

# Organisations

## Summary of views received from local organisations

### Catholic Faith Views

Pleased that the church faiths try to get together  
Would like the catholic Saturday services to resume in St Michael's Church, Dalston  
Do not want to see any more housing development as we want Dalston to remain a village  
Would like to see the old Co-Op to be refurbished  
Develop the path from the white bridge along the river, make it safer and more user friendly  
Also to have steps from bridge end to the path along the river  
Want to see Townhead Road surface improved  
Want to see improvements on the busy Station Road  
Need a pavement from Glave Hill turn out onto Townhead road towards The Square.  
Do not want Dalston to join up with Carlisle as a ribbon development

### Methodist Faith Views

Like the good community spirit  
Find Dalston an active, friendly village  
Like the convenience of the new car-park  
There are problems with do dirt in the village  
Traffic speed along The Green - but don't want to see 20mph  
There are problems with parking on yellow lines and the pavements  
We think there are too many large houses in the new developments  
The junior school will have problems catering for all the new children coming into the village

**St Michael's, Dalston, with St John's, Cumdivock, Parochial Church Council**  
*(The Benefice of Dalston with Cumdivock, Raughton Head and Wreay)*

28<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Further to a request from Ann Byers, who is a member of the Dalston Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, I can confirm that she asked for comments from the PCC regarding Dalston, what they would like to see in the next 15 years and what they like about the parish for the Dalston Neighbourhood Plan. She also wanted to know views of the parish and any problems, what they don't like or what they would like to see in the next 15 years for the Dalston Neighbourhood Plan.

The following was discussed:-

Traffic issues in Dalston

Problems crossing the road at the busy junctions of Townhead Road with the The Green and at the corner shop on Station Road

Speed of the traffic through the centre of Dalston

Yours faithfully,

Diana Cowen

Secretary off the St Michael's, Dalston, with St John's, Cumdivock, PCC

## RAUGHTON HEAD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

1<sup>st</sup> May 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

The following are the views from the Raughton Head PCC. Important thing that gives Dalston its character:

The blend of urban and rural. The ability to maintain a village feel, but a village that understands that it serves its rural neighbours.

Top three good things

1. The number of community groups that cover a wide and diverse breadth of tastes.
2. The fact that the parish is served by the one vicar who is able to ensure we all keep our distinct flavours, but coming together as a benefice
3. The wonderful rural setting, which provides such an idyllic back-drop. Maintaining this is very important.

Current problems:

1. Lack of affordable houses in the rural areas of the parish.
2. Lack of transport, that can leave people feeling isolated.
3. Everybody is trying to fund their own enterprises, and this can be a constant drain on enthusiasm and finances.

Major challenges:

1. From a church perspective, the ability to keep the remote congregations and church buildings viable is a major challenge, especially with an elderly profile.
2. Maintaining jobs, accommodation, and schools for the younger people, especially in the smaller villages and hamlets
3. To make sure that Dalston is a hub that covers the whole parish, and not be the only focus for parish activities

Yours faithfully

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## CUMBRIA YFC

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5<sup>th</sup> April 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

In response to your request for the views of Raughton Head YFC to the Dalston Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, we discussed this and the following was said.

From Raughton Head YFC's perspective...

Affordable Housing is an area of concern for our members who are nearing the age of maturity and wanting to 'fly the nest.' In a community where it's important to live near a family farm having affordable housing within the area is extremely important. Affordable housing will help farmers and reassure that further generations stay within the area. Village Halls are a key element to the success of all young farmer clubs. Raughton Head is lucky in the respect that they have quite a few nice village halls all within a reasonable close proximity. We are currently starting our rehearsals for the national entertainments competition that we do every three years. In our bid to create a successful show we rely heavily on all the local village halls; Gaitsgill, Welton and Dalston Victory Hall. I would like to make note that Dalston Victory Hall is very accommodating and their efforts to help us with costs is much appreciated. The success on clubs also comes down the support from the local parish. When money is getting tighter and costs from county club levies are only going up; the cost of hiring halls is a great importance to us. We are lucky in the respect that the halls we have access to vary in prices and so we can suit the varied needs that we require them for. This doesn't apply to any village halls in that full under the Dalston Parish but we have experience of been turned away from halls due to the fact that we are Young Farmers. The continued support we receive from Dalston's Parish is paramount to our successes and ultimately the club been able to continue. If there were any funding available at all it would be a great help towards our costs of the halls we use.

Yours sincerely

Emma Salthouse

Secretary of Raughton Head YFC