

Moving forward again towards a Neighbourhood Plan for Alvechurch Parish.



What is a Neighbourhood Plan (NP)?

A Plan like this brings together descriptions of how the Parish is now along with policies to allow some housing and related developments in the right place with the right design and balanced by the right amenities. There's no mystery – NP's are simply a few pieces of paper containing maps, lists and the emerging local policies being prepared by the Plan's steering group. They include practical things that will make a difference to local people's lives in the future, like:

- Housing of good design for families, as well as for younger and more elderly people
- New facilities
- Extension to the school and medical centre to cope with growth
- Pedestrian and cycle walkways
- New amenities in the park or play area
- Where allotments go
- Protecting wildlife and landscape areas

'What's the progress with the Alvechurch Neighbourhood Plan?

Our NP has to be in general conformity with the Bromsgrove Council's new District Plan. Following long delays in being adopted including very detailed public examination by an independent Inspector, the Bromsgrove Plan is likely to be adopted around the end of this year or early 2017. This would make it six years behind schedule as it's a plan for 2011-2030.

This delay has considerably held back work on our Neighbourhood Plan (NP). We now feel it is time to restart our work and progress the Alvechurch Parish Neighbourhood Plan toward its finish.

What will finish mean?

Our community led Neighbourhood Plan will have proper legal status if voted 'yes for adoption' by you at a referendum when finished, and developers would have to address our NP first and foremost before any other, and conform to our policies to gain approval for any future substantial development.

Meanwhile we need more of your views?

The NP Steering Group held consultations throughout 2013 to 2015 .You gave us some views then Can you now help us again?Please answer a few more questions overleaf and return to us here or to the Parish Council Office later.

All communities need housing.

Future generations will need somewhere to live. We only have Green Belt land left around Alvechurch so some of this will need to be used for future housing!!

- 1. How much more housing will we need in the next 2 decades?**
- 2. In addition, where can they be built, to be sustainable, i.e. within walking distance of facilities and amenities to reduce the need for car travel?**
- 3. What type of housing should this be?**
- 4. Will we need more school places and more access to local GPs and dental care to cope, and how could this be achieved?**
- 5. In making the village centre a better place what new shops and parking might be needed?**
- 6. Do we need more businesses other than shops in the Parish and where could we locate them?**
- 7. Are bus and train services sufficient to meet local travel needs?**
- 8. What else do you think we should include in the Alvechurch Parish Neighbourhood Plan?**

Many Thanks....

Name & Post Code

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