



# Dalston Neighbourhood Plan

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## Steering Group Meeting

### Number 43

5pm, 7<sup>th</sup> February 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]; Liz Auld [LA]; Jill Faux [JF]; Nick Utting (DAS) [NU]; Craig Brough (DAS) [CB]

#### Minutes

##### 1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr. Oliver Rickerby (DPC) [OR]; Richard Wood (CCC) [RW]; Cllr. Bryan Craig (DPC) [BC]

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 – DNP-LGS 07 The Showfield

PD introduced the concept of LGS and described the response from the Dalston Visions Survey to protect this area shown in DNP-LGS 07, as considerable. With this public interest, the Steering Group considered it their public duty to make every effort to carry out this proposal on behalf of the Parish.

CD described to the meeting the process of making a LGS and how the landowner was approached for their opinion. CD noted that out of the 7 LGSs considered, one was objected to by the landowner. This had been considered by the Steering Group and this proposal was removed from the Draft Plan. The Group agreed with the landowner's reasons. Another LGS proposal was initially objected by the landowner but after further discussion a compromise over the area of his land to be made a LGS was reached so a modified drawing was produced and agreed by all parties.

The Dalston Agricultural Society (DAS) representatives outlined their position and concerns over their land being made the subject of a Local Green space.

CD argued that any improvement that DAS wanted to make to the Showfield facilities would not be hindered by the LGS arrangement as the NPPF allows any development that would improve the facilities of a LGS.

CB made the point that the DAS might want to lease out land, as they have done already to allow the New Co-op car park to be built, for other neighbouring facilities such as the Doctors Surgery and he felt that the LGS would stop this from happening.



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CD suggested that a compromise towards this sort of event in the future would be to leave part of the Showfield not covered by the LGS and this would then be free for any future development.

The DAS representatives said they would take these suggestions to their next meeting of the DAS Committee and formally reply to the Steering group in the next few weeks.

### **3. The date of the next meeting.**

7pm, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 at Forge Green