



# Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan

## 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 Referendum

On 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 all voters, within the Parish of Alrewas, will be eligible to vote on whether or not they want to adopt the Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan. They will be asked to vote on the following question “**Do you want Lichfield District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Alrewas to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?**”

What is the Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan?

The Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan (ANP) is a long-term plan which will run until 2029. It will be used, in conjunction with the Lichfield District Local Plan and any other material considerations, in the determination of Planning Applications.

The ANP covers areas which are specific to Alrewas and which were identified by a questionnaire, carried out in 2013, which was delivered to every household in the Parish. The ANP incorporated the wishes of the residents as far as is possible under the rules which cover the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.

It should be noted that no Plan (Neighbourhood or Local) can have black and white rules, the neighbourhood Plan has a series of Policies which must be taken into consideration, alongside those in the Lichfield Local Plan, when assessing Planning Applications.

The Alrewas neighbourhood Plan can be accessed via:

<https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/Council/Planning/The-local-plan-and-planning-policy/Neighbourhood-plans/Downloads/Alrewas/Alrewas-neighbourhood-plan-referendum-version.pdf>

The Parish Council are not allowed to advise people on how to vote but can highlight some of the key elements within the Alrewas Neighbourhood Plan (The Plan).

- **The Plan** meets Lichfield District Council’s housing allocation for the Village, this is a fundamental requirement for any Neighbourhood Plan to proceed.
- **Community Facilities** - the Plan will:
  - not support development that results in the loss of, or has significant adverse effect on, village facilities and services.
  - support the protection and enhancement of publicly accessible open space and the canal side environment, and the maintenance or improvement of public rights of way.

- **Traffic** – the Plan will:
  - not support development proposals which lead to traffic congestion in the Village.
  - support proposals which lead to a footbridge across the A38 and the re-opening of Alrewas Station.
  - support proposals which improve the quality and extent of public car parking in the village.
- **Public Realm** – the Plan will:
  - support the protection and enhancement of publicly accessible open space and the canal side environment, and the maintenance or improvement of public rights of way.
  - support the provision of disabled access to public rights of way and the provision of integrated cycling and walking infrastructure linking new development to services and facilities.
- **Environment & Conservation**
  - Within the Village, development proposals must have regard to local character and demonstrate a high quality of design, form and layout.
  - The following sites are designated as Local Green Space, where development is ruled out other than in very special circumstances.
    - A. STATFOLD WOOD The area East of Statfold Lane, bounded by the River Trent and the Mill Stream.
    - B. CANAL AND RIVERBANK The area of open field north of Dark Lane bounded by the village settlement boundary, the Trent and Mersey Canal and the River Trent.
- **Housing Provision** – the Plan will:
  - support development proposals within the Village Settlement Boundary. A new Village Settlement Boundary has been drawn up to stem outwards expansion from the Village into the surrounding countryside.
  - support infill development and the development of brownfield sites along with new developments of smaller properties (e.g. 3 bed or fewer) and those suitable for older people that provide for a recognised need.
- **Economic Development** – the Plan will:
  - support the sustainable growth and expansion of business and enterprise, through conversion, extension and well-designed new buildings, provided that such development:
    - a) Respects local character, including the massing and scale of surrounding buildings and protects residential amenity; and
    - b) Maintains or improves highway safety
  - resist development requiring planning permission that results in the loss of shops, services or public houses as a result of proposals for change of use, unless it can be demonstrated that the shop/service is no longer needed.
  - Support development providing facilities for visitors and tourists, subject to it being of an appropriate size, scale and to it respecting local character and residential amenity.