

Cannock Chase District Council

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Cannock West boundary review proposal - Councillor Bill Kenny, District Councillor Cannock West. I am a newly elected District Councillor for Cannock West, being elected in November 2022. As part of my campaign I personally canvassed all areas within the ward and spoke to large numbers of residents. I mention this because the general feedback I obtained is both relevant to the boundary review and it is an extremely current view of Cannock West residents. First I would like to mention that I am aware of Councillor Jones' boundary review submission and I entirely concur with her views. Cannock Town centre Library, college, the cafes and shops in that vicinity are seen by residents of Cannock West as part of their ward, they are as intrinsic to the community's identity as Cannock Park itself. Cannock West residents do not have a dedicated community centre building per se, so these amenities within the ward are their meeting places where local events and community groups gravitate towards. The Library is also the location for regular Cannock West Councillor surgeries. With this in mind I would like to see this area remain within Cannock West's ward boundaries to better reflect the current community's desire for a focal point. The renaming of the ward is also something I would like to express my opinion on. However, I do understand that the current geographical name has to be changed going forward. I would therefore suggest that the ward is named along the lines of Cannock Park, Parkside or Parkside and Cannock. These suggestions would also reflect the current community whilst the last suggestion would provide residents who don't live near to the Park inclusion to the new ward name and its geographical identity.

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