



# Dalston Neighbourhood Plan

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## Steering Group Meeting

### Number 2

2pm 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at Forge Green, Dalston

#### Present:

Cllr. Chris Drouet (DPC)[CD]; Cllr. Ollie Rickerby (DPC)[OR]; Ian Turnbull[IT]; Ann Byers[AB]; Liz Auld[LA]; Richard Woods (CCC)[RW]; Zoe Sutton (CCC)[ZS]; Cllr. Ronnie Auld (DPC Chairman)[RA], Joined the meeting part-way through.

#### Minutes

##### 1. Apologies;

Helen Banks [HB]; Cllr. Bryan Craig (DPC Vice Chairman) [BC]; Cllr Pauline Dalton (DPC)[PD]; David Wilcock[DW]; David Wilson[DAHW]; Judith Wilson[JW]

##### 2. Approval of Minutes;

Steering Group No1 Minutes (7pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013 @ Forge Green) had been circulated and approved by those present.

##### 3. Review of Workshop No 1; and proposal of further support from Locality (Plan circulated)

There was some concern that the material presented was a bit too “planning Expert” orientated but on the whole was useful and inspired a lot of questions.

The next support item is “Review the project plan”. It was agreed that CD could take this forward and all the group do not need to be involved.

**Action: CD to report back.**

It was considered too early to consider SEA/HRA as we were advised by ZS & RW that these would follow any site designations.

**Action: CD will discuss with Claire Senior of Locality.**



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The next scheduled workshop is “Consultation Events and Activities”. It was considered by the group that we needed to start this activity and then use the workshop to review progress and take advice on what more we should do.

#### 4. Review the Content of Dalston Neighbourhood Plan;

IT raised his view that it wasn't necessary to have a NP. After some discussion where most of the group agreed that a NP for Dalston would be an asset for future planning under the current Planning Legislation, it was decided by all to consider what aspect of local land use and issues DNP should include.

CD passed round the raw results of the DNP Launch Survey to give a starting point for the discussion (Attached to these minute for your information).

The following “Headings” were considered to be representative of the initial concerns of Dalston Parish residents;

- Housing Development

This area was considered to be large enough to have a specific meeting for its discussion. The group need to consider how housing should be developed right across the Parish including development in the small hamlets. This area can only start to take shape when the Dalston Housing Need Survey is completed, but it was considered that the group should start to draw up ideas that reflect the projected housing requirement in Carlisle District Local Plan. DNP will be an opportunity to interpret The Local Plan to reflect the views of Dalston Parish residents.

It was mentioned that The Local Plan is in draft at the moment but RW said that it would not change very much after consultation so was a good starting point.

Areas such as moving the schools to new sites on the edge of Dalston to allow sustainable land to be released near the square and deal with the overcrowding and parking issues with both schools were discussed. It was agreed that all members should return to the next meeting with ideas, no matter how radical!

**Action: All to consider and this will be discussed at the next meeting.**



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- Economic Issues

The need to involve the local businesses and get their views of The Plan for the future was discussed. There was some discussion how this could be achieved by personal contact or via a questionnaire. It might be that a different approach would be required for the retail premises to that used for businesses on the Barras Lane trading estate. It might be that it would be necessary to visit some of the bigger businesses and get their views of a sample questionnaire?

Another suggestion was to contact Mike Morris, of The Carlisle Chamber of Commerce and seek his views and suggestions.

**Action: RA and HB to take this area into consideration. RA to contact Mike Morris.**

- Traffic and related issues

Traffic and parking were shown by the Launch Survey to be important issues to a large percentage of those polled. Traffic surveys recently conducted by the PC, show very large increases in traffic volumes. It was decided that this information should form the starting point of evidence in DNP.

**Action: BC & RA to produce the past survey results with a view to analysis.**

- Transport

A matter for another day! No discussion to record for this subject.

**Action: All. Consider issues for this area.**

- Conservation of Architecture

After a discussion it was decided that there is in existence a recent survey which could be used as the base for this work. Part of a NP can produce a register of “Architectural Assets” and some of these could be considered for formal listing.

**Action: IT & OR to source the information and collate it for future use as a possible policy.**



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- Conservation of Dalston Square

As in “Conservation of Architecture” above.

**Action: Action: IT & OR to source the information and collate it for future use as a possible policy.**

- Open Spaces & Environment

In a general discussion this subject could cover the environment, wild life, the river etc. The Environment Agency would probably be able to provide information and the Wild-life Trust has recently carried out a survey of particular areas of interest within Dalston Parish. It was agreed to ask David Wilcock if he would like to lead this area with the help of others, maybe Ann Byers.

**Action: AB & DW**

- Community

AB has agreed to investigate how the pupils of the two schools (Caldew and St. Michaels) can be included in the NP. AB is a governor of St. Michaels and will ask Mr Fraser, the Head-teacher for his input. BC is a governor of Caldew School and it was suggested he could investigate how their involvement could be sought.

**Action: AB & BC**

- Leisure and Recreation

It was suggested that we needed a plan to inform, canvas views and include all the community organisations such as The Recreation Committee, Show Field Committee, The Victory Hall committee, The PCC, and Youth Organisations etc (not an exhaustive list). HB did indicate her interest in community groups so it was agreed to ask her to look into this. Who should be contacted and how!

**Action: HB**



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As the NP is evidence led all of the above sections need to show clear consultation with the residents and show that it is an issue with them. The resulting policy in the NP will show how Dalston Parish will consider the above issues in the light of any future development of land use

## **A general discussion took place concerning future issues for all to consider;**

- How do the small hamlets use Dalston as a cluster centre and how do issues of transport, public or private affect this?
- Do we need to think of future development strategies that will possibly involve increasing the number of houses in the small hamlets and what infra-structure matters need to be resolved to do this?
- Does moving the two schools in Dalston to a new site on the edge of the village solve the capacity issue but also some of the traffic and parking problems?

AB is going to start a Parish Profile with stats from amongst other sources The Cumbria Observatory, Electoral Roll and other information from ZS.

AB is going to start a small regular feature in The Parish Paper to keep the NP in the “public eye”.

**Action: AB**

RA is looking into how a part of the village website could be used as a notice board to keep residents informed. Also we need to look into other internet communications such as Twitter. All these things will need man power to run them so members need to consider if they can help Ronnie with this.

**Action: RA & All**

## **Date of the next meeting:**

**14.00 – 17.00 on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2013 @ Forge Green**

This date was chosen as the most likely to be convenient to all members so please make every effort to attend.

## **Attachments:**

DNP Launch Survey RAW Results Document