



Dalston Neighbourhood Plan

Steering Group Meeting

Number 40

7pm, 12th January 2017 @ Forge Green

Present:

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

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr. Oliver Rickerby (DPC) [OR]; Liz Auld [LA]; Jill Faux [JF]

The meeting was advised that OR had agreed not to attend due his conflict of interest with items in this agenda.

2. Local Green Spaces – Approve those to go forward.

DNP-LGS59 Recreation Ground; Letter received from the Dalston Recreation Association confirming the correct map and their agreement to the making of this Local green space. In addition, the Recreation Association commented that the new Bowling Club pavilion is built on land purchased from the Dalston Agricultural Society and the group would need to contact them concerning the LGS proposal.

After several attempts to contact officials of the bowling Club it was agreed to contact LA for contact information.

Action: CD

LGS Approved for inclusion in the Plan by the group.

DNP-LGS05 The Green & Kingsway; No objection received from the landowner, Dalston Parish Council so this Local Green space is approved by the group.

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DNP-LGS07 The Showfield; Letter received from Dalston Agricultural Society objecting to the designation of this land as a Local Green space. The principle reasons for the objection are that LGS designation would prevent further investment and development of the site, thus hampering future growth, development in the past has been funded by leasing to third parties part of the land for other use and LGS designation would prevent this. Also this site is not available for public recreational use but only for the, “promotion and advancement of agriculture for the benefit of the



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public by holding the annual show at Dalston”. There is no public access permitted on the field at any other time.

The letter goes on to cite issues of lack of consultation. Unfortunately, the letter to landowners of proposed Local Green Spaces within Dalston Neighbourhood Plan was incorrectly addressed and never received by the Dalston Agricultural Society. When this error was brought to the groups attention at the beginning of the Consultation period, an extension of 3 weeks was granted to this organisation to compensate for this issue.

In respect of future development restrictions due to Local Green Space designation, further information from National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF para 78 and para 89) concerning exceptions that allow development within a LGS were sent to the Society. These exceptions make it quite clear that any development that enhances the use or improves the LGS will be allowed.

Within the Dalston Visions Survey, 80% said that “Green Spaces” should be identified within the Plan and 12% of these listed the Showfield as highly valued to them and should be protected. (third highest in this listing)

The group considered the above and decided that the majority of residents of Dalston wished to see the Showfield protected and this should be included as a Local Green Space within the Plan.

A statement of reasons should be compiled and RA agreed to do this.

Action: RA

To assist RA with this, appropriate references to NPPF will be supplied to him.

Action: CD

DNP-LGS18 Sowerby Forest; Letter received from the owner objecting to the designation of LGS. He states that the Sowerby Forest proposal is inappropriate as it is not near the village of Dalston and not easily accessible, it is not of any local significance to the local community and not a public place for recreation or community activities, and could not be described as being particularly local in nature and is in fact commercial woodland occupying an extensive tract of land.

The group considered this noting it is in fact it is over 116 Ha and although is served by a public footpath directly from Dalston village could not be described as a public amenity.

The group agreed to remove Sowerby wood from the LGS proposals of Dalston Neighbourhood Plan.



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DNP-LGS47 Old Drovers route, Raughton Head; No objection received from the landowner, Cumbria county Council so this Local Green space is approved by the group.

DNP-LGS55 Land between The Kingsway & The River Caldew; A letter of objection has been received from the landowner. Whilst he wants to preserve the green open space and has no intention of developing the land, he does not see any advantage (to him) in having the land classified as Local Green Space. He is also reluctant to restrict its use or diminish its value.

The group discussed this matter and decided that because of considerable support for including this area, close to the river as a LGS, (see below) it would be appropriate to enter in discussion with the owner as he and the group do seem to have similar aims.

It was decided the owner should be invited to the next convenient Steering Group meeting.

Action: CD

Within the Dalston Visions Survey, 80% said that “Green Spaces” should be identified within the Plan and 18% of these listed the area alongside the River Caldew as highly valued to them and should be protected. (second highest in this listing)

DNP-LGS56 Land between Riverside and The River Caldew; No objection received from the landowner, Dalston Parish Council so this Local Green space is approved by the group.

However, there was some discussion whether the map was accurate so LA was to be asked to check this for the group.

Action: CD

3. Consultation Comments received and our reply to them with any actions required (general replies)

Stockdalewath A draft reply informing all residents of the groups intention to remove Stockdalewath from Policy DNP- H2, was circulated around the group for approval. This was confirmed.

Copies of the comments from these residents were passed to AB with a copy of the above letter to be posted or delivered to them.

Action: AB

An electronic copy of the letter will be sent to AB for her use.

Action: CD

General Replies Copies of all the other replies were passed to PD who would ask JF if she could carry out the following;



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- Read each reply and produce a precis (as short as possible) of their comment suitable to be inserted in a spread-sheet box.
- Draft a short reply from the group saying how we would address their issue, or not as the case may be. (The instances of “issues” will be discussed at the next meeting)

Action: PD & JF

Comments from Ian Rousell; PD will write a reply to his detailed comments mentioning that his letter has been passed to Dalston parish Council for further action.

Action: PD

NB All replies will be added to the consultation table to be included in the “DNP Pre-submission Consultation Statement”.

4. The date of the next meeting.

7pm, Tuesday 24th January 2017 @ Forge Green, Dalston