

Planning and Land Development Information for Rowney Green

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All those concerned with housing and related development in a rural area like ours (to include small changes to houses through to major housing proposals) should read the [Alvechurch Parish Design Statement](#) which is an integral part of the Alvechurch Neighbourhood Plan

For specific design matters relating to Rowney Green residents should look at pages 24-27.

The neighbourhood plan has policies on 5 topics: housing, heritage and the environment, leisure health and wellbeing, business shops and services, and finally transport issues, Specific reference to housing in Rowney Green can be found in policy H2, on page 31 in the neighbourhood plan.

To meet future housing needs, Bromsgrove DC is now (2019) reviewing its district plan and part of that will be an assessment of green belt land. This will lead to land being released from the green belt for new housing. Alvechurch itself is a larger settlement in the district and is likely to be chosen for further new housing at revised boundaries to the village. Similarly, there could be some changes beyond 2022 to the Rowney Green village envelope allowing for the possibility of sites for new housing. The neighbourhood plan will in turn need to be revised if and when more greenbelt land is released for housing development within the parish.

If residents receive information from Bromsgrove Council as near neighbours of land or property that is the subject of a planning application, it is important to make comment to that council quickly as planning matters are dealt with in a particular timescale

For residents who want to make objections, as well as informing Bromsgrove, it is helpful to advise Alvechurch Parish Council. Its planning committee assesses planning applications in the parish and makes advisory comments about them to Bromsgrove council. Residents with concerns may also contact their District Councillor (for Alvechurch South ward) to ask for consideration of a planning application, possibly leading to the application going to the full Bromsgrove Council planning committee (instead of decisions made solely by planning officers).