APPENDIX C: ASSETS OF THE ALVECHURCH PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Assets of community value

An asset of community value is a building which a community group has asked the Council to list as being of value to that community.

This is a new legal right, designed to give communities the opportunity to control the assets and facilities that matter to them.

If an asset is listed, and comes up for sale, community groups could be given a total of six months to put together a bid to buy it.

Designated heritage asset:

A World Heritage Site, Scheduled Monument, Listed Building, Protected Wreck Site, Registered Park and Garden, Registered Battlefield or Conservation Area designated under the relevant legislation

What is a Local Heritage List?

Local lists identify heritage assets which are valued by local communities and contribute to the character and local distinctiveness of an area. There are a significant number of heritage assets within the District which are important to our local communities and make a valuable contribution to our sense of history and understanding of place, but are not protected by statutory listing. A Local Heritage List will identify the location of these assets and using the selection criteria detailed in the BDC ‘Local Heritage List Strategy’ Document, define what is significant about them.

A Local Heritage List will identify what is valued at a local level as opposed to national level. Nationally important heritage assets are identified as either scheduled Ancient Monuments, or on the Statutory List (occasionally they appear on both) or in the Register of Parks and Gardens. Other heritage assets do not satisfy the criteria for any of these national designations, and if not located in a conservation area they have no formal recognition and consequently no protection.

Heritage Assets are defined in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) as ‘A building, monument, site, place, area or landscape identified as having a degree of significance meritng consideration in planning decisions, because of its heritage interest. Heritage asset includes designated heritage assets and assets identified by the local planning authority (including local listing)’. These assets can include buildings, structures, landscapes, archaeological sites or places associated with significant local, historical events, important people, trades or industries, craftsmen or locally distinctive buildings in terms of their architecture or materials, to name but a few examples. Overall they are heritage assets which are valued by local communities and contribute to the character and local distinctiveness of an area.

Heritage Assets - are not just buildings

What is the difference between, ‘Statutorily Listed Buildings’ and Buildings on a Local Heritage List? …..The Local Heritage list is not restricted to buildings. It may include archaeology, or areas, such as village greens, or ponds. It may also include structures such as bridges, signposts, letter boxes to name but a few.
Statutorily listed buildings are designated by the Government, on the advice of Historic England; they are graded according to their significance and protected by law. Listed Building Consent is invariably required for any works to a listed building.

Assets on the Local Heritage List have to satisfy the criteria detailed in the Local Heritage List Strategy document. The level of protection afforded to a heritage asset on a local list will be dependent on how the local list was prepared. The more robust the process for adding a heritage asset to the local list, particularly in terms of the selection criteria, the greater the weight for protecting the asset.

Heritage assets on the Local Heritage List will not have the same protection as those on the statutory list, although the draft District Plan policy supports the retention of heritage assets on the list. Heritage assets on the local list do not attract additional consent requirements, unlike statutory listed buildings.

This table provides Community valued assets as well as non-designated assets including, buildings, structures, landscape features etc. that gives Alvechurch Parish area its distinctiveness.

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<tr>
<th>THE STRATEGIC ASSETS OF THE PARISH ARE</th>
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<td>At a local level, easy access to the beautiful rolling landscape of north Worcestershire...it’s often referred to as a “gateway to the countryside”</td>
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<td>At a regional level, proximity to Birmingham...a high quality sporting, cultural and shopping centre and a city with significant employment potential.</td>
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<td>At a national level, a relatively-central position for travel to all parts of Britain</td>
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<th>SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST</th>
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<td>Bittell Reservoirs</td>
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<td>Hopwood Dingle (Grovely Dingle)</td>
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<td>Leisurely pursuits</td>
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<td>There are also several WILD LIFE SITES which are noted on the Bromsgrove District Council’s Constraints map</td>
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<th>INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS</th>
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<td>Excellent rail services; railway station on the Cross-City line, providing services to Redditch and Birmingham on a twenty minute basis (improved in 2015)</td>
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<td>Good transport service links through nearby large conurbation centres</td>
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<td>Excellent road communications...an intersection within the Parish onto the national motorway network with associated motorway services facilities</td>
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<td>A wide range of housing types which gives a broad demographic base to the community</td>
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<th>DESIGNATED COMMUNITY VALUED ASSETS</th>
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<td>Alvechurch Sports &amp; Social Club, which provides a public car park</td>
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<td>A Village Centre conservation area including several listed buildings (see National Heritage list below)</td>
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<th>COMMUNITY IDENTIFIED Non Listed HERITAGE ASSETS</th>
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<td>The Alvechurch Village Hall, with space for audiences up to 100</td>
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<td>The Village Hall, Rowney Green include “The Goat and Trousers” Friday night pub.</td>
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<td>The Village Hall at Hopwood</td>
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<td>Alvechurch Baptist Church</td>
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<td>St Mary’s Catholic Church</td>
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<td>Alvechurch Historical Society Museum - (Potential for Community</td>
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<td>ENVIROMENTAL ASSETS</td>
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<td>Many miles of public rights of way (footpaths and bridle paths) criss-crossing the beautiful local countryside, most of which is Green Belt</td>
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<td>Alvechurch Park and Bordesley Park historic sites,</td>
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<th>COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSETS - non designated assets</th>
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<td>Two modern schools designed for pupils up to year 9 and on to year 14. Both schools have been recently acknowledged by OFSTED to be providing excellent standards of teaching and learning.</td>
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<td>General store / supermarket</td>
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<td>Alvechurch Sports &amp; Social Club, which provides a public car park</td>
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<td>Doctor’s surgery/medical centre</td>
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<td>2 local butchers</td>
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<td>Funeral director</td>
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<td>Community advice centres such as the Parish Office and Citizens Advice Bureau at the Library</td>
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<td>A nursery and several playgroups / crèches</td>
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<td>The Rowney Green shared church and Chapel</td>
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<td>Vets and cat sanctuary</td>
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### COMMUNITY LAND ASSETS

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<tr>
<th>4 significant recreational areas in Alvechurch Village including The Meadows (The Wiggin field children's playground, sports pitches and wildlife area) and cricket pitches and pavilions run by Alvechurch &amp; Hopwood Cricket Club</th>
<th>BDC owned; George Road Playing Fields and Crown Meadow (MUGA and separate playground for smaller children)</th>
<th>Community allotments scheme (Old Rectory Road) Potential for Community Acquisition?</th>
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<td>Tanyard Lane public car park, with no parking charges!</td>
<td>NB. Social Club car Park till 2025</td>
<td>The Parish Council run Pavilion at Rowney Green with associated Parish playing fields used for youth football.</td>
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<td>The Parish Council runs Community Centre Hopwood, with associated youth football field.</td>
<td>Alvechurch &amp; Hopwood cricket ground at Lea End lane, Hopwood.</td>
<td>2 Rugby club grounds, one including cricket in Ash Lane Hopwood.</td>
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<td>2 Parish Council run tennis courts to the rear of Rowney Green village Hall</td>
<td>Newbourne Wood</td>
<td>The open landscape gaps between settlements</td>
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### HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSETS

Heritage – already recognised

*See National heritage list below which identifies listed buildings and structures building*

- St Laurence Parish Church with 4 acres of churchyard, ancient monuments and trees

### HERITAGE – POSSIBLY FOR THE LOCAL LIST

There are 37 distinct character areas in Alvechurch Village recognised in the Alvechurch HERA. Any development should seek to preserve and enhance the distinct character of each.

Among these areas, which might be listed as of local heritage value, are:

- Withybed Green and its surrounding area to the southwest of Alvechurch
- Old Rectory Lane
- Cooper’s Hill
- Hopwood Village Hall
- Town Mill
- Alvechurch Village Hall

Historic farmhouses and their former outbuildings (e.g. High House, Foxhill, Alvechurch Lodge, Grange... and farmhouse at Stonehouse Lane)

Areas with remnants of ancient farming and old hedge patterns
IN ADDITION, ANY DEVELOPMENT SHOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF:

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<th>Characteristic “gateways” to Alvechurch village, including their bridges and views</th>
<th>The distinctive ridge-line development at Rowney Green</th>
<th>The shape of Alvechurch Village and how it has grown from the ancient centre towards the west</th>
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<td>The urban nature of the village centre</td>
<td>Mixed farmland and tree cover separating the settlements</td>
<td>The Victorian Parish canal bridges</td>
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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSETS

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<th>Many miles of public rights of way</th>
<th>The Birmingham-Worcester Canal, several miles of towpath, a large marina and Upper Bittell reservoir</th>
<th>The river Arrow and its environs and feeder brooks</th>
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<td>There are many areas of good woodland and other trees; including ancient woodland and extensive recent tree-planting.</td>
<td>Small-scale mixed farming encouraging biodiversity</td>
<td>Higher land giving extensive views</td>
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<td>Designated wildlife protection areas: two SSIs, two local nature reserves managed by Worcestershire Wildlife Trust and six special wildlife sites</td>
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<th>23 hectares of public play areas: significant recreational areas in Alvechurch, Hopwood and Rowney Green, and other smaller areas</th>
<th>Community allotments</th>
<th>Free public car parks</th>
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SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY SERVICE ASSETS

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<th>Excellent schools for pupils up to year 9, incorporating a Community Library.</th>
<th>A Post Office and a good range of other local shops, pubs and restaurants</th>
<th>Local dairy and meat production</th>
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<td>A wide range of community-based organisations providing daytime and evening activities for all ages, including sports, fitness, music and art</td>
<td>A good range of community societies and associations – Community meeting rooms in Alvechurch, Hopwood and Rowney Green</td>
<td>A youth centre (The Lounge)</td>
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<td>The Village Magazine</td>
<td>A business park at Rowney Green with a range of companies</td>
<td>The Social Club</td>
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**Historic England 2016**

**National heritage list for Alvechurch Parish**
BARN AND COW HOUSE ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF LONGFIELD MANOR
List Entry Number: 1100218
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
BARN AND COW HOUSE ABOUT 20 METRES NORTH OF LONGFIELD MANOR, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

OUTHOUSE ABOUT 5 METRES NORTH WEST OF LONGFIELD MANOR
List Entry Number: 1100219
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
OUTHOUSE ABOUT 5 METRES NORTH WEST OF LONGFIELD MANOR, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

SEECEM MANOR
List Entry Number: 1100220
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II*
Location:
SEECEM MANOR, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

LEA END FARMHOUSE
List Entry Number: 1100221
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
LEA END FARMHOUSE, ASH LANE, HOPWOOD, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

VINE COTTAGE
List Entry Number: 1100222
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
VINE COTTAGE, 16 AND 18, BEAR HILL, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

24, 26 AND 28, BEAR HILL
List Entry Number: 1100223
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
24, 26 AND 28, BEAR HILL, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

THE OLD HOUSE
List Entry Number: 1100224
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II*
Location:
THE OLD HOUSE, 32, BEAR HILL, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

CHURCH OF ST LAURENCE
List Entry Number: 1100225
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II*
Location:
CHURCH OF ST LAURENCE, BEAR HILL, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

WINDSOR MEMORIAL CROSS ABOUT 15 METRES SOUTH OF SOUTH PORCH OF CHURCH OF ST LAURENCE
List Entry Number: 1100226
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
WINDSOR MEMORIAL CROSS ABOUT 15 METRES SOUTH OF SOUTH PORCH OF CHURCH OF ST LAURENCE, BEAR HILL, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

15 AND 17, MEADOW LANE
List Entry Number: 1100227
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
15 AND 17, MEADOW LANE, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

MOORGREEN HALL
List Entry Number: 1100228
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
MOORGREEN HALL, RADFORD ROAD, WEATHEROAK HILL, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

NUMBER 2 BEAR HILL, 1 AND 3, RED LION STREET
List Entry Number: 1100229
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
2, BEAR HILL,
1 AND 3, RED LION STREET, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

SCARFIELDS FARMHOUSE
List Entry Number: 1100231
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
SCARFIELDS FARMHOUSE, SCARFIELD HILL, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**17, THE SQUARE**
List Entry Number: 1100232
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
17, THE SQUARE, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**BROADCROFT FARMHOUSE**
List Entry Number: 1100233
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
BROADCROFT FARMHOUSE, WATERY LANE, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**BITTELL FARMHOUSE**
List Entry Number: 1167245
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
BITTELL FARMHOUSE, BITTELL FARM ROAD, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**THE OLD RECTORY**
List Entry Number: 1167265
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
THE OLD RECTORY, OLD RECTORY LANE, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**GATE PIERS AND GARDEN WALL ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTH OF MOORGREEN HALL**
List Entry Number: 1167279
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
GATE PIERS AND GARDEN WALL ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTH OF MOORGREEN HALL, RADFORD ROAD, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**2, 4, 6 AND 8, RED LION STREET**
List Entry Number: 1167298
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
2, 4, 6 AND 8, RED LION STREET, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**5, RED LION STREET**
List Entry Number: 1167311
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
5, RED LION STREET, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**CROWN HOUSE**
List Entry Number: 1167380
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
6, THE SQUARE, CROWN HOUSE, THE SQUARE, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**15 AND 16, THE SQUARE**
List Entry Number: 1167386
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
15 AND 16, THE SQUARE, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**12 AND 14, THE SQUARE**
List Entry Number: 1167392
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
12 AND 14, THE SQUARE, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**5 AND 7, SWAN STREET**
List Entry Number: 1167398
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
5 AND 7, SWAN STREET, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**K6 TELEPHONE KIOSK ABOUT 15 METRES EAST OF NUMBERS 12 AND 14, THE SQUARE**
List Entry Number: 1248086
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
K6 TELEPHONE KIOSK ABOUT 15 METRES EAST OF NUMBERS 12 AND 14, THE SQUARE, BEAR HILL, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**WATER TOWER**
List Entry Number: 1296919
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
WATER TOWER, WEATHEROAK HILL, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire
BRIDGE OVER BIRMINGHAM AND WORCESTER CANAL (NUMBER 69)

WORCESTER AND BIRMINGHAM CANAL, BRIDGE AT LEA END LANE

List Entry Number: 1297001
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:

BRIDGE OVER BIRMINGHAM AND WORCESTER CANAL (NUMBER 69), LEA END LANE,
WORCESTER AND BIRMINGHAM CANAL, BRIDGE AT LEA END LANE, WORCESTER AND
BIRMINGHAM CANAL, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

MEDIEVAL CROSS ABOUT 5 METRES SOUTH OF SOUTH PORCH OF CHURCH OF ST LAURENCE

List Entry Number: 1301009
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:

MEDIEVAL CROSS ABOUT 5 METRES SOUTH OF SOUTH PORCH OF CHURCH OF ST LAURENCE,
BEAR HILL, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

GATE PIERS AND GATES ABOUT 5 METRES EAST OF LONGFIELD MANOR

List Entry Number: 1348533
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:

GATE PIERS AND GATES ABOUT 5 METRES EAST OF LONGFIELD MANOR, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove,
Worcestershire

GATE PIERS, GATES AND FLANKING WALLS ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTH WEST OF BITTELL FARMHOUSE

List Entry Number: 1348534
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:

GATE PIERS, GATES AND FLANKING WALLS ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTH WEST OF BITTELL FARMHOUSE,
BITTELL FARM ROAD, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

WEATHEROAK FARMHOUSE

List Entry Number: 1348535
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:

WEATHEROAK FARMHOUSE, RADFORD ROAD, WEATHEROAK HILL, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove,
Worcestershire

ROWNEY GREEN HOUSE FARMHOUSE

List Entry Number: 1348536
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
ROWNEY GREEN HOUSE FARMHOUSE, ROWNEY GREEN LANE, ROWNEY GREEN, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**1 AND 1A, THE SQUARE**
List Entry Number: 1348537
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
1 AND 1A, THE SQUARE, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**LOWER PARK FARMHOUSE**
List Entry Number: 1348538
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
LOWER PARK FARMHOUSE, STORRAGE LANE, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**THE OLD SMITHY**
List Entry Number: 1389158
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
THE OLD SMITHY, 11 AND 11A, THE SQUARE, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**LANE HOUSE**
List Entry Number: 1391203
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
LANE HOUSE, AQUEDUCT LANE, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**GRANELLI, ADJOINING PERGOLAS TO EAST, SOUTH AND WEST AND GARAGE BLOCK AND BOUNDARY WALL TO NORTH-WEST**
List Entry Number: 1392204
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
GRANELLI, ADJOINING PERGOLAS TO EAST, SOUTH AND WEST AND GARAGE BLOCK AND BOUNDARY WALL TO NORTH-WEST, THE RISE, HOPWOOD, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**THE LAWNS**
List Entry Number: 1393135
Heritage Category: Listing
Grade: II
Location:
THE LAWNS, SCHOOL LANE, Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire

**Moated site 130m north east of Moorgreen Farm**
List Entry Number: 1017527
Heritage Category: Scheduling
Location:
Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire
Moated site and fishponds at the Bishop's Palace
List Entry Number: 1018334
Heritage Category: Scheduling
Location:
Alvechurch, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire