



# ALCESTER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

## A vision for Alcester 2017 – 2031

# **Proposed Infrastructure Strategy**

An exhibition was put on by Alcester Civic Society, Chamber of Trade and Town Council to bring forward ideas that could form part of the Alcester Neighbourhood plan, which has to be completed by the end of 2017 and will influence the future development of our community for the next 30 years.

The main subject of the Exhibition was Transport, Parking, Safe Routes to Schools, Traffic Flow, Out-of-town Car Parks and the protection of our old buildings. Traffic and heavy vehicles are influencing our lives and contributing to the destruction of our old buildings and the viability of our ancient High Street and Town Centre

We know many people were unable to attend on the day but we need your input. If you would like to see some of the exhibition material, there is a display in Globe House and the information is also online at:

## http://www.alcester-tc.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan/

## parking-forum-questionnaires-2017/

There is also a link there to take you to the online questionnaire forms, please fill out all that are relevant to you: **Residents, Visitors, Schools, Employees/Employers** and **Public Transport**.

Closing Date: 31 January 2017

Thank you



#### **ALCESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

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09 December 2016

RE: Alcester Neighbourhood Plan - Parking issues

Dear Sir/Madam.

Alcester Town Council in conjunction with the Civic Society and Chamber of Trade has been asked to come up with ideas and improvements relating to parking issues. These recommendations will then form part of the Alcester Neighbourhood Plan. This important document will be used for the next 20 years to determine our Town's development.

We would welcome your input into this project, specific to the problems your organisation may have experienced, such as:

• Traffic flow
• Safe routes to schools

- Children drop-off and collection areas
  Protection of our ancient buildings
  All day car parking away from centre
  General improvements to our Town for future generations.

We have also organised an exhibition of present ideas to be held at the Church House meeting room and are encouraging residents and users of Alcester to come along and write down their comments or put forward their suggestions.

Church House Exhibition. Saturday 7th January 2017 at 10am to 4pm.

Please come along as your experiences are important so we want to know your views, any problems and suggestions you have.

Yours sincerely

Councillor John Bunting Strategic Planning Committee Alcester Town Council

The Town Council has to produce the Alcester Neighbourhood Plan during 2017. This document will be used by future planners to guide development in our Parish up to 2031.

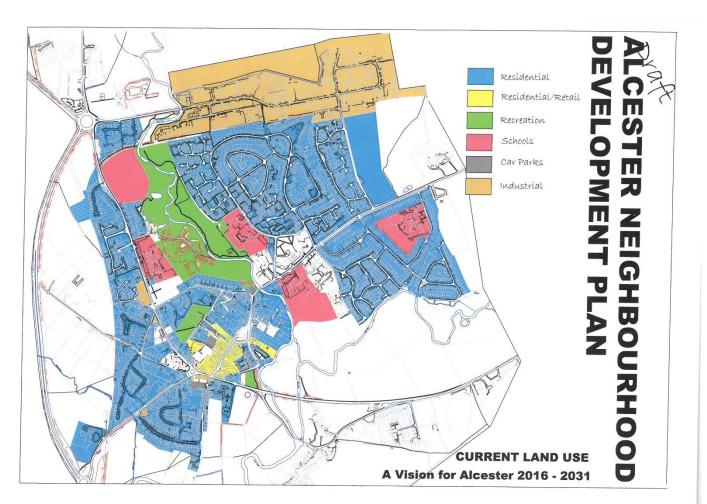
It is our responsibility to preserve our old buildings, control traffic and influence development for the benefit and safety of local people and visitors.

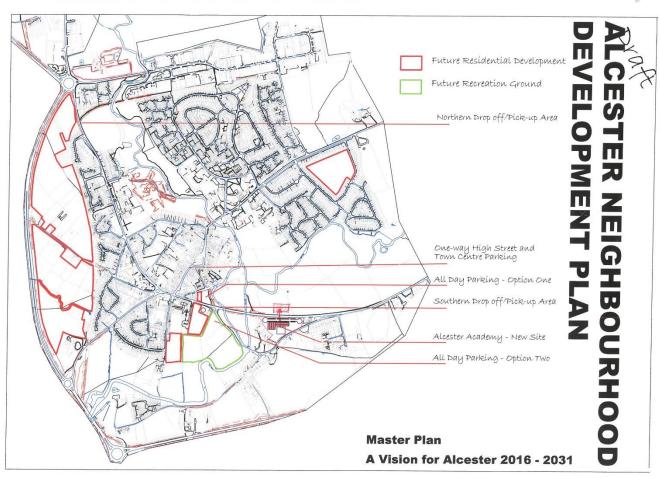
Nothing will take place until the plan is accepted and money is provided. It is hoped developers will implement the guidelines proposed when future planning applications are presented.

Other sites have been identified for possible development in the next 30 years.

The period of the Structure Plan is 30 years.

Infrastructure must be included in all development.





High, Church and Henley Streets need to have traffic density restrictions to make it safer and to preserve buildings such as our historic Town Hall.

The historic centre needs protection and needs to be returned to the people and become the hub of our community.

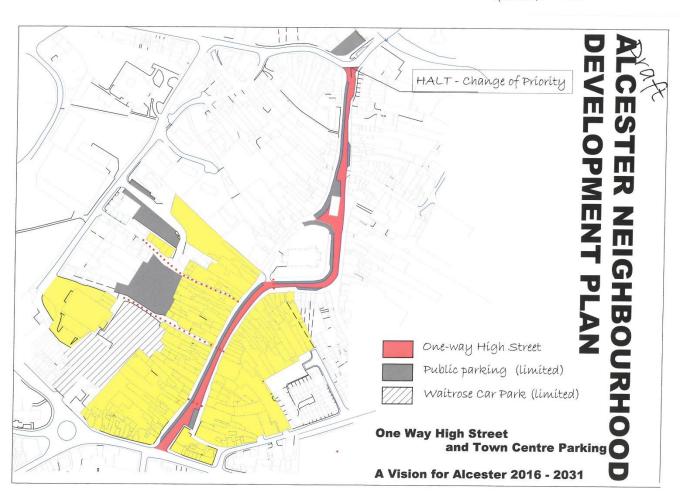
Essential buildings such as Churches need reserved parking at sensitive major services such as funerals, weddings and civic events.

A one way system from Lloyds
Bank to School Road with suitable
crossings would achieve this.
Kinwarton Road and School Road
would become the through road
with a halt at the bottom of
Henley Street





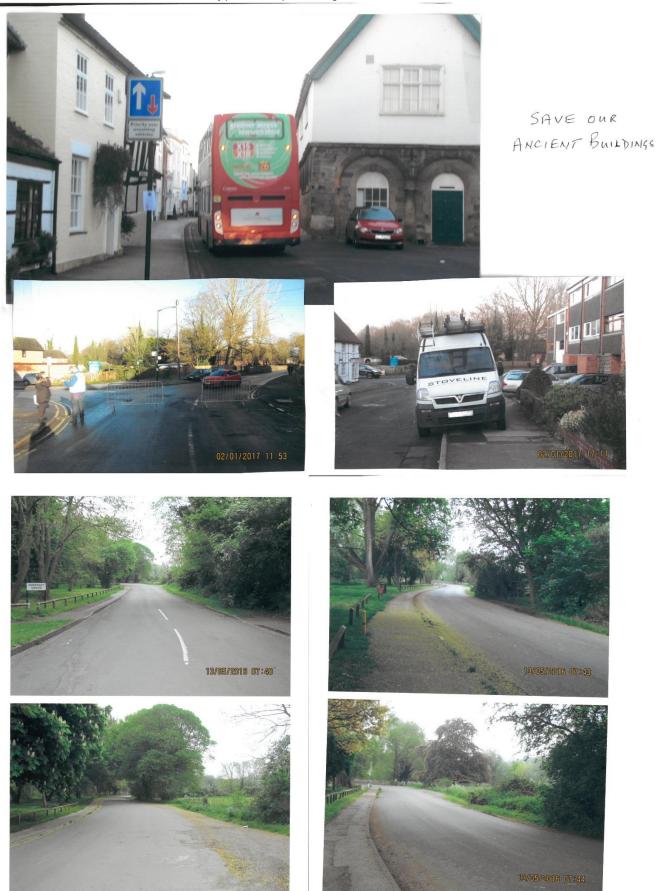
GUNNING BRIDGE



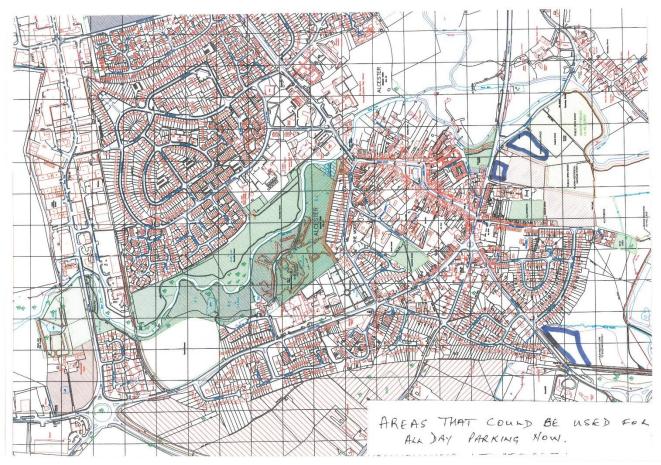


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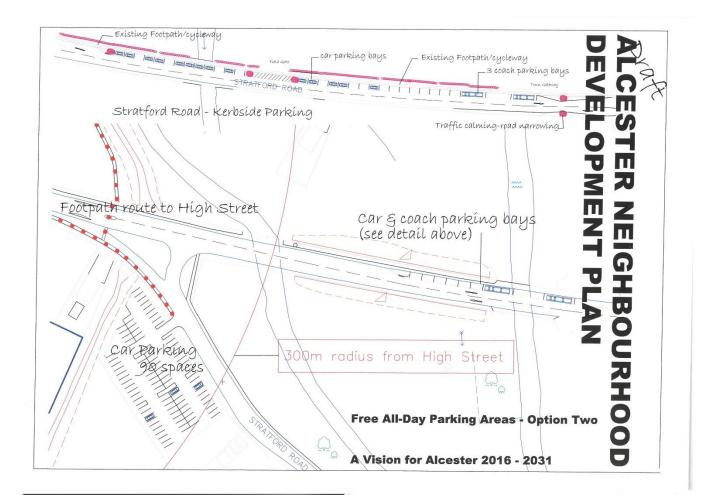




The following are possible sites for out of centre car parks.







The practice of parking in the "shoppers car parks" in Bulls Head and Bleachfield Street and the High Street, by business owners and staff has to stop and these areas must be made available to visitors and shoppers from 8.30 am to 6pm. A system of discs timed for 3 or 4 hours, available from businesses, with a deposit, will ensure free parking and control.

A car park must be provided within easy walking distance for all needing parking for longer periods.

## PARKING AVAILABLE IN ALCESTER (Survey 2009)

LOCATION	SPACES
	AVAILABLE
Waitrose New Car Park	73
Waitrose Old Car Park	74
District Council Bulls Head Yard	75
District Council approach from Moorfields	61
District Council Gunnings Bridge (7 + 3)	10
District Council Bleachfield Street	62
Henley Street and around Town Hall	60
Church Street in 2 laybyes (7 + 6)	13
High Street	45
Gas House Lane (Town Council owned)	20
Gas House Lane (on road)	9
Bleachfield Street on east side of road	59
TOTAL	561

An additional 30 places could be provided by developing the Town Council land at the old fire station on Stratford Road





Bullhead yard carpark at 8am



#### Old road to Oversley

Double yellow the footpath side

Weight restriction already on bridge

Have better notices to keep heavy vehicles from using the bridge

4.30 pm.

Clear any odd brambles on field side

Use grass verge for all day parking

This does not affect traffic in any direction

Been used by fishermen, footballers, ramblers and locals for years

Total space 30 vehicles.

















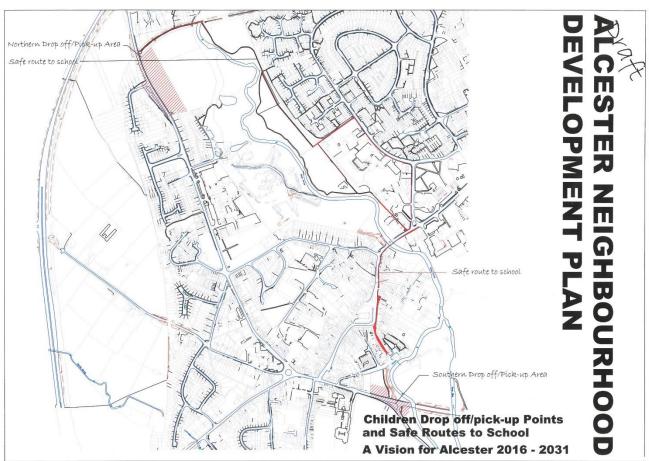
Bulls head yard and Waitrose carpark at 9am in the week





Possible locations for long stay carparks.





Safe routes to schools. Suitable for walking, cycles, prams and scooters.

Footpaths in Jubilee Fields need to be all tarmac surfaces for clean and easy use. This provides a safe route to Schools, crossing the River Arrow by the old iron railway bridge.

This avoids the Gunnings Bridge congestion which is a danger to children of all ages.

Parking of Student vehicles at 6<sup>th</sup> forms is a major problem for the schools and local residents.

Drop off and especially collection of students by parents, plus the use of taxis and mini-bus causes major congestion. Many try to park as near as possible to the school!

The possibility of an accident to a child is greatest near the schools. This also has a severe affect on traffic flow at peak times.

Schools and the community must find suitable sites that are near and a safe short walk to their school for drop off and collection.

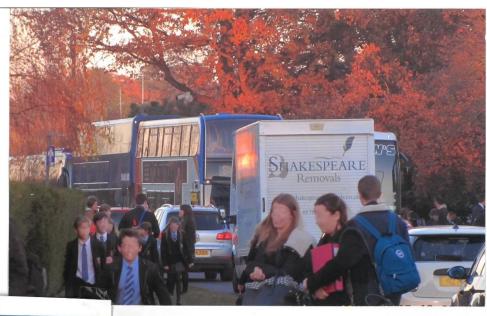
## **Land behind Hopkins Precinct.**

An Old people's residence is needed by Orbit Housing Association. This should be offered to existing tenants to release houses for young families.

This site to include drop off for the junior schools and sufficient parking for the site and area. A Footbridge should be built across the River Arrow to Abbey Fields to compensate for loss of green space.



Buses must be used when ever possible and load and unload within the School complex for safety.





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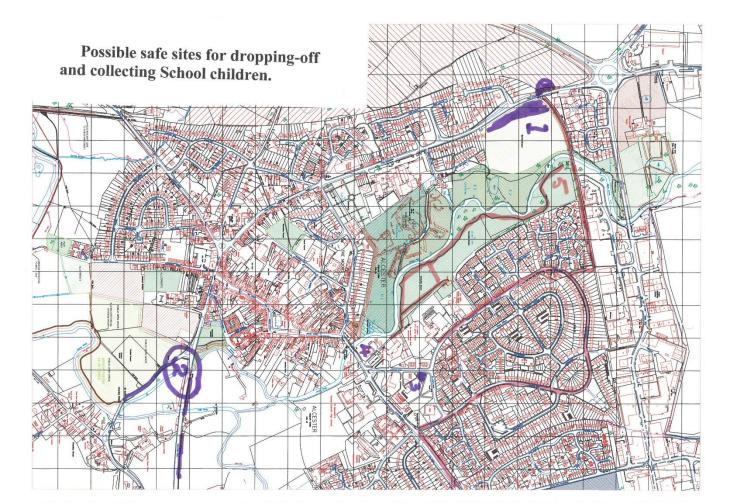




INFANTS SCHOOLS









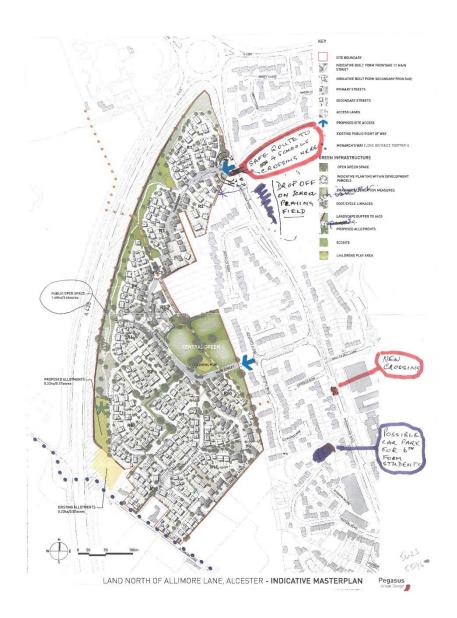
BIRMINGHAM ROAD S/1/17 08.20







GRAMMAR SCHOOL BIRMINGHAM RD ALCESTER 2017



Land near Roebuck has permission to build 350 houses.

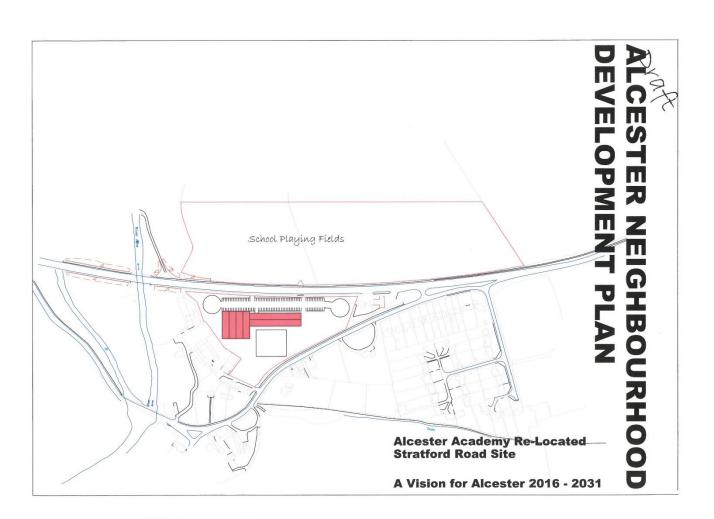
The plan shows 2 vehicle access, on to the Birmingham Road. Eclipse Road and opposite the Roebuck both near the Grammar School entrance.

Buses have to enter the Grammar School complex for safety.

A drop off and collect place for parents and taxis needs to be found away a short walk from the Schools entrance.
Children to walk the last short distance.









There are many wide footpaths and cul-de-sacs which are often used by residents for parking. To avoid possible future restrictions we need to identify them, have them agreed by the relevant authority and marked accordingly. Examples are Cross Roads, Evesham Street and Newport Drive.

#### **PAVEMENTS** and FOOTPATHS

- 1. Needed between Rugby Club and Roebuck Island.
- 2. Roebuck Island and industrial estate, Beauchamp Court side.
- 3. Crossing on Arden Road.
- 4. Footpath improved along River Arrow from old railway bridge north to the site of proposed extension of the industrial estate.
- 5. Tarmac existing path from old railway bridge on Jubilee Fields to the Greig Centre.
- 6. Complete footpath along river from Oversley old bridge to Bleachfield Street.
- 7. New footpath from Bloor development exit at Roebuck to Town to connect with existing path. New crossing needed here.