- The Restricted Areas for this prohibition are defined in the Schedule of Restricted Areas and Appendices 1, 3 and 4.

g) **Loitering**

- Any person is prohibited from loitering or otherwise gathering in groups in circumstances where this is causing, or is likely to cause, Anti-Social Behaviour.
- The Restricted Areas for this prohibition are defined in the Schedule of Restricted Areas and Appendices 1-5.

OFFENCES AND EXEMPTIONS

7. Nothing in Paragraph 6a of this Order shall apply to a person who is in possession of an open alcohol container within the curtilage of any licensed premises located within a restricted area, or any premises licensed under Section 11 of the Licensing Act 2003 for the supply of alcohol, or premises permitting the sale of alcohol by Section 100 of the said Act (Temporary Event Notices), or premises permitting the sale of alcohol by Section 115E of the Highways Act 1980.
8. Nothing in Paragraph 6(b) iv of this Order shall apply to emergency, cash-in-transit or Royal Mail vehicles, or to vehicles of any kind being used solely for the purposes of loading and unloading on any day between the hours of 4:00 pm and 10:00 am only.
9. Nothing in Paragraph 6c of this Order shall apply to a person who uses a seated E-scooter as a mobility aid and cannot safely dismount and push for any significant distance, but these persons must use these aids in a careful and considerate manner.
10. The Electronically Assisted Pedal Cycles Regulations 1983 set out the requirements that e-bikes must satisfy so that they are not considered motor vehicles when on the roads in the UK. The requirements are:
 - The cycle must be fitted with pedals that are capable of propelling it
 - The maximum continuous rated power of the electric motor must not exceed 200 Watts
 - The electrical assistance must cut-off when the vehicle is travelling at more than 15 mph

Bikes that meet these requirements are exempt from this Public Spaces Protection Order.

DEFINITIONS

11. This Order can be cited as the Public Spaces Protection Order (Cannock Chase District ASB)
12. An 'Authorised Officer of the Council' for the purposes of this Order means an employee of Cannock Chase District Council, a Police Officer or Police Community Support Officer, or any other person who is authorised in writing by the Council for the purposes of giving directions under this Order.
13. An 'interested party' means an individual who lives or regularly works in the Restricted Area.

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

14. It is an offence for any person, without reasonable excuse, to engage in any activity which is prohibited by this Order.
15. A person commits an offence if they fail to give their name and address when required to do so by an Authorised Officer of the Council or gives a false or inaccurate name or address when an Authorised Officer of the Council proposes to give a person a Fixed Penalty Notice for engaging in any activity which is prohibited by this Order.
16. Any person who is found to be in breach of paragraph 6a of this Order shall be liable on summary conviction to a maximum penalty of Level 2 on the Standard Scale, or if in receipt of a Fixed Penalty Notice, to a financial penalty of up to £100.00.
17. Any person who is found to be in breach of paragraphs 6b - 6g of this Order shall be liable on summary conviction to a maximum penalty of Level 3 on the Standard Scale, or if in receipt of a Fixed Penalty Notice, to a financial penalty of up to £100.00.
18. Payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice within the prescribed time period as specified in the Notice will discharge any liability to conviction for the offence.

APPEALS

19. In accordance with Section 66 of the Act, any interested person who wishes to challenge the validity of this order on the grounds that the Council did not have power to make the order or that a requirement under the Act has not been complied with may apply to the High Court within six weeks from the date upon which the order is made.

REVOCATION

20. This order hereby revokes the Cannock Chase District Council Public Spaces Protection Order made on 20 January 2022

DATED this 22 day of January 2025

The Common Seal of the
CANNOCK CHASE DISTRICT COUNCIL
was hereunto affixed in the presence of:-



Authorised Officer



SCHEDULE OF THE RESTRICTED AREAS

Location	Nature of Prohibition/Requirement	Map Number/Ref
The whole District of Cannock Chase (any place to which the public have access)	Vehicle Prohibitions (see Paragraph 6b of this Order)	N/A
	E-scooters (see Paragraph 6c of this Order)	
Cannock Town Centre and Park	Alcohol Prohibition (see Paragraph 6a of this Order)	Appendix 1
	Urination/defecation/hypodermic needles Prohibition (see Paragraph 6d of this Order)	
	Abandoned items Prohibition (see Paragraph 6e of this Order)	
	Unauthorised access onto properties/buildings Prohibition (see paragraph 6f of this Order)	
	Loitering (see Paragraph 6g of this Order)	
Hednesford Town Centre and Park	Alcohol Prohibition (see Paragraph 6a of this Order)	Appendix 2
	Urination/defecation/hypodermic needles Prohibition (see Paragraph 6d of this Order)	
	Abandoned items Prohibition (see Paragraph 6e of this Order)	
	Loitering (see Paragraph 6g of this Order)	
Rugeley Town Centre	Alcohol Prohibition (see Paragraph 6a of this Order)	Appendix 3
	Urination/defecation/hypodermic needles Prohibition (see Paragraph 6d of this Order)	
	Abandoned items Prohibition (see Paragraph 6e of this Order)	

Unauthorised access onto properties/buildings Prohibition (see paragraph 6f of this Order)

Loitering (see Paragraph 6g of this Order)

Rugeley – Fernwood Area Alcohol Prohibition (see Paragraph 6a of this Order) Appendix 4

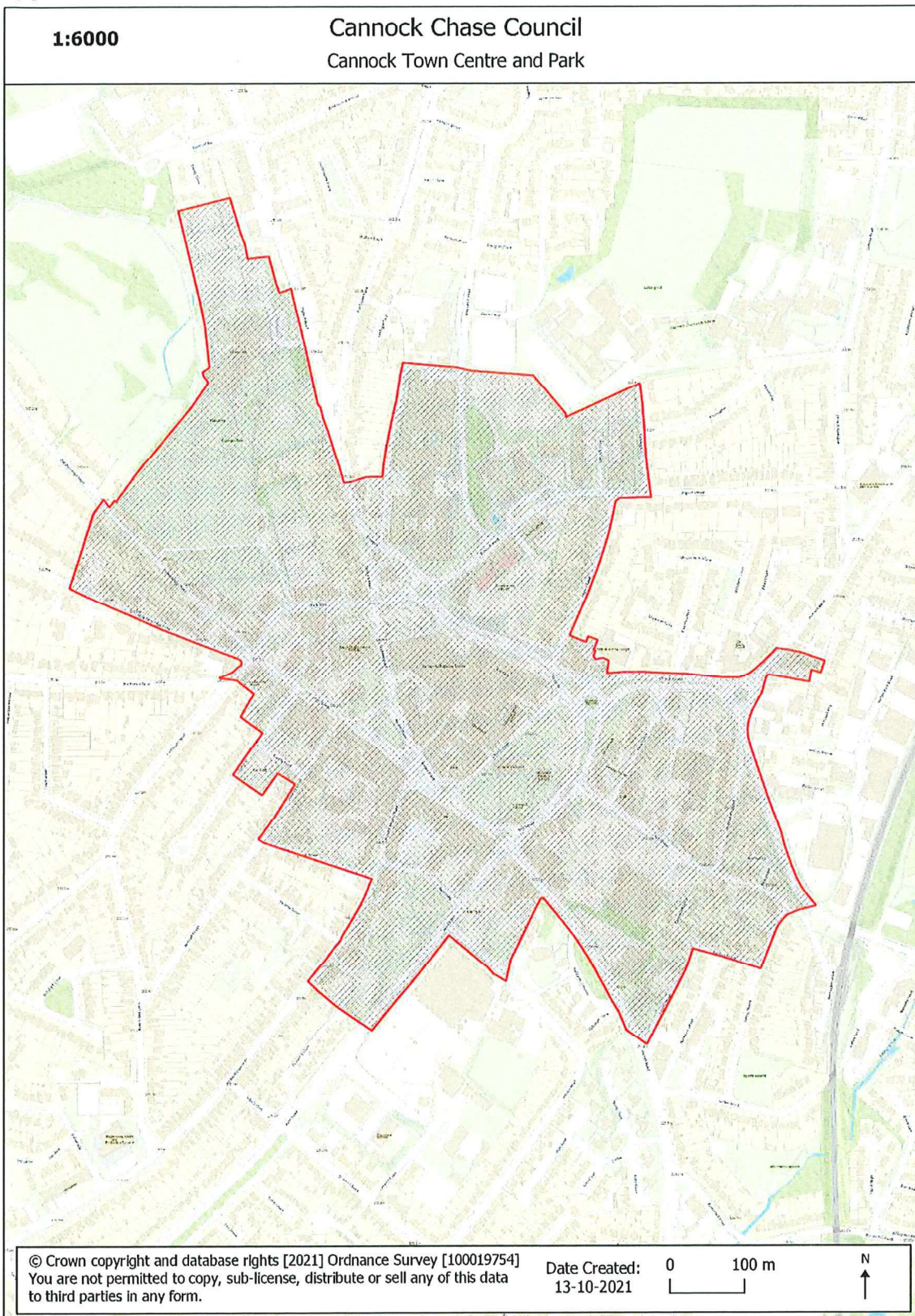
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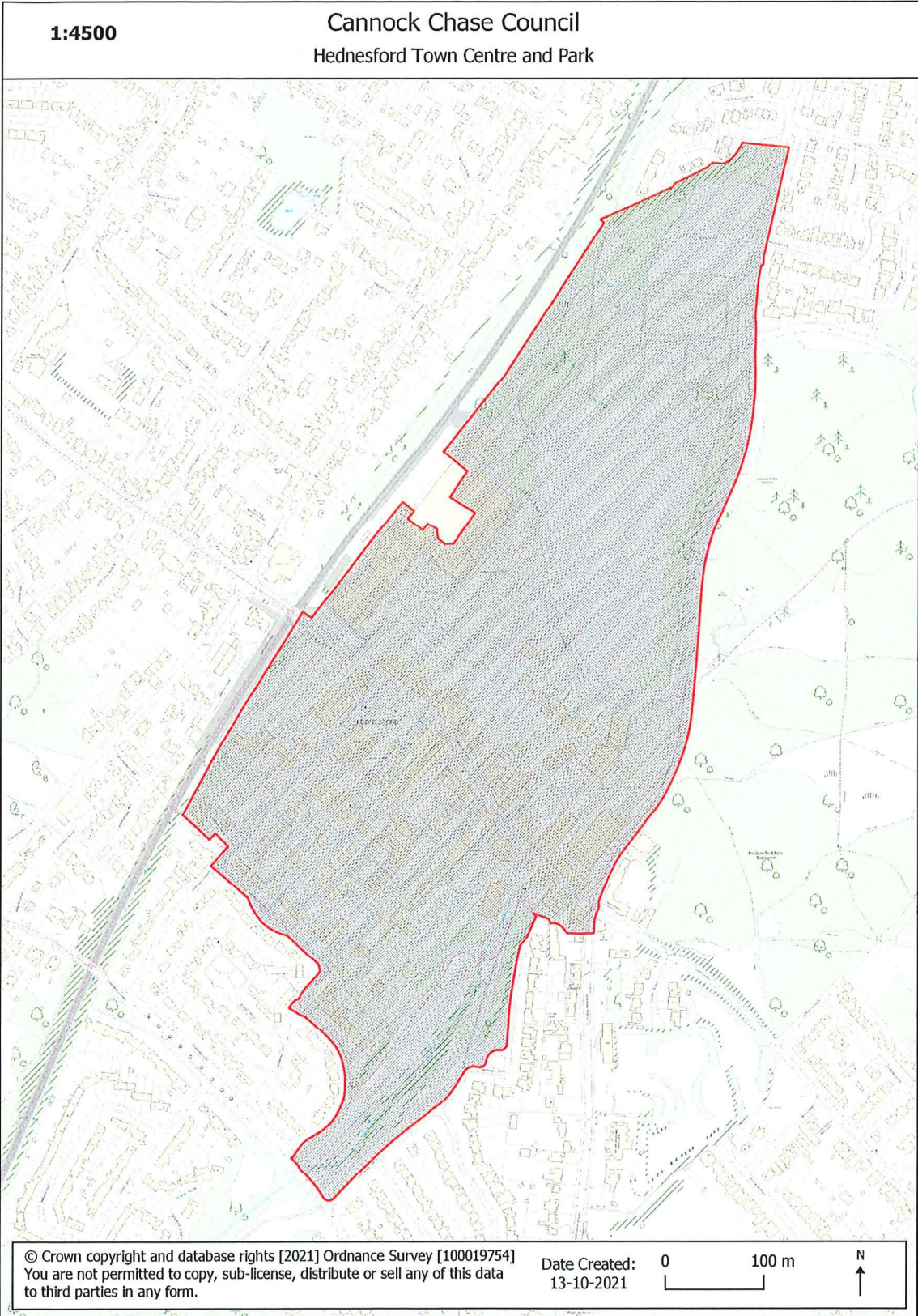
Ravenhill Park, Brereton Alcohol Prohibition (see Paragraph 6a of this Order) Appendix 5

Loitering (see Paragraph 6g of this Order)

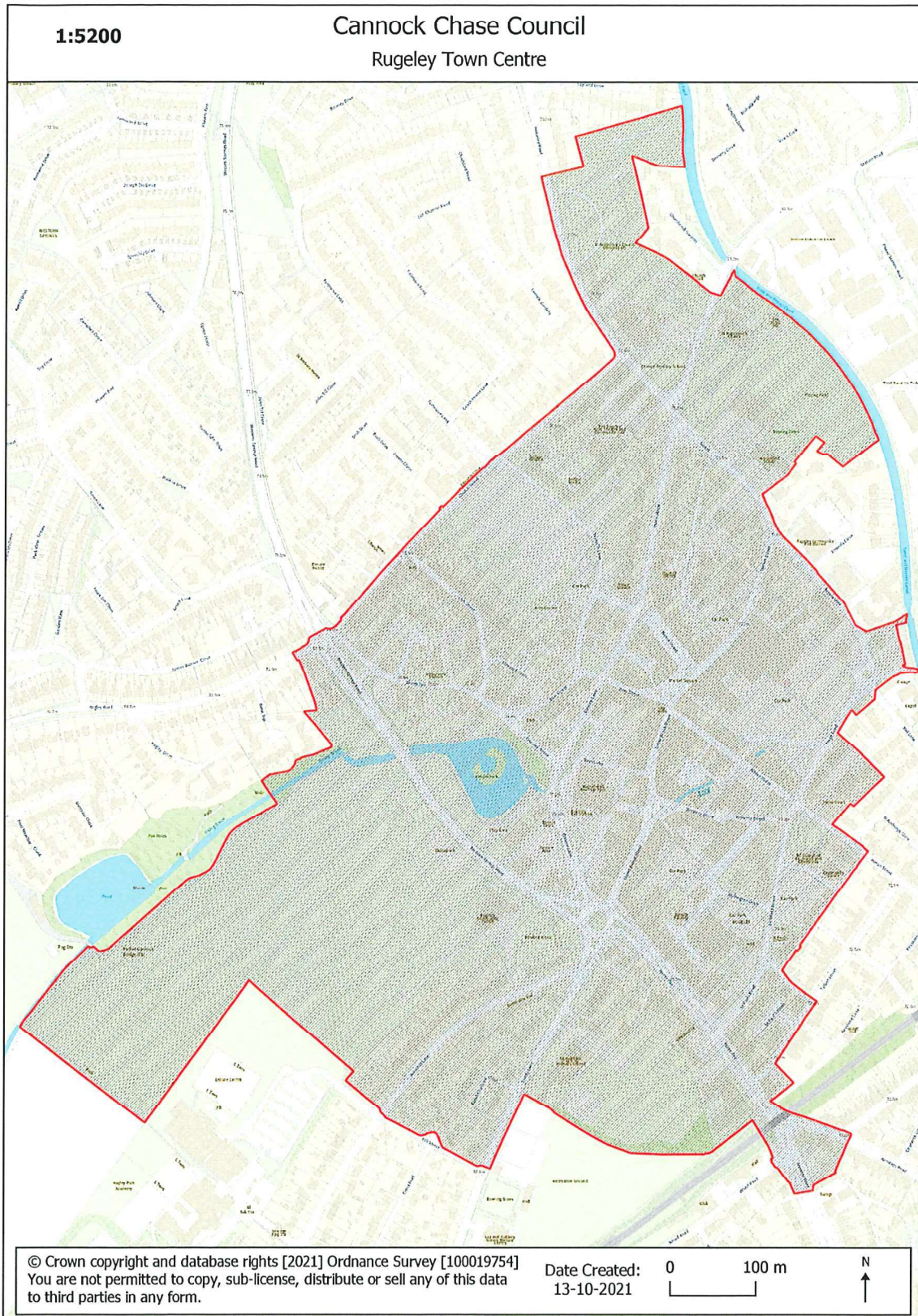
Appendix 1



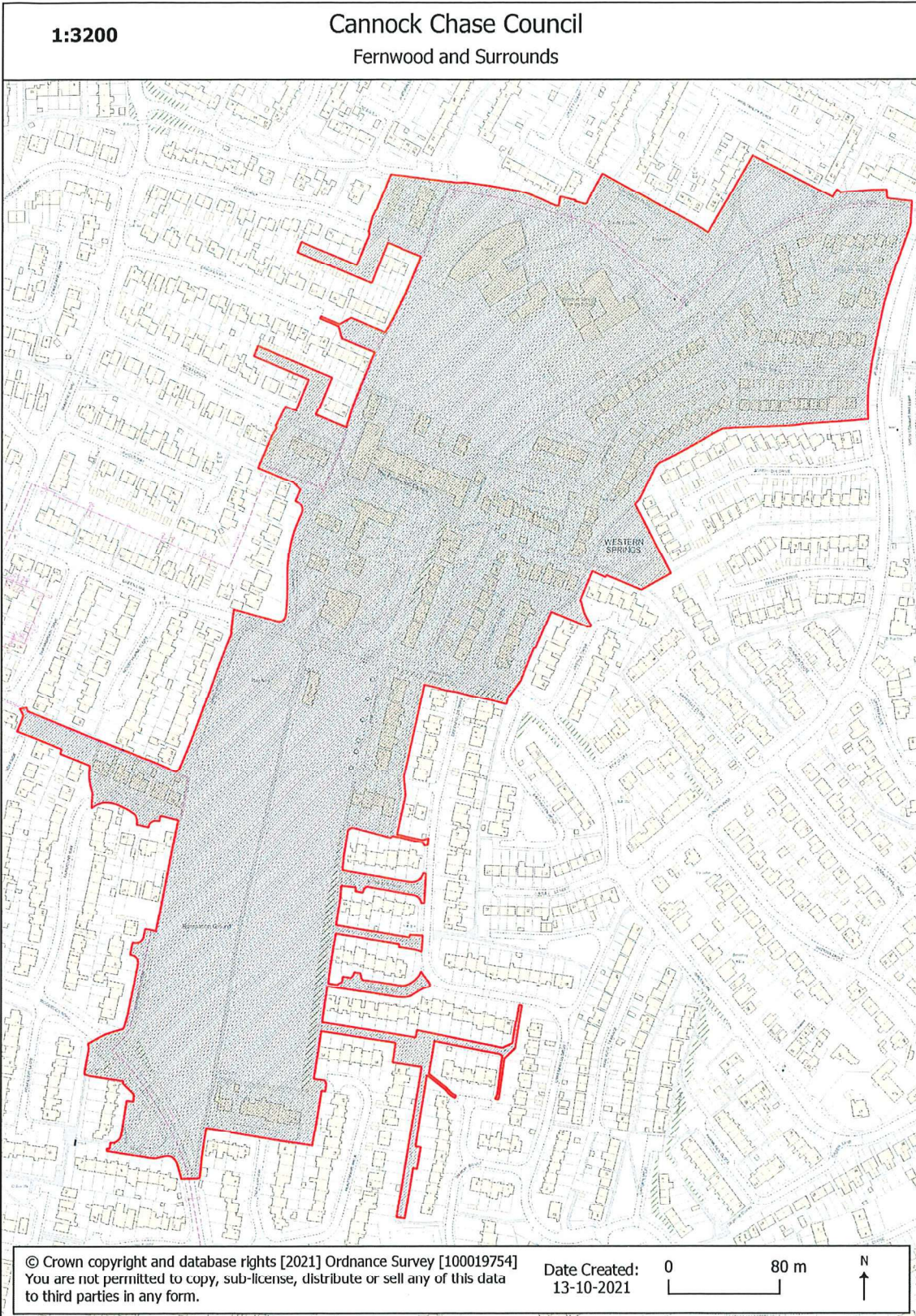
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