

APPENDIX C: GREEN BELT & CONSTRAINTS

The West Midlands Green Belt

The West Midlands Green Belt is the largest of the three green belts in the West Midlands, covering some 923 square miles. It surrounds Birmingham and Solihull, the Black Country and Coventry, and extends between 6 and 15 miles outwards from the edges of those major urban areas. The West Midlands Green Belt also contains many ‘holes’ for settlements of varying size, the largest being Redditch, Kidderminster and Cannock as well as smaller villages.

The West Midlands Green Belt extends outwards to the edges of a ring of towns surrounding the conurbation. In Lichfield, Tamworth, Nuneaton, Rugby, Warwick and Leamington, Stratford-upon-Avon, Alcester, Worcester and Stourport, the Green Belt reaches the edge of the town on its conurbation side but does not surround it. Redditch, Bromsgrove, Kidderminster, Cannock, Bedworth and Kenilworth are surrounded by Green Belt on all sides.

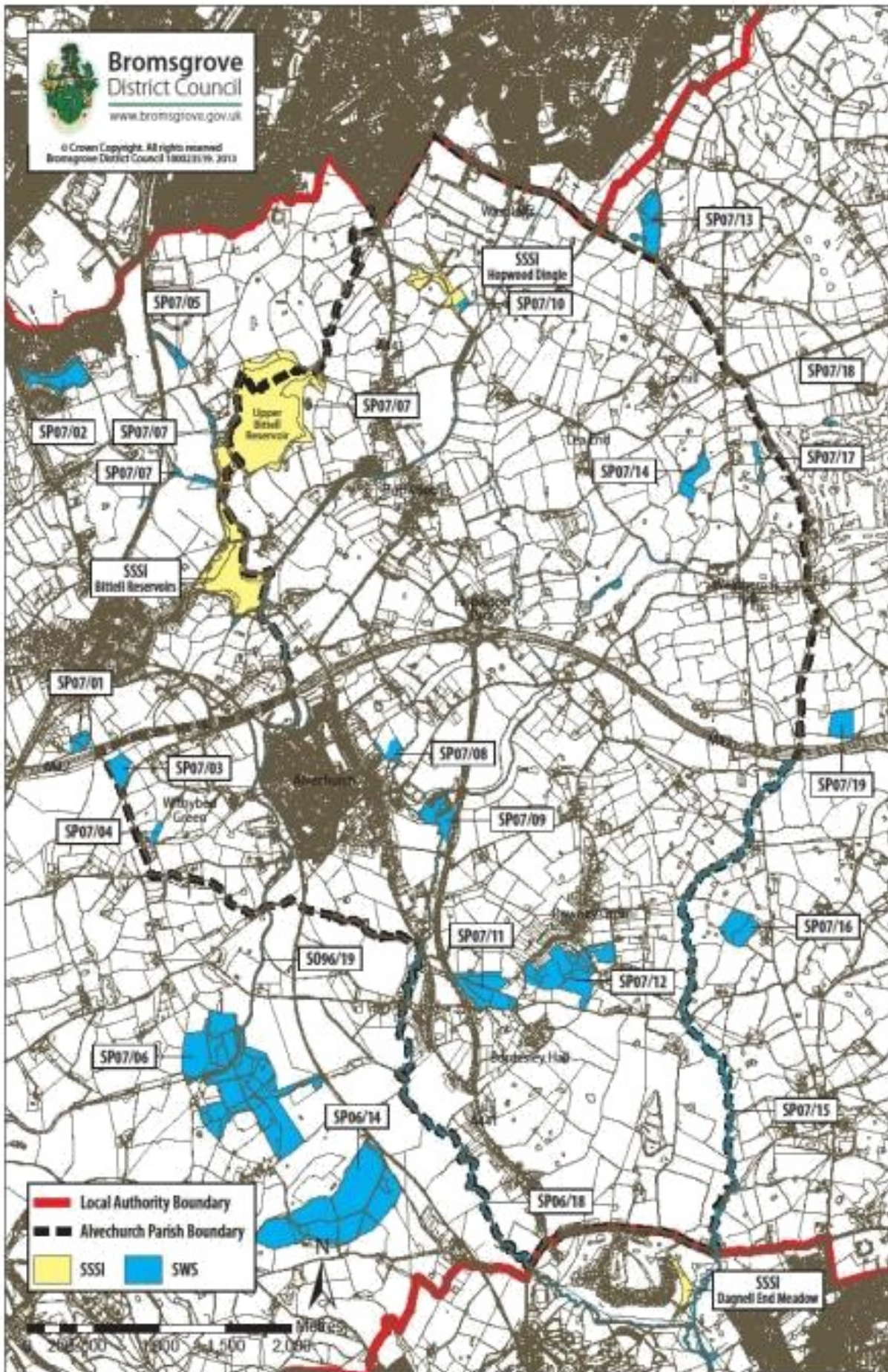
One of the most distinctive features of the West Midlands Green Belt is that its inner boundary closely follows the outer edge of the conurbation and Coventry. When the Green Belt boundaries were drawn, very little land was left between the urban area and the Green Belt to provide for longer-term development.

(Source Birmingham Development Plan 2031 Green Belt Assessment October 2013)

List of Constraints; Alvechurch Parish – Environmental Designations

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Sites of Special Scientific Interest within the parish (SSSI)	Bittell Reservoirs	Hopwood Dingle	
SSSI in nearby adjoining the Parish	Dagnell End Meadow (South of Bromsgrove Boundary in Redditch)		
Special Wildlife Sites/Local Wildlife Sites in the parish	SO96/19 Worcestershire and Birmingham Canal	SP06/18 River Arrow	SP07/03 Coopers Hill Wood
SP07/04 Meadow near Foxhill House	SP07/08 Alvechurch Playing Fields	SP07/09 Old Fish Ponds (semi improved grasslands)	SP07/10 Hopwood Dingle (Part)
SP07/11 Peck Wood SP07/12 Rowney Green	SP07/14 Swans Hill Wood	SP07/15 Dagnell Brook	SP07/17 Lake at Mount Pleasant
Special Wildlife Sites/Local Wildlife Sites nearby in Bromsgrove District adjoining Alvechurch Parish	SP07/07 Bittell Reservoir (Associated Ponds)	SP06/14 Butler’s Hill Wood	SP07/01 Cock’s Croft Wood
SP07/02 Cofton Reservoir	SP07/05 Cofton Plantation	SP07/06 Shortwood Rough Grounds	SP07/13 Redhill Complex (Grassland adjoining parish boundary to north)
SP07/16 Storage Wood	SP07/18 Pond at Golf Course near Wythall	SP07/19 Moorfield Coppice	SEE MAP BELOW Bromsgrove Constraints Map (see also map in main document page 42)



Bromsgrove Constraints Map
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