

Cheshire East

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Comment text:

Dear sirs,

I am writing to you regarding the proposed boundary changes for Cheshire East Council, particularly those for the Wychwood Development located in Weston.

Also, I am writing to you as the representative and Vice Chairman of the fully constituted Wychwood Development Community Group, which has more than 1,000 members and represents all of Wychwood Development's residents.

Your current proposals appear to divide the 1990 single permitted development known as the Wychwood development, which is built in two parts: Wychwood Village and Wychwood Park. Although separated by the A531 Newcastle Rd, it is one single development protected under various legal conditions in a robust section 106 agreement.

Since 2012, we have been battling speculative developers looking to build housing on part of the Wychwood Development. We have successfully defended planning applications and variations of our s106 legal protections on five separate occasions. In 2017, we successfully defended against an application for 900 houses through a public inquiry that was ultimately refused on appeal by the Secretary of State.

Since we have reviewed your proposals, we are very concerned that you want to split the single development into separate Wards/Parishes. This decision could weaken our case in defending against any future speculative planning submissions, especially now that the current Government is

pushing for 1.5 million houses to be built.

Your proposals could not have come at a more unstable time and we MUST fight hard to keep the status quo in respect to the 1990 Wychwood Development and we MUST protect the whole area shown in the attached against any weakness in our protection, no matter how small.

Because of this e-mail, we would like you to revisit the below to make sure that any suggested boundary changes consider the Wychwood Development as a whole and not as two separate parts, as it is one singular development.

I have attached the approved development site map for your information. This clearly demonstrates that your proposals split the singular development and could weaken our position if approved against future speculative developers.

We are looking forward to your response, and please take this e-mail as a formal submission on behalf of the Wychwood Community Group and the Wychwood Development residents as a formal objection

Your proposed changes are shown below (please note we added in black bold on the map that you produced below the name “Wychwood Village” that was omitted from your map which only referenced Wychwood Park)

Alsager, Haslington and Weston

We received identical proposals for a three-councillor Alsager ward and single-councillor Haslington and Weston wards from the Council and Liberal Democrats. Alsager Town Council submitted a response in support of the Council’s proposals for Alsager ward as they respected the Alsager parish boundary. Both of the authority-wide schemes proposed a Haslington ward that consisted of Haslington and Oakhanger villages, which the Council states have ‘natural ties’ due to easy road access. Both schemes also proposed a Weston ward which included the addition of Wychwood village to reflect the Weston & Crewe Green parish boundary.

We were persuaded to adopt these proposals as part of our draft recommendations as we consider them to reflect communities, promote effective and convenient local government, and ensure good levels of electoral equality by 2030.

Kindest regards

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Attached Documents:

- cheshire-east-sub.png
- maps-106-agreement-dated-8oct03.pdf

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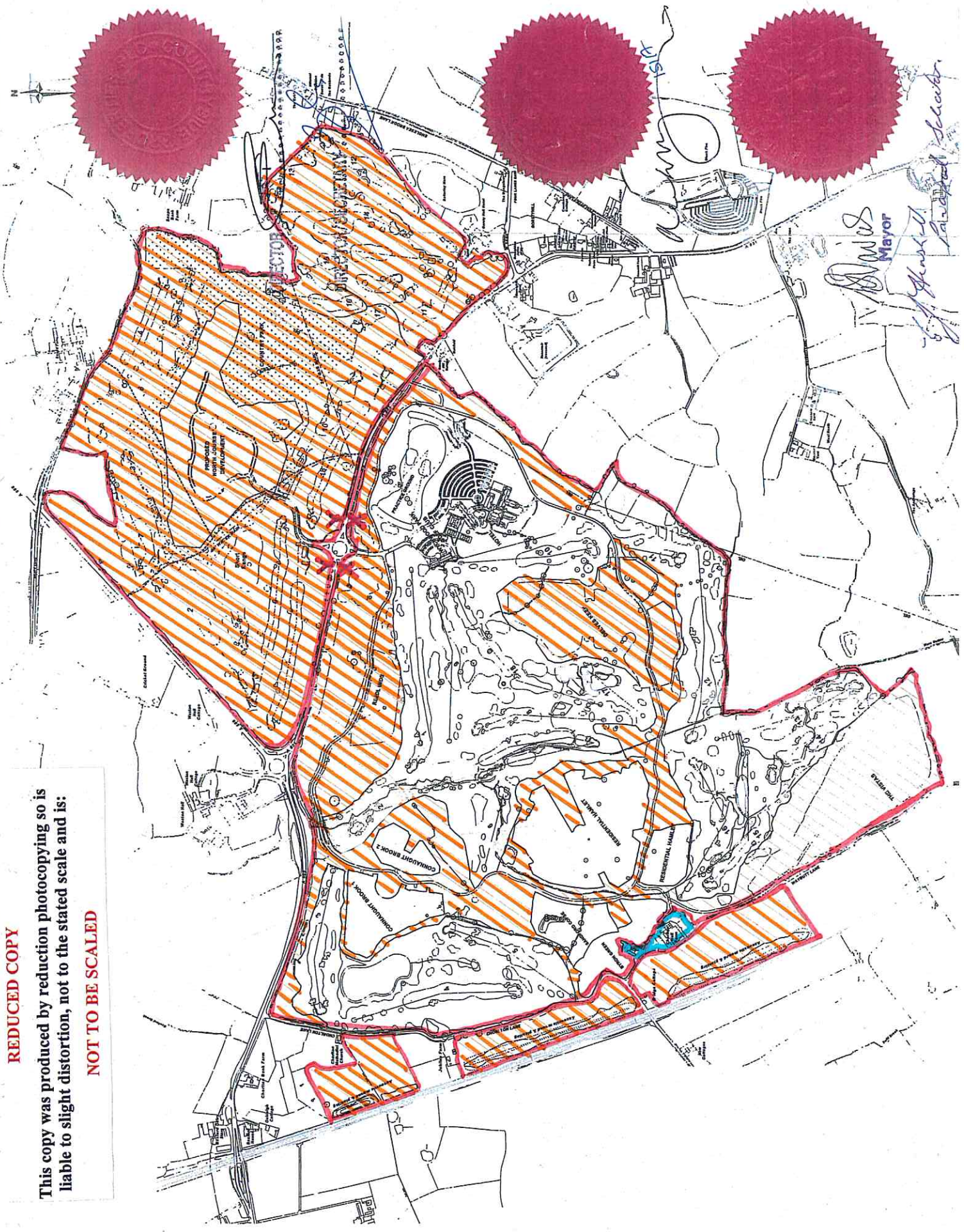
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