

# Responses to Options on the Alvechurch Parish Neighbourhood Plan Drop in Session

## Rowney Green 12<sup>th</sup> October

### Business and jobs

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
1. We need more business to come into the parish to give greater local employment opportunities						
Rowney Green answers (7)		5	1	1		
Comment: many businesses here already						

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
2. To increase the number and type of jobs available we should be prepared to give up some green belt and other sites for business						
Rowney Green answers (4)					4	
Comment: 3 saying that green belt should be preserved if possible						

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
3. Alvechurch village centre would benefit from its own business development plan with options of some pedestrianisation and corresponding road changes round The Square and The Precinct						
Rowney Green answers (6)		1	2	3		
Comment: 6, most saying that business development plan OK but not pedestrianisation						

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
4. Small scale rural employment should be encouraged in the small settlements: Bordesley, Hopwood, Rowney Green, Weatheroak and Withybed Green						
Rowney Green answers (9)		5	2	1	1	
Comment: 2, saying business and buildings must be appropriate to the area						

**Conclusion:** There is some support for increasing local business even in small settlements. There is no agreement that any green belt land should be used. Rowney Green residents do not support pedestrianisation in Alvechurch.

## Housing

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
1. Development first on existing ADRs –further growth after 2030 on green belt immediately adjacent to existing settlements						
Rowney Green answers (8)	5	2				
Comment: 4 saying protect all green belt, one saying “this part” of green belt is very valuable, one saying no decisions about post-2030 should be made, one that access to amenities and public transport are essential, one that brownfield sites should all be used first.						

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
2. Further parish growth should be apportioned equally across the settlements on limited green belt sites						
Rowney Green answers (8)	1			2	5	
Comment: 5 saying green belt should be fully protected, 2 saying appropriate infrastructure is needed.						

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
3. Greenbelt land released for future need should be mainly round the edges of Alvechurch village						
Rowney Green answers (7)		3			3	
Comment: 3 saying no building on green belt, 2 saying not till all brown field sites gone						

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
4. Additional housing limited to small inexpensive houses if green belt has to be used						
Rowney Green answers (4)		2		2		
Comment: 3 saying not on green belt						

## Conclusion:

Many people do not accept the premise that some green belt land may have to be released and just repeat that it should be preserved. However, there is some indication that limited development around settlements, especially Alvechurch, may be acceptable. especially for small houses.

A separate comment is concerned that it is a done deal that Redditch will expand into the sites adjacent to the A441 in exchange for building the Bordesley bypass.

## Countryside environment

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
1. Environment should be managed in the best way for wildlife as well as people						
Rowney Green answers (11)	11					
Comment: 2 emphasising the importance of habitat and ecology, 3 preserving the green belt (not the question!)						

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
2. Improve public access to the countryside including for people with limited mobility						
Rowney Green answers (5)	3			2		
Comment: one suggesting it would make wild countryside too country-park like						

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
3. We should use the countryside productively for farming, sport or tourism						
Rowney Green answers (5)	2	2	1			
Comment: 2 saying that proper development of land in a balanced way is important, one saying yes but not tourism						

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
4. More use of green and environmental technologies/ energy conservation						
Rowney Green answers (7)	5		2			
Comment: 3 emphasising the importance of this, one saying but solar panels contradict design statement						

Conclusion: There is overwhelming support for keeping the countryside wildlife-friendly, though some people confuse this with green belt. Generally people support farming and other appropriate use. There are mixed views on improving access to the countryside. Most people support more use of green technology and energy conservation, some very strongly.

## Transport

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
1. Public transport needs improvement through better co-ordination of all transport methods						
Rowney Green answers (4)		4				
Comment: 7, 4 emphasising need to link bus with rail services. Bus could be replaced by taxi firm offering more flexible service. More than one bus a day needed. Give priority to improving rail services. (some of these comments were in the wrong section)						

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
2. Car parking in Alvechurch village centre needs review						
Rowney Green answers (4)	1	2		1		
Comment: 2, saying restrictions need to be enforced, security improved, and another car park would help						

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
3. More cycleways and footways between the settlements						
Rowney Green answers (8)	4	2	1			1
Comment: 2 saying cycling should be encouraged, 3 saying footpaths need improving						

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No opinion
4. Traffic management across the parish needs improving						
Rowney Green answers (7)	2	2				
Comment: traffic calming needed in Rowney. Speed restrictions needed in Rowney and Grange Lane. Redditch Road needs to be slowed down and have better footpath. Stop HGV using Holloway. (Some comments in this section have been moved to (1) above as they are about public transport.)						

**Conclusion:** There is some confusion about what traffic management means, but people are concerned about speeding both through Rowney and on the main road. There is strong support for improving public transport: more than the one daily bus and better connections with the train service. Generally better footpaths and support for cyclists are supported. Car parking in Alvechurch is not a big issue but there is some comment about bad enforcement of existing restrictions.

There is one separate comment about the state of verges round the village, especially Lower Rowney Green, Gravel Pit Lane, making it difficult to walk around the lanes.

NB The number of people responding is given in each section. This doesn't always match the number of ticks as some people ticked nothing, just making a comment.