

# Setting Goals and Objectives

After analysing the Launch Survey, the following Policy Areas were set with their appropriate goals and objectives.

## 1 Housing:

<b>Goal</b>
To provide existing and future residents with the opportunity to live in a decent home.

- a. To integrate new housing into Dalston Parish such that today's rural look and feel is maintained.
- b. To encourage provision of homes for younger people and young families and so counter the growing demographic imbalance.
- c. To provide a limited amount of new housing to meet local needs; including a greater range of affordable housing for residents, spread across the whole of Dalston Parish.
- d. To provide a mix of housing types including smaller homes for the elderly villagers wishing to downsize and for young single, couples or families needing their first home.
- e. To ascertain from Carlisle City Council what forward planning is available for sheltered housing and include this requirement in our NP policies.
- f. To ensure that new development is of a high quality design and is built to a high sustainable standard reinforcing local distinctiveness.
- g. All new development sites should be of an appropriate scale based on all available evidence.
- h. To give preferential access to some affordable housing for people with a strong local connection.
- i. To ensure that the design and location of new development is resilient to the effects of flooding.
- j. Preference given to "brown field site" development.
- k. There will be an expectation of 40% affordable housing in any new development within the Parish.
- l. Priority for smaller dwellings to address the imbalances identified. This includes:
  - Starter and smaller homes for private purchase.
  - Affordable housing for rent or shared ownership.
  - Smaller dwellings for residents to downsize.
  - Low priority for larger dwellings. It is accepted that a small number of larger homes may be necessary in order to

secure viability of allocated sites and deliver a minimum of 40% affordable housing.

## 2. Jobs and the Local Economy

<b>Goal</b>
To enhance the prospects for local employment.

- a. To seek advice from local employers.
- b. To encourage supply and use of Super-Fast-Broadband throughout the Parish.
- c. To encourage and support small business in rural areas

## 3. Protecting our Environment

<b>Goal</b>
To minimise the impact of new development on the surrounding countryside, landscape, and ecosystems.

- a. Identify, protect and enhance the Parish's open spaces
- b. To protect, enhance and conserve the landscape and views.
- c. Identify and press for designated "Green Spaces" between Carlisle and Dalston Village to prevent "urban creep".
- d. Conserve Monuments & Historical Architecture
- e. Identify and respect industrial heritage
- f. Encourage recognition and conservation of The river Caldew which is an SSSI & SAC.
- g. To consider the environmental impact of Cardewlees Quarry and its potential future use.
- h. The build Environment, conserve historical architecture and preserve important Parish assets

## 4. Improving the Community and Services

Goal
To proactively sustain and improve the health, safety and sense of wellbeing of the people of Dalston Parish.

- a. Maintain the rural character and vitality of Dalston Parish.
- b. Developments should be of high quality designs which:
  - Respect the future quality of life for all.
  - Create safe and accessible environments.
  - Enhance an individual's independence at both a personal and community level.
  - Meet Lifetime Homes Standards where possible. (*ref. Health & Wellbeing in Dalston Parish*)
- c. Encourage and facilitate community groups to thrive and operate in a collaborative manner.
- d. Create a high quality accessible environment which will enable people to make healthy choices through physical activities such as cycling, walking, and using recreation areas.
- e. Continue planning for the regeneration of Dalston Square to provide a safe, attractive and "people friendly" centre to the village.
- f. Promote a sense of safety and security through the application of "design out crime" criteria to developments and the consideration of traffic volume and speed, parking and pedestrian safety. This would include continuing pressure on the County Council to build a "Southern Bypass".
- g. Maintain and improve levels of public transport.
- h. Maintain and encourage local services; this includes the provision of a public library.
- i. Consider the impact of extreme weather events.
- j. Encourage locally produced food through allotments, community gardens.
- k. Explore avenues of energy generation.