



Dalston Neighbourhood Plan

Steering Group Meeting

Number 30

26th May 2016, 7pm @ Forge Green

Present:

Cllr. Chris Drouet (DPC) [CD]; Cllr Pauline Dalton (DPC) [PD]; Cllr. Ronnie Auld (DPC Vice Chairman) [RA]; Cllr. Oliver Rickerby (DPC) [OR]; [BC]; Cllr. Ann Byers (DPC Chairman) [AB];

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence

Jill Faux [JF]; Liz Auld [LA]; Zoe Sutton (CCC) [ZS]; Richard Wood (CCC) [RW]
Bryan Craig (DPC)

2. DNP-DV Survey; Members' analysis. (As requested in e-mail of 11.01.2016.)

Housing only received from PD.

Action: All

3. Progress of Catalogue of views.

A discussion of what was required took place. AB agreed to review, describe and label the photos she had submitted.

Action: AB

CD would send her photos back to her.

Action: CD

PD would review the requirements and collate the document for the evidence base.

Action:PD

OR would review the photos included in the Rural Master Planning document as a start and send these to PD.

Action: OR



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PD would review the requirements and discuss with RA what extra photos would be needed and RA would produce what was required either from stock or take new photographs.

PD & RA to liaise.

Action: PD & RA

4. **Review of DNP draft plan v7;** Consideration of Section 2 Jobs & Economy

Consideration of amendments from OR ref. “Justification” SP 1, “Development Principles”. The group agreed the draft and that it should be added to the next version of The Plan.

Action: CD

Development principles concerning the River Caldew were discussed. There was concern that the protected area outside the SSSI and SAC should be defined to avoid any confusion. This was agreed to be defined as 50m from either river bank of The Caldew only. A form of words was agreed to be added to the next version of The Plan. As this was an over-arching policy it was agreed that there was no need to add this as an individual policy in the housing section.

Action: CD

Development principles concerning Broadband infra-structure in any new development was discussed. It was agreed that this element should be made stronger especially in view of the mention of this in “The Queens Speech, May 2016”. As well as a form of words taken from an existing policy (*Boxted NP B11*), it was also to be noted that the improvement of the 4G phone network must be part of the infra-structure supporting rural communities.

Action: CD

A new housing policy for the housing section was proposed by OR concerning affordable housing for people with a strong local connection. The group also considered an e-mail from ZS stating the views of GL and Jeremy Hewitson, housing Development Officer. There was an issue concerning the initial “Exclusivity” period being too long at 4 months.



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The policy was agreed to be added to the next version of The Plan with the provision that the 4-month period could be replaced with 1 calendar month but subject to further revision after discussion with WL, (Great Orton) and his experience in this area of Parish Council involvement.

Action: CD

As a result of this discussion, RA would contact WL and e-mail the group how Great Orton manage their system of affordable housing and what it consists of.

Action: RA

It was agreed that this policy would be added to Policy 3 and statistics would be added to the justification.

Action: CD

Consideration was given to the suggestion that armed forces and those in full time education should be included. It was decided that these categories would not be appropriate to include in this policy.

- 5. Section 2: Jobs and Economy** was discussed. Considering the tabled documents from ZS, i.e. "Business Survey-key Stats" and "Further business policy direction", in conjunction with, "Dalston Parish Businesses-Comments Summary" and "DNP Business Survey 2014", the group decided that the "Background" section should be amended to include some of the key points in "Business Survey-key Stats".

Action: PD

Taking these points into account the group agreed that there would need to be several new policies specifically identifying use of Barras Lane without further expansion, and Brownfield sites must be the only option for business development. A policy area was identified to protect existing industrial sites from change of use to provide continued employment in the Parish. The justification for this lies in the fact that there are many units vacant at Barras Lane and in the District as a whole. In the Business Survey, 59% preferred that sites for business use should come from existing buildings and 40% from brownfield sites.

PD agreed to compile these new policies and e-mail them around the group **before Tuesday 31st May 2016**, to allow consideration before the next meeting.

Action: PD



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The next meeting agenda would focus on finalising these policies.

Draft Programme considered. A draft programme of future tasks leading up to a NP Referendum in February 2017. The group thought this useful but as the start dates required the draft NP to be complete by 20th June 2016 for pre-submission Consultation, (three weeks away), there was not enough time to start the Community Engagement.

However, it was thought that as a general guide, with some obvious slippage and parallel running, it focussed the mind on the priorities of progress.

6. The date of the next meeting.

Wednesday 1st June 2016 (SG Meeting # 31)

Also the date of the following meeting will be

Thursday 9th June 2016 (SG Meeting # 32)