



# Neighbourhood Planning in London - the next five years

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# Welcome

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# Agenda

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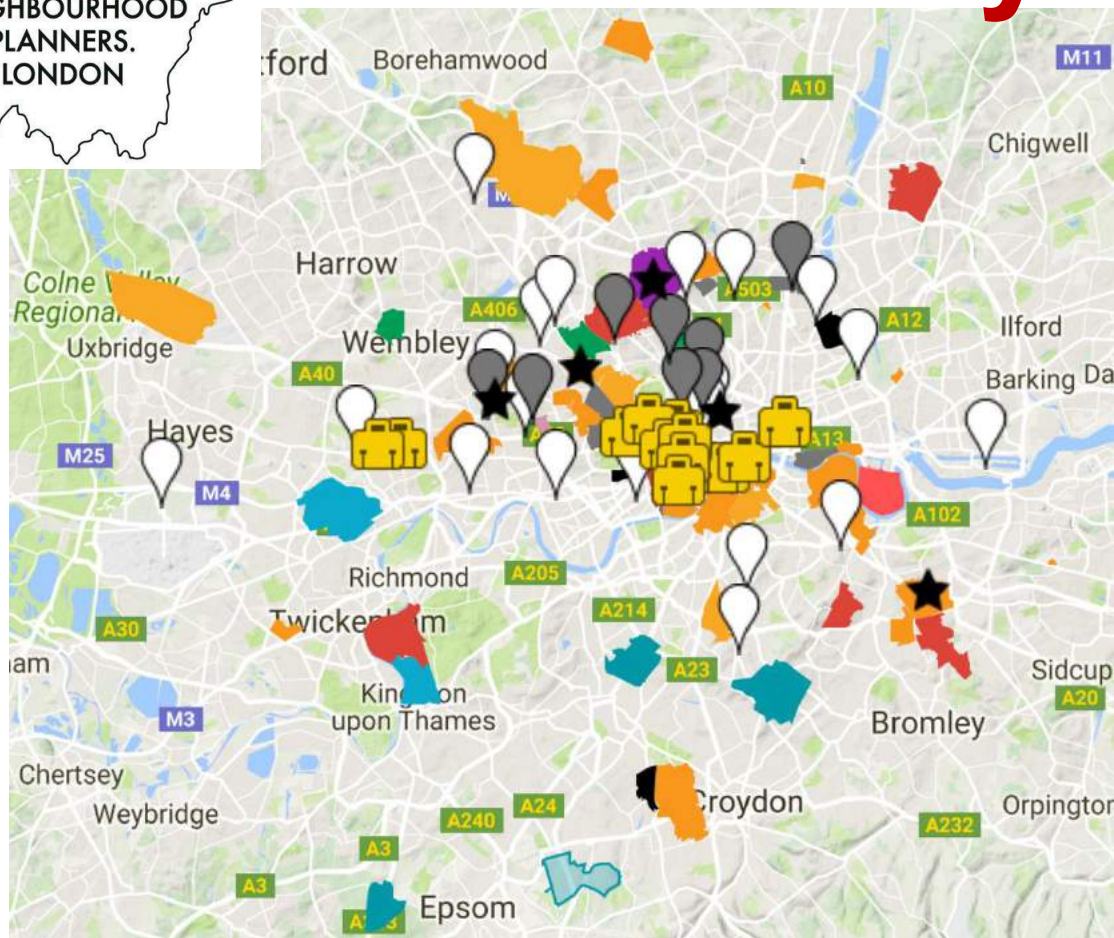
# State of play

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**>100 areas**

**5 completed plans**

**6 cross-boundary**

**11 business  
neighbourhoods**

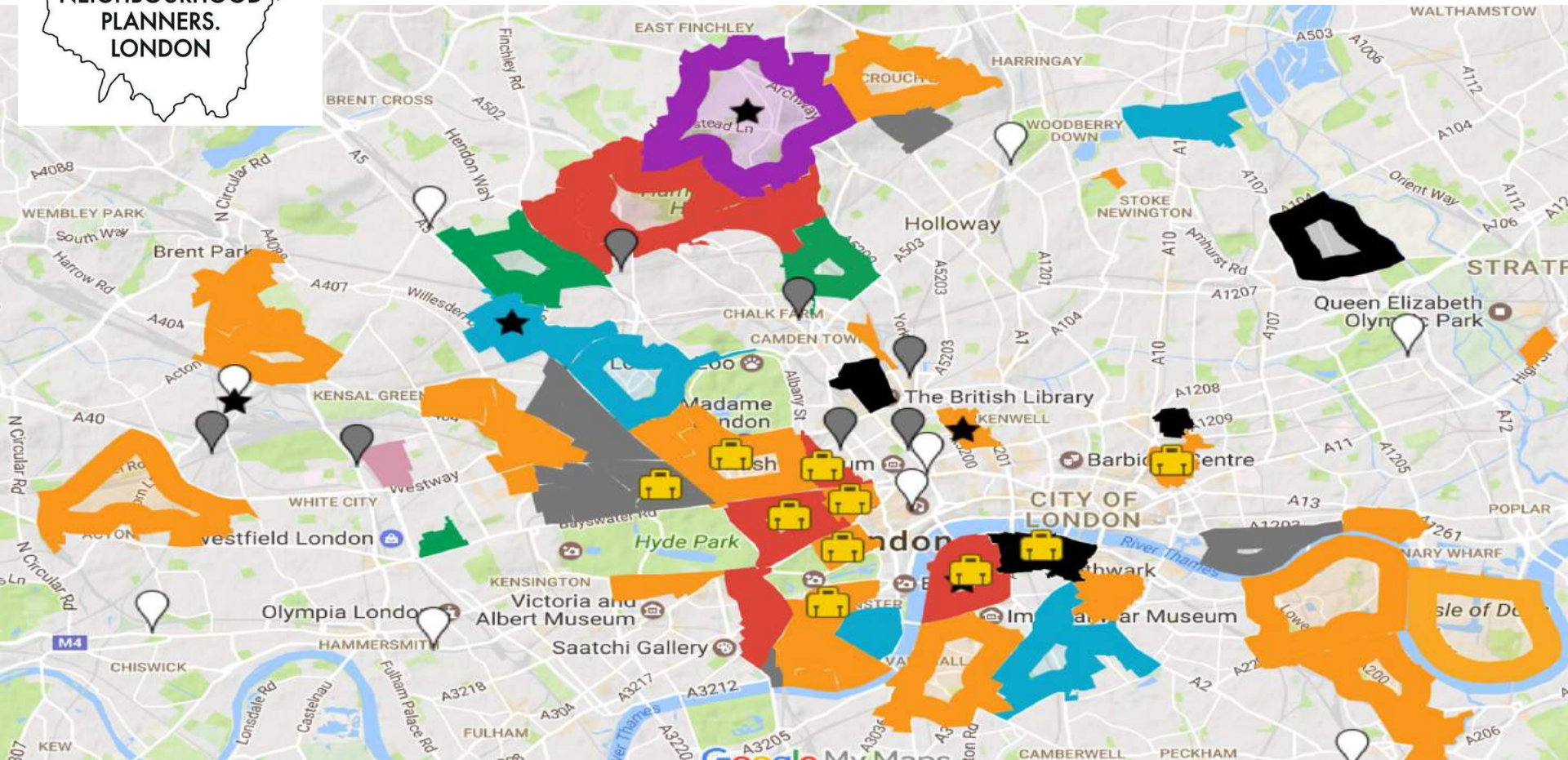
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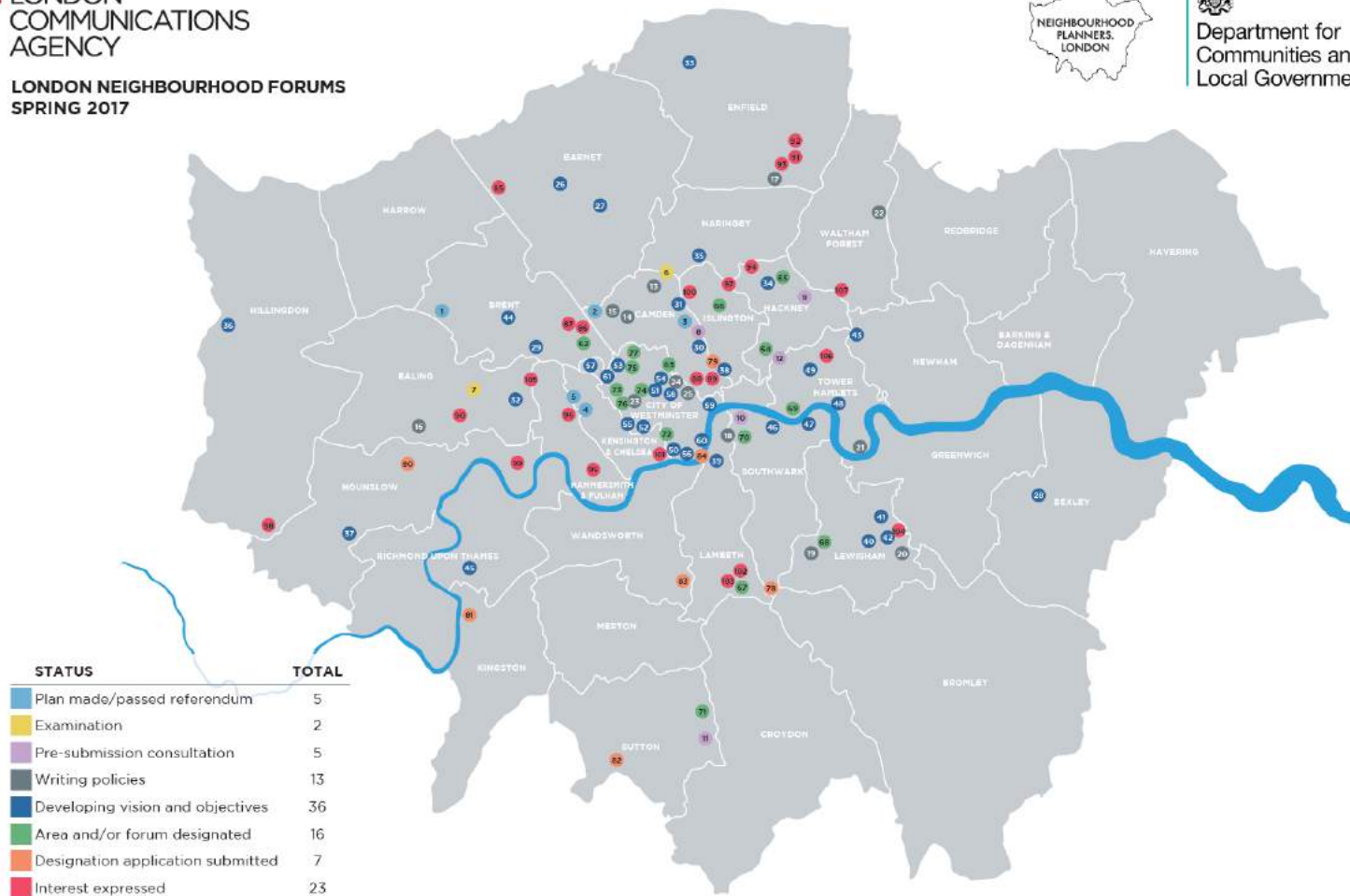
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**B&D, Bromley, CofL, Croydon,  
Harrow, Havering, Merton,  
Newham, Redbridge**











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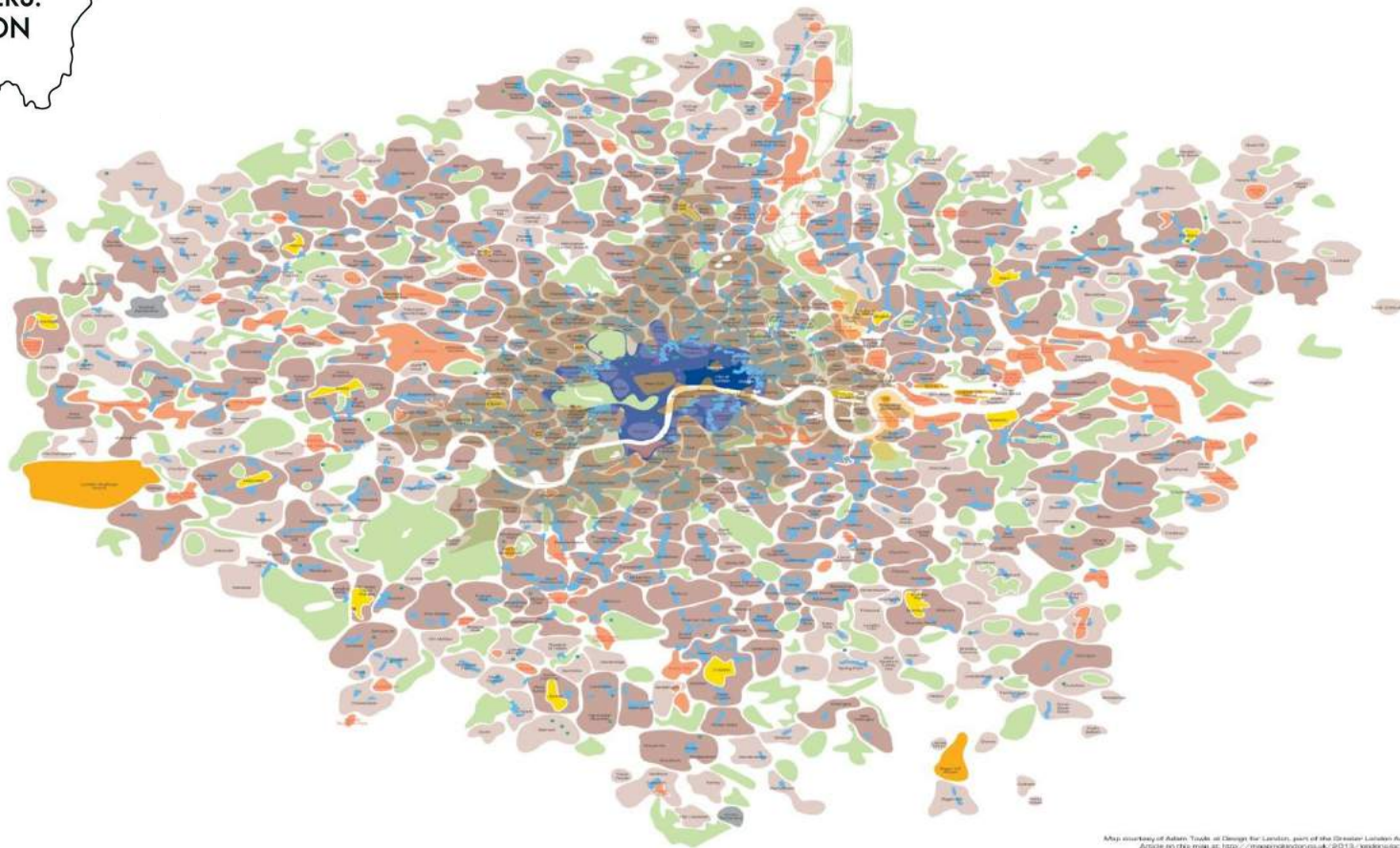
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1	Brent	Sudbury Town	32	Ealing	Greater Central Acton	64	Hackney	East Shoreditch	95	Hammersmith & Fulham	Baron's Court & West Kensington
2	Camden	Fortune Green & West Hampstead	33	Enfield	Hadley Wood	65	Hackney	Stamford Hill	96	Hammersmith & Fulham	White City
3	Camden	Kentish Town	34	Hackney	Queen Elizabeth & Lordship	66	Islington	Crouch Hill & Hornsey Rise	97	Haringey/Hackney/Islington	Finsbury Park
4	Kensington & Chelsea	Norland	35	Haringey	Crouch End	67	Lambeth	Tulse Hill	98	Hillingdon	Heathrow Villages
5	Kensington & Chelsea	St Quintin and Woodlands	36	Hillingdon	Ickenham	68	Lewisham	Crofton Park & Honor Oak Park	99	Hounslow	Chiswick High Road
6	Camden/Haringey	Highgate	37	Hounslow	Butts Farm	69	Tower Hamlets	Wapping	100	Islington	Archway
7	Ealing	Central Ealing	38	Islington/Camden	Mount Pleasant	70	Southwark	Elephant & Walworth	101	Kensington & Chelsea	Markham Square
8	Camden	Somers Town	39	Lambeth	Kennington Oval & Vauxhall	71	Sutton	Beddington North	102	Lambeth	Herne Hill
9	Hackney	Chatsworth Road	40	Lewisham	Corbett Estate	72	Westminster	Bayswater	103	Lambeth	Norwood
10	Southwark	Bankside	41	Lewisham	Deptford	73	Westminster	Ebury Bridge/Chelsea Barracks	104	Lewisham	New Cross
11	Sutton	Hackbridge & Beddington Corner	42	Lewisham	Lee	74	Westminster	Hyde Park & Paddington	105	Old Oak & Park Royal	Old Oak & Park Royal Development Corporation
12	Tower Hamlets/Hackney	East Shoreditch	43	London Legacy Development Corporation	Greater Carpenters Estate	75	Westminster	Little Venice & Maida Vale	106	Tower Hamlets	Roman Road
13	Camden	Dartmouth Park	44	Park Royal Development Corporation	Brent & London Legacy Development Corporation	76	Westminster	South East Baywater	107	Waltham Forest	Leytonstone
14	Camden	Hampstead	45	Richmond upon Thames	Ham & Petersham	77	Westminster	St John's Wood			
15	Camden	Redington & Frogna	46	Southwark	Bermondsey	78	Bromley, Croydon, Lambeth, Lewisham & Southwark	Crystal Palace & Upper Norwood			
16	Ealing	West Ealing	47	Southwark	Rotherhithe & Surrey Dock	79	Camden/Islington	Kings Cross			
17	Enfield	Angel Edmonton	48	Tower Hamlets	Limehouse	80	Hounslow	Osterley			
18	Lambeth/Southwark	South Bank & Waterloo	49	Tower Hamlets	Spitalfields	81	Kingston upon Thames	North Kingston			
19	Lewisham	Crofton Park & Honor Oak Park	50	Westminster	Churchill Gardens Estate	82	Sutton	Belmont & South Cheam			
20	Lewisham	Grove Park	51	Westminster	Church Street	83	Wandsworth	Tooting Bec & Broadway			
21	Tower Hamlets	Isle of Dogs	52	Westminster	Knightsbridge	84	Westminster	Vincent Square			
22	Waltham Forest	Highams Park	53	Westminster	Maida Hill	85	Barnet	Burnt Oak			
23	Westminster	Belgravia	54	Westminster	Marylebone	86	Brent	Cricklewood			
24	Westminster	Fitzrovia West	55	Westminster	Notting Hill East	87	Brent	Willesden Green			
25	Westminster	Mayfair	56	Westminster	Pimlico	88	Camden	Bloomsbury Village			
26	Barnet	Mill Hill	57	Westminster	Queens Park	89	Camden	Holborn			
27	Barnet	West Finchley	58	Westminster	Soho	90	Ealing	Hanwell			
28	Bexley	Hill View	59	Westminster	St James's	91	Enfield	Edmonton Green, Shires Estate			
29	Brent	Church End & Roundwood	60	Westminster	Victoria	92	Enfield	Station House Mews			
30	Camden	Camley Street & Elm Village	61	Westminster	Westbourne	93	Enfield	Upper Edmonton Angel			
31	Camden	Church Row & Perrins Walk	62	Brent	Kilburn	94	Hackney	Clapton Pond			
			63	Camden	Fitzrovia East						

STATUS		TOTAL
	Plan made/passed referendum	5
	Examination	2
	Pre-submission consultation	5
	Writing policies	13
	Developing vision and objectives	36
	Area and/or forum designated	16
	Designation application submitted	7
	Interest expressed	23

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# More to come!



# Our role



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1. **Online resources providing information and examples**
2. **A voice to Government and London-wide bodies (such as TfL and GLA)**
3. **Networking events where neighbourhood planners can meet, share and learn from each other**
4. **Simple website with details of London Neighbourhood Forums**



# Our reports

**Henry Petersen**

**Convener, Neighbourhood  
Planners.London**



# NP.L publications

We have published two pieces of research on neighbourhood planning in London

- *The neighbourhood element of CL*
- *London's Local Plans – are they supporting neighbourhood planning?*

Both review the position in each of London's 35 planning authorities, based on what material is published online



# Aims of these publications

- to give information to neighbourhood forums
- to disseminate best practice by councils
- to encourage more interest from the Mayor and London Councils, in supporting NPs
- to explore possible causal factors for London's uneven spread of NP activity
- to provide an evidence base for forums wishing to press their council to do better



# Neighbourhood CIL

- 2016 DCLG Review of CIL leaves the future of this development tax uncertain
- [A new approach to developer contributions](#) published Feb 2017 with Housing White Paper
- Government due to respond in the autumn
- CIL could be replaced by lower 'Standard Infrastructure Tariff' plus s106 on larger sites
- SoS and Gavin Barwell have re-affirmed their commitment to principles of neighbourhood element of CIL



# What our research found

- Fewer than a third of boroughs have put in place arrangements for consulting on 15% NCIL
- None have clear arrangements for consulting on 25% proportion in areas with a 'made' NP
- DCLG PPG guidance states *The use of neighbourhood funds should therefore match priorities expressed by local communities, including priorities set out formally in neighbourhood plans.*
- Information on CL given on council websites is patchy across boroughs, especially on NCIL



# What we recommended

1. London Mayor should publish guidance
2. Mayor/Assembly should monitor NCIL spend annually
3. If Mayor not acting, London Councils or DCLG should step in
4. NP Bill should make NCIL role of forums closer to that of parishes (control of funds)
5. Awareness raising programme across London
6. Role of NCIL on London wide initiatives should be recognised (e.g. air quality)



# Local Plans & neighbourhood plans

- New report, published in final form today.
- London planning authorities are at different stages in preparing and updating Local Plans
- These documents are widely used by public
- What they include on neighbourhood planning gives indication of LPA's overall approach
- Ranges from supportive statements and good info, through to saying nothing at all.



# Are these NPPF principles in Local Plan?

- *Local planning authorities should set out the **strategic priorities** for the area in the Local Plan (paragraph 156)*
- *Neighbourhood plans must be in **general** conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan (paragraph 184)*
- *To facilitate this, local planning authorities should **set out clearly** their strategic policies for the area and ensure that an up-to-date Local Plan is in place as quickly as possible (paragraph 184).*
- *Outside these strategic elements, **neighbourhood plans will be able to shape and direct sustainable development** in their area (paragraph 185).*
- *Once a neighbourhood plan has demonstrated its general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan and is brought into force, the policies it contains **take precedence** over existing non-strategic policies in the Local Plan for that neighbourhood, where they are in conflict (paragraph 185).*



# The 'good practice' boroughs

Westminster

Croydon

Camden

Southwark

Tower Hamlets

Kensington and Chelsea (new Reg 19 Local Plan)



# Guess which Local Plan says this?

*“The Strategic Policies also set the framework that provides the opportunity for the production of Neighbourhood Plans. This will enable communities to influence the planning of their Place, in conformity with {the Council’s} Strategic Policies”.*

*“All future Development Plan Documents will be carefully managed to ensure their content **does not unnecessarily trespass** on the intended function of Neighbourhood Plans”. (our emphasis)*



# Local Plans 'giving some recognition'

Barnet

City of London

Ealing

Enfield

Haringey

Hillingdon

Islington

Kingston

Lambeth

Lewisham

LLDC

Merton

OPDC

Redbridge

Waltham Forest



# Criterion for 'some recognition'

- The Local Plan at least acknowledges what is stated at paragraph 2 of the NPPF and makes a few references to neighbourhood planning.
- NPPF Para 2: *Planning law requires that applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise. This includes the Local Plan and neighbourhood plans which have been made in relation to the area.*



## **Local Plans giving very little or no recognition**

Bromley

Greenwich

Harrow

Hammersmith &

Fulham

Hounslow

Newham

Richmond

Sutton

Wandsworth



# **Local Plans yet to be updated post 2011 Act and the NPPF**

Barking & Dagenham

Bexley

Brent

Hackney

Havering



# Role of Planning Inspectorate

- Only a few examples of Inspectors picking up on lack of reference to neighbourhood planning, in examination of NPs.
- Why is this not seen as failure to comply with NPPF requirements?
- Where local groups have prompted at EIP stage, inspectors have added 'modifications'.



# What we recommended

1. Handbook on NP in London, to match Locality roadmap
2. New London Plan to be clear on role of NPs
3. Relationship of LPs to NPs should be part of 'soundness test' at Local Plan examination.
4. PAS should review its 'soundness' checklist
5. Residents groups and NFs should respond to consultation on Local Plans, asking for full recognition of role of neighbourhood plans.



# Implications?

- Are some authorities saying little or nothing in their Local Plans by accident, or by design?
- Same question applies to saying little or nothing about Neighbourhood CIL
- Is there any correlation between these LPAs and the London map of low levels of neighbourhood planning activity?



# Birds eye view

**Jenny Frew**

**Department for Communities &  
Local Government**

# Neighbourhood Planning

**Make a plan**

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

# 2,000



Over

# 280

neighbourhood  
plans in force



communities are  
neighbourhood planning



London:  
**90** communities  
neighbourhood  
planning  
**4** Plans made

# 300+

successful  
referendums

Make a plan **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

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# The Neighbourhood Planning Bill



## Strengthening the Process

- Duty to have regard to Neighbourhood Plan when LPA makes a decision to send referendum
- Status of Neighbourhood Plan post approval (pre-making) become part of Development Plan



## Future proofing the process

### Modifying a Neighbourhood Plan:

- LPAs can make minor changes to plans and orders if Neighbourhood Planning groups agree
- Groups new process for changes without a referendum
- Full process where changes would change the plan fundamentally

- Changes to Neighbourhood Areas - procedure for modifying the boundary of a neighbourhood area without affecting existing neighbourhood plans

- LPAs upfront on their assistance in connection with Neighbourhood Planning groups
- LPAs must publish their policies on involving communities in the earliest, preparatory, stages of wider plan-making
- Powers to specify how regularly LPAs Statements of Community Involvement should be reviewed



# White paper: consultation themes



## Capacity

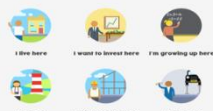
- Confirmed increase in planning fees (potential for more)
- Possible introduction of appeal fees
- £25m of capacity funding for areas of high housing need



## Community

- Strengthening the protection for neighbourhood plans that plan for housing
- Further support for neighbourhood planning groups and custom build
- Scope for NPs to do more (housing numbers, design, Green Belt boundary)
- Stronger emphasis on early pre-app discussions involving communities

Which of these best describes your relationship with Plymouth?



## Digital/transparency

- Improving digital access to planning data and data standards for plan
- More comprehensive and accessible data on land ownership/interests
- Greater transparency on delivery – by authorities and builders



## Accountability

- Improving digital access to planning data and data standards for plans
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- Greater transparency and action on delivery – by authorities and builders

# Locality

[www.mycommunity.org.uk](http://www.mycommunity.org.uk)

# Planning Guidance

[planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk](http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk)



# Birds eye view

**Gavin Parker**

**University of Reading**

# Neighbourhood Planning Users: Revisited

**Prof Gavin Parker**

**NP.L event - 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

# NPU:R

- **No** theory today...
- **No** gratuitous pictures of politicians...



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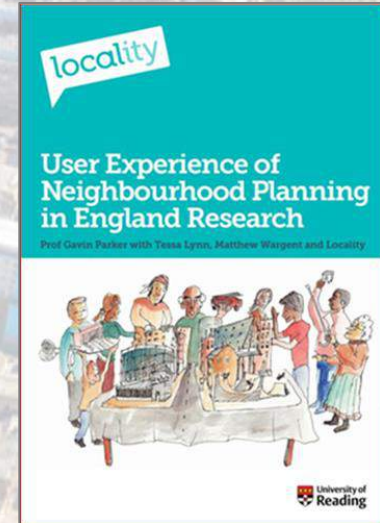
- Oct 2014 - NP Users research (Summer 2014)

<http://mycommunity.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/User-experience-executive-study.pdf>

- Jan 2017 – NP Users: revisited (Autumn 2016)

<http://www.reading.ac.uk/web/files/UoR-NPUR-Exec-Jan17.pdf>

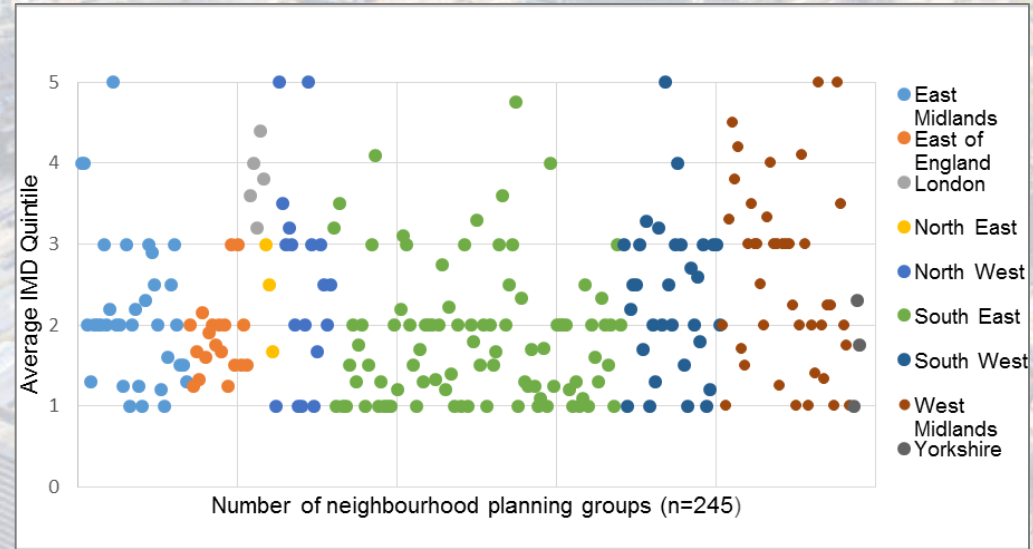
- Some headlines...the first five years (based on several further pieces of NP related research)



# NPU:R

## Five year review (national)

- Autumn 2016
  - 1776 desig. areas (c2000 groups)
  - 245 to referendum (now c300)
  - 4% of NP take up in London
  - IMD skewed
  - Many modifications at exam
  - Wide range of policy (x2-x114)
- See: **Parker, G. and Salter, K. (2016) 'Five Years of Neighbourhood Planning. A Review of Take-up and Distribution', *Town and Country Planning*, May 2016 Vol. 85(5): 175-182 (available on request)**



# NPU:R

- Modifications - can be extensive
- Sample of 270 Plans to Examination – all bar one needed modification:
  - x5 plans 'failed' (now 9)
  - x92 needed 'extensive' modification
  - x111 recommended deletion of policies / x6 insertion

The neighbourhood plans that failed examination		
Neighbourhood plan	Date of report	District
Slaugham	Jan-14	Mid Sussex
Aldingbourne	Oct-15	Arun
Storrington, Sulington & Washington	Mar-16	Horsham
Moreton, Bobbingworth & the Lavers	May-16	Epping Forest
Berinsfield	May-16	South Oxfordshire
Wantage	Jul-16	Vale of White Horse
Stratfield Mortimer	Oct-16	West Berkshire
Sandon and Burston	Nov-16	Stafford
Central Gowy (South)	Jan-17	Cheshire West and Chester

Source: Planning's Neighbourhood Watch bulletin

# NPU:R

- 92% respondents indicated that the neighbourhood planning process had been more **burdensome** than they expected.
- length of **time needed** to complete an NDP, overcome the difficulties encountered, often with the aid of consultant support or the local authority or both (average of 27 months to referendum)
- 75% used consultant support
- Supportive LA is critical...
- About 2/3rds of LAs have NP activity

# NPU:R

## Independent Examination

- Where the (very)local meets the national?
- Clarification of timescales and obligations of the LPA to respond (and now emerging as part of the Neighbourhood Planning Bill 2017)
- Notably a site of 'rescripting' policies or re-rationalisation of plans.
- Production of simplified guidance on the examination stage was suggested.
- See: **Parker, G., Salter, K. and Hickman, H. (2016) 'Caution: examinations in progress'. The operation of neighbourhood development plan examinations', *Town and Country Planning*, Dec. 2016 Vol. 85(12): 516-522 (available on request)**



# NPU:R

## London

- x5 NPs passed referendum:
  - 4 of the 5 took over 26 months from area designation to referendum – 26m, 29m, 33m and 37 months (ps. This *underplays* time taken)
  - High "yes" votes at referendum - with exception of Norland (74%) more than 90% of those voting voted 'yes'
  - Relatively low turn-out at referendum compared to wider country (14%-25%)



# NPU:R

### Early Interest

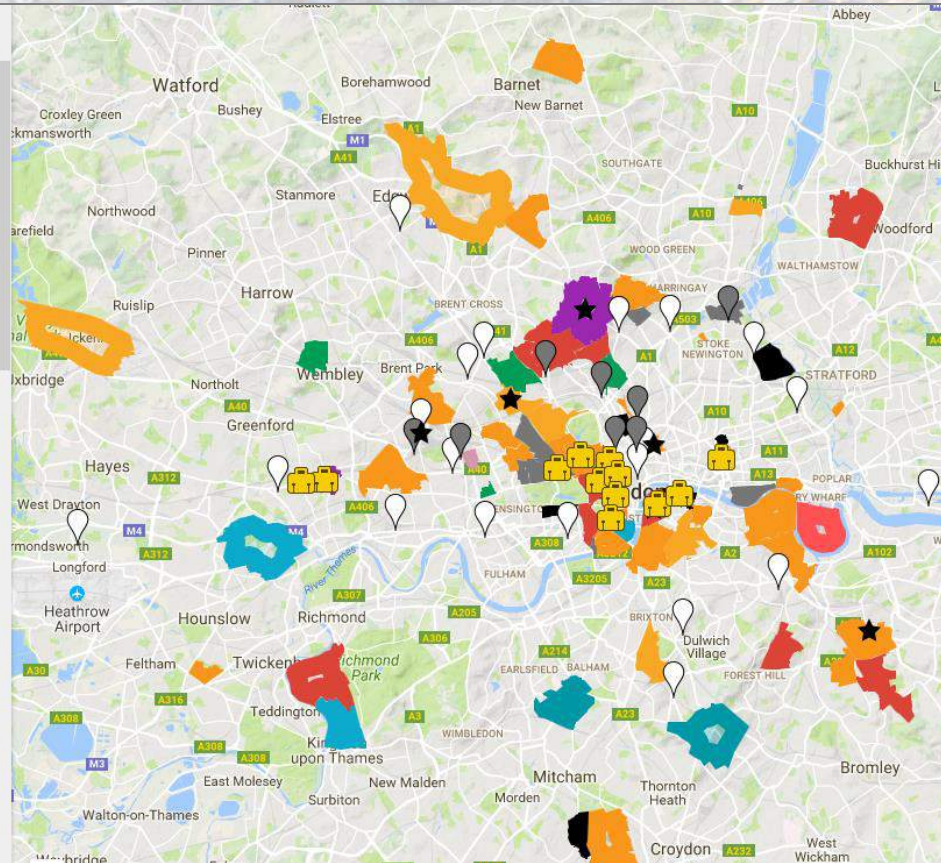
- Willesden Green
- Markham Square
- Archway
- Finsbury Park
- ... 16 more

Applied for designation

- 📍 Malden Rushett
- 📍 Belmont & South Cheam
- 📍 Crystal Palace and Upper Norwood Neig...
- 📍 Osterley Neighbourhood Area
- 📍 Vincent Square Neighbourhood Area
- 📍 North Kingston Neighbourhood Area
- 📍 Tooting Bec & Broadway Neighbourhoo...

## Developing vision & objectives

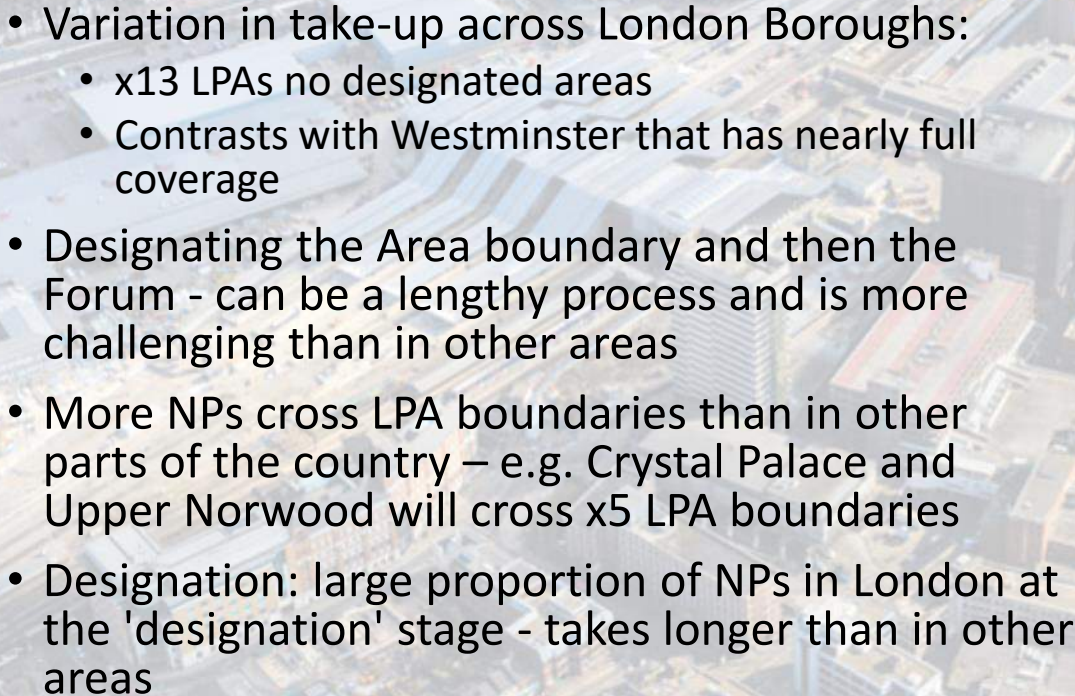
- ✧ Tulse Hill Neighbourhood Area
- ✧ Angel Edmonton Neighbourhood Area
- ✧ Elephant and Walworth Neighbourhood...
- ✧ St John's Wood Neighbourhood Area
- ... 36 more

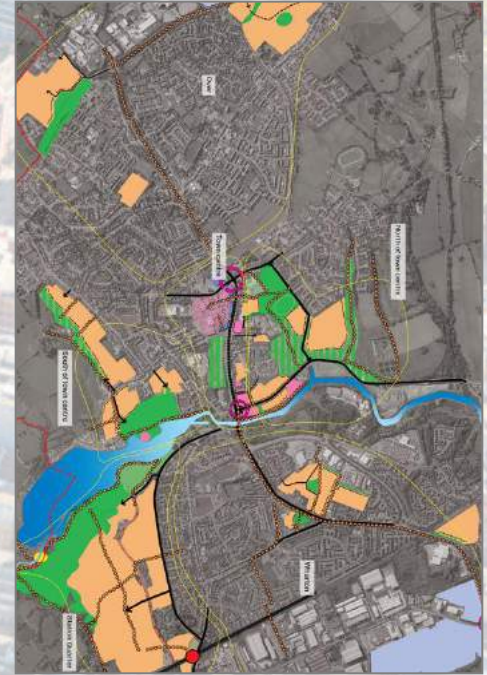


London (October 2016/Feb 2017)

- +100 areas 'active'
- x59 Designated +
- x7 post-examination stage

# NPU:R

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- An aerial photograph of a dense urban area in London, showing various buildings, streets, and green spaces. A semi-transparent blue rectangular overlay is positioned on the left side of the image, containing a bulleted list of text. The text is white and clearly legible against the blue background. The list details the challenges of designating National Parks in London, comparing the process to other areas and highlighting specific issues like boundary crossings and the 'designation' stage.
- Variation in take-up across London Boroughs:
    - x13 LPAs no designated areas
    - Contrasts with Westminster that has nearly full coverage
  - Designating the Area boundary and then the Forum - can be a lengthy process and is more challenging than in other areas
  - More NPs cross LPA boundaries than in other parts of the country – e.g. Crystal Palace and Upper Norwood will cross x5 LPA boundaries
  - Designation: large proportion of NPs in London at the 'designation' stage - takes longer than in other areas



# NPU:R

## Overview

- ‘Politics of NP vs NP Politics’
  - Internal and external issues
- Other change in planning and regulatory environment
  - Undermining NPs
- Specific urban / London issues...
- Coping with hyper-diversity – numerous effects / affects
- Development pressure
- Shift to post-adoption issues
- Proper partnerships – LAs, Consultants...examiners
  - Briefing and questions – you get what you ask for?
  - Learning and double-loop learning





# Question Time

**Ben Stephenson, South Bank & Waterloo & Convener,  
Neighbourhood Planners.London**

**Maggy Meade-King, Highgate**

**Gavin Parker, University of Reading**

**Emma Critchley, Locality**



# Pushing the boundaries



# **Pushing the boundaries**

**Simon Birkett**

**Knightsbridge & Clean Air in  
London**

# **‘Cleaner air’ policies in neighbourhood planning**

by Simon Birkett

Founder and Director

Clean Air in London

<http://cleanair.london/>

Chair

Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Forum

<http://www.knightsbridgeforum.org/>

# Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Forum



# Evening Standard coverage

**London Evening Standard**  
 Thursday 23 January 2012 | FREE | London Edition

**DEVELOPMENT OF HISTORIC HYDE PARK BASE TAKES A MAJOR STEP FORWARD**

## RECORD £2 BILLION HOUSING PLAN FOR BARRACKS

**EXCLUSIVE**  
 DEBANK CAROL, ANITA'S SISTER, AND JONATHAN PYRM

PLANS TO REDEVELOP THE HISTORIC CARROLL BARRACKS IN HYDE PARK, WHICH WERE BUILT IN THE 18TH CENTURY, INTO A MAJOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT HAVE TAKEN A MAJOR STEP FORWARD.

**ANITA'S GALLAGHER**  
 Living life as rock'n'roll royalty PLUS The city's next 'sweet spots' AND Where to ski this spring AVAILABLE TODAY AND TOMORROW

**WEST END FINAL**

**KATY JOINS ELLIE'S BRIT PACK**

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## Cappuccino with extra shot of pollution

Café tables beside fume-filled roads put lives at risk, says campaigner

**Jonathan Pyrm**  
 Campaigner, Environment Agency

LONDON'S progress towards an all-weather "café society" should be halted in areas blighted by high levels of air pollution, a leading campaigner said today.

Simon Roberts, founder of the Clean Air in London group, said air pollution and other factors were putting themselves at risk by ignoring over coffee on pavement tables next to the most badly affected streets.

The former investment banker is also chair of the Knightbridge Neighbourhood Forum, which today demanded that planning applications to put tables and chairs on pavements should be refused if local air quality is below World Health Organisation guidelines for exposure.

Mr Roberts said: "Health must come first. The WHO guidelines state that there should be maximum exposure to more than 250 micrograms of nitrogen dioxide (NO2) per cubic metre for longer than an hour."

"The reality is that you could well be sitting at a café for more than an hour and you certainly might visit more than once."

He said that the NO2 heavy limit had been breached 151 times already this year at the monitoring station on Brompton Road near Harrods, compared with a legal limit of 40. The average concentration over the year has been 76 micrograms, almost twice the legal maximum of 40.

There are a number of cafés near the monitoring station with outdoor tables in the warmer months including branches of the Caffè Concerto, Caffè Nero, Venice Caffè, Richens and Piro a Manger chains as well as the Indian restaurant Chauri & Karah. Today's document includes the proposal that applications "to place tables and chairs on the pavement will only be permitted if the World Health Organisation's guidelines for locally mean exposure to nitrogen dioxide is unlikely to be exceeded in that location."

Mr Roberts said: "We are trying to send a powerful signal to the Mayor, Kensington & Chelsea council, the City of Westminster council and Transport for London that they have got to do something. The current situation is just not good enough."

Brompton Road is a classic street canyon that traps the emissions because of the tall buildings on either side. But it is also one of the busiest streets in London in terms of pedestrian traffic."

**The Birth of a Nation**

# Progress and next steps

- 27 March 2014      Neighbourhood area designated
- 21 July 2015      Forum designated. Grateful to Locality for £15,000 of grants
- 8 December 2016      Pre-submission consultation.  
49 policies under 10 objectives.  
First in City of Westminster
- May/June 2017      Submission?

<http://www.knightsbridgeforum.org/planning/consultation/>

# Important policies for cleaner air

1. Metropolitan Open Land
2. Knightsbridge Code of Construction Practice
3. Neighbourhood Stress Area
4. Motor vehicle use
5. Utilities and communications infrastructure
6. Healthy Air: zero air emissions. Indoor air quality
7. Renewable energy: onsite and offsite. Building energy efficiency
8. Trees
9. Community Engagement Protocol
10. Developer contributions

# Challenges and opportunities

1. Pitching the 'ambition' level of our policies
  - Positive wording
  - Brevity of policies. Moving things to annexes
  - Avoiding duplication
  - Evidence and justification
2. Must we do an SEA and an SA 'just in case'?
3. What boxes must WCC tick before Regulation 16?
4. Does neighbourhood planning include roads?
5. Impact of 'neighbourhood management' actions
6. Having our say on CIL spending
7. Plan is likely to cost the Forum over £100,000
8. Changes in Neighbourhood Planning Bill

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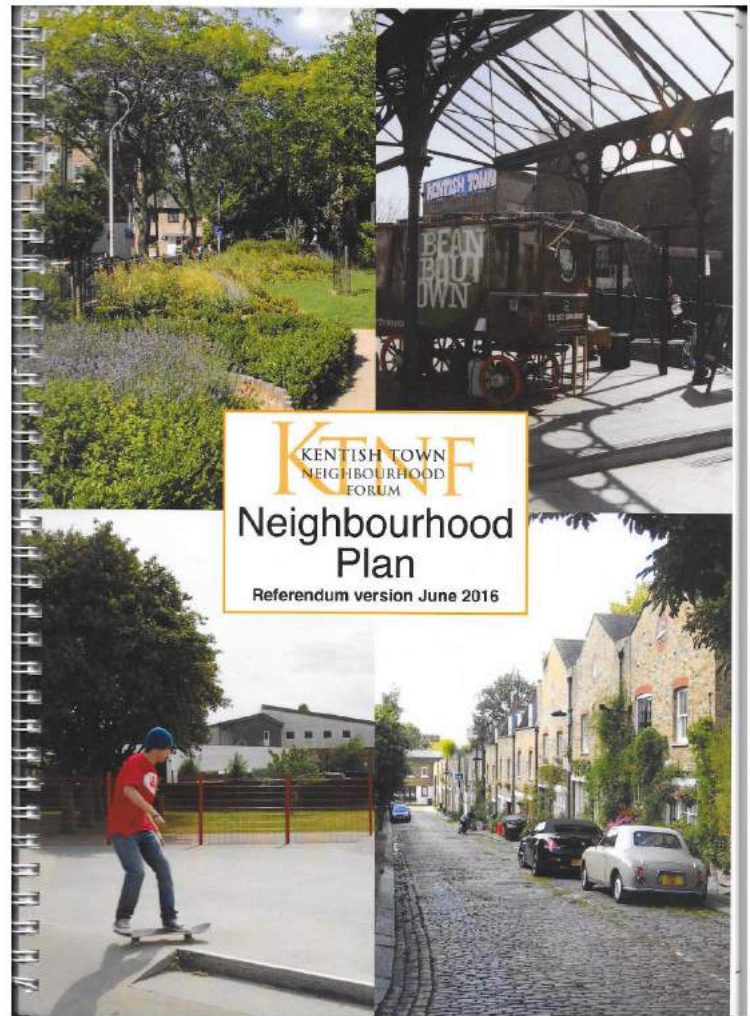
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**Kentish Town**

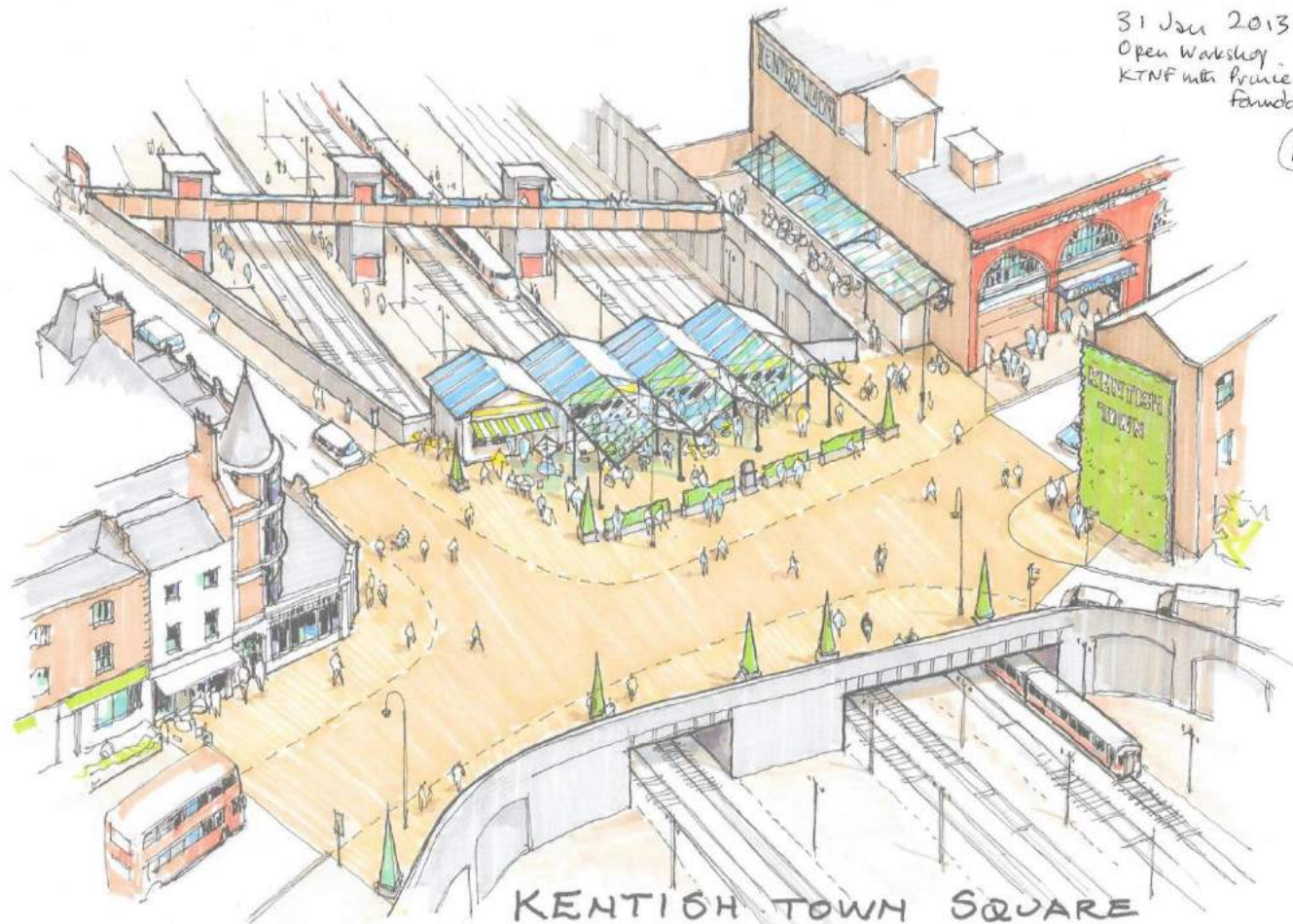


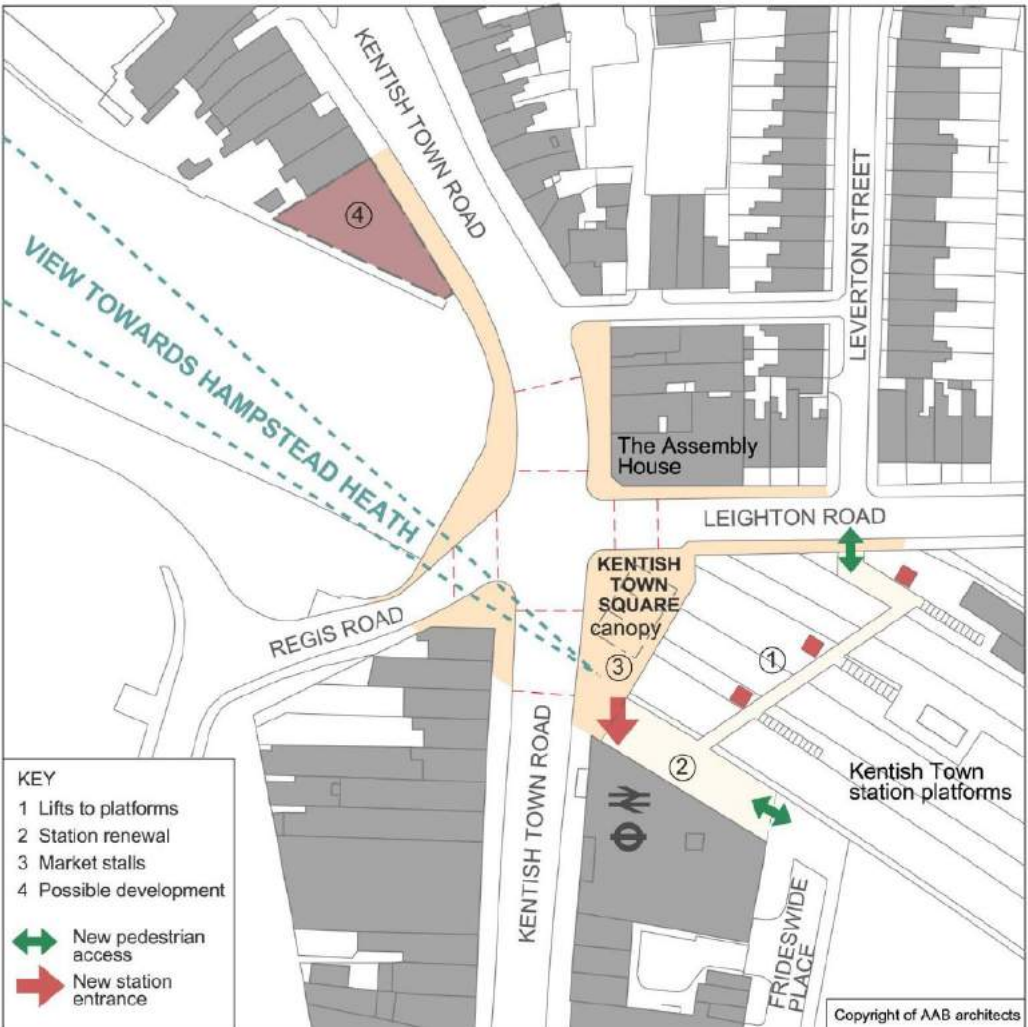


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# **Pushing the boundaries**

**Tony Burton**



# ***St Ives Neighbourhood Plan***



**83% yes vote on 47% turnout**



## Full-time Principal Residence Housing

Objective: To safeguard the sustainability of the settlements in the St Ives NDP area, whose communities are being eroded through the amount of properties that are not occupied on a permanent basis.

Justification: In 2011, 25% dwellings in the NDP area were not occupied by a resident household - a 67% increase from 2001. Over this same period, housing stock in the NDP grew by 684 or 16%, but the resident population grew by only 270 or 2.4% and the number of resident households grew by less than 6%. The growth in housing stock in the NDP area between 2001 and 2011 was double the average across England.



## **H2 Principal Residence Requirement**

**Due to the impact upon the local housing market of the continued uncontrolled growth of dwellings used for holiday accommodation (as second or holiday homes) new open market housing, excluding replacement dwellings, will only be supported where there is a restriction to ensure its occupancy as a Principal Residence.**

**Sufficient guarantee must be provided of such occupancy restriction through the imposition of a planning condition or legal agreement. New unrestricted second homes will not be supported at any time.**

**Principal Residences are defined as those occupied as the residents' sole or main residence, where the residents spend the majority of their time when not working away from home.**

**The condition or obligation on new open market homes will require that they are occupied only as the primary (principal) residence of those persons entitled to occupy them. Occupiers of homes with a Principal Residence condition will be required to keep proof that they are meeting the obligation or condition, and be obliged to provide this proof if/when Cornwall Council requests this information. Proof of Principal Residence is via verifiable evidence which could include, for example (but not limited to) residents being registered on the local electoral register and being registered for and attending local services (such as healthcare, schools etc).**



**Examiner:** “After much deliberation and on balance I have concluded that due to the adverse impact on the local community/economy of the uncontrolled growth of second homes the restriction of further second homes does in fact contribute to delivering sustainable development. In terms of “delivering a wide choice of quality homes”, I consider that the restriction could in fact be considered as facilitating the delivery of the types of homes identified as being needed within the community.”

**High Court** judge Mr Justice Hickinbottom ruled that the challenge “[fell] far short of showing that the Examiner’s conclusion was irrational”. “The Examiner found that the draft plan was compatible with the relevant EU obligations, which was a matter of planning judgment for her”



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**Angela Koch**

**Convener, Neighbourhood  
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**Euan Mills, Future Cities Catapult, Future of Planning**

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**Rob Cowan, Placecheck online**

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# MAPPING REAL PLACES & OPEN DATA

@MikeThacker  
@Porism

## OFFICIAL DATA IS PUBLISHED FOR **STANDARD** GEOGRAPHIES

- ▶ Output Areas
- ▶ Lower Layer Super Output Areas
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- ▶ Wards

They're building blocks for larger areas such as local authorities, districts, counties and regions.

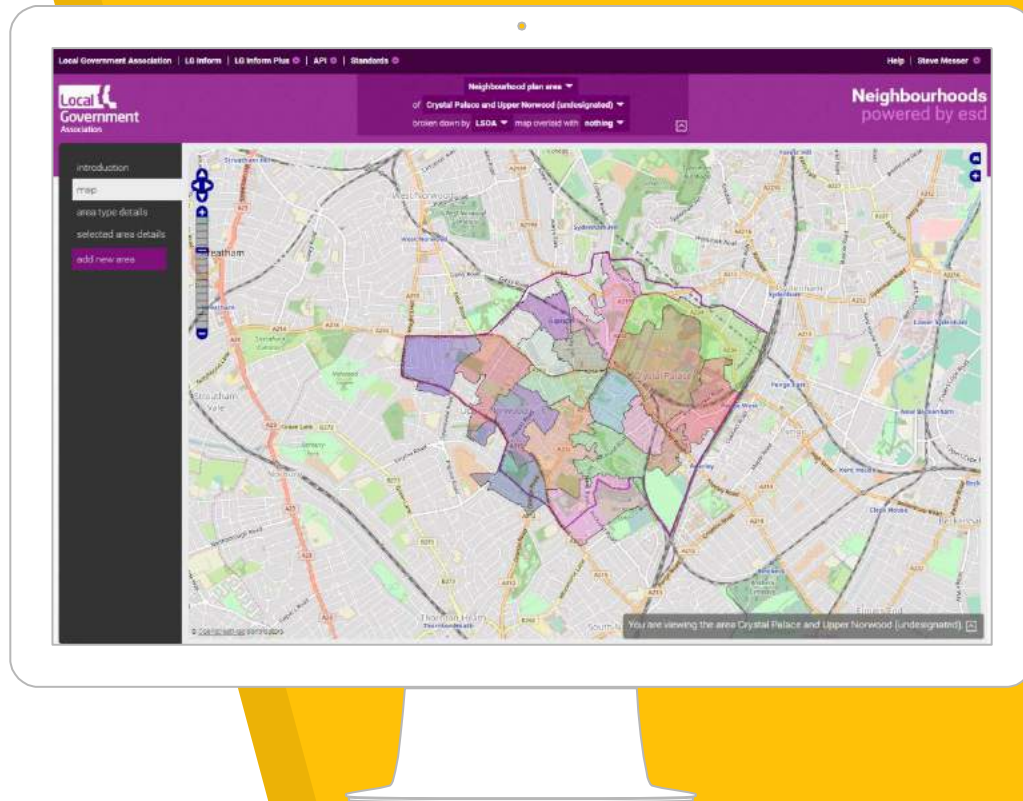
## STANDARD GEOGRAPHIES HAVE UNHELPFUL NAMES

- ▶ E01003053 (LSOA)
- ▶ E02000632 (MSOA)
- ▶ E05000421 (Ward)
- ▶ E09000022 (Local Authority)

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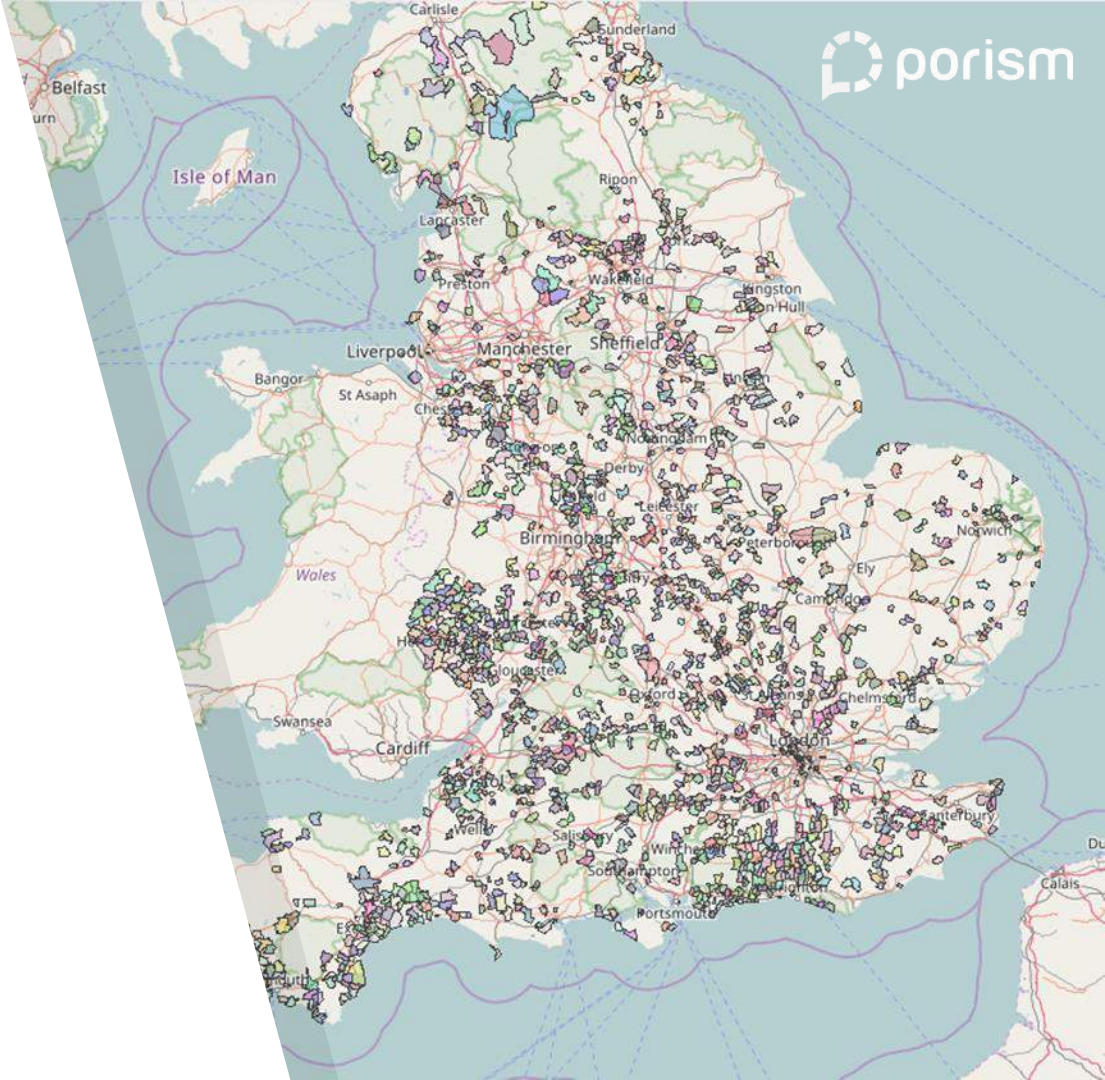
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**17,852** people  
in Highams Park

**2,292** households  
with dependent children aged 0 to 4

**3.34%**  
of the population are unemployed

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# Placecheck

- What do we like about this place?
- What do we dislike about it?
- What do we need to work on?

Rob Cowan









SOMEHOW THE MODEL DOESN'T GIVE  
ME CONFIDENCE THAT THE SCHEME  
WILL BE OF THE HIGHEST QUALITY  
OF DESIGN.











Part A  
Three basic questions

- 1 What do you like about this place?
- 2 What do you dislike about it?
- 3 What needs to be improved?



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the children of St Peter  
at Gwent's Primary School  
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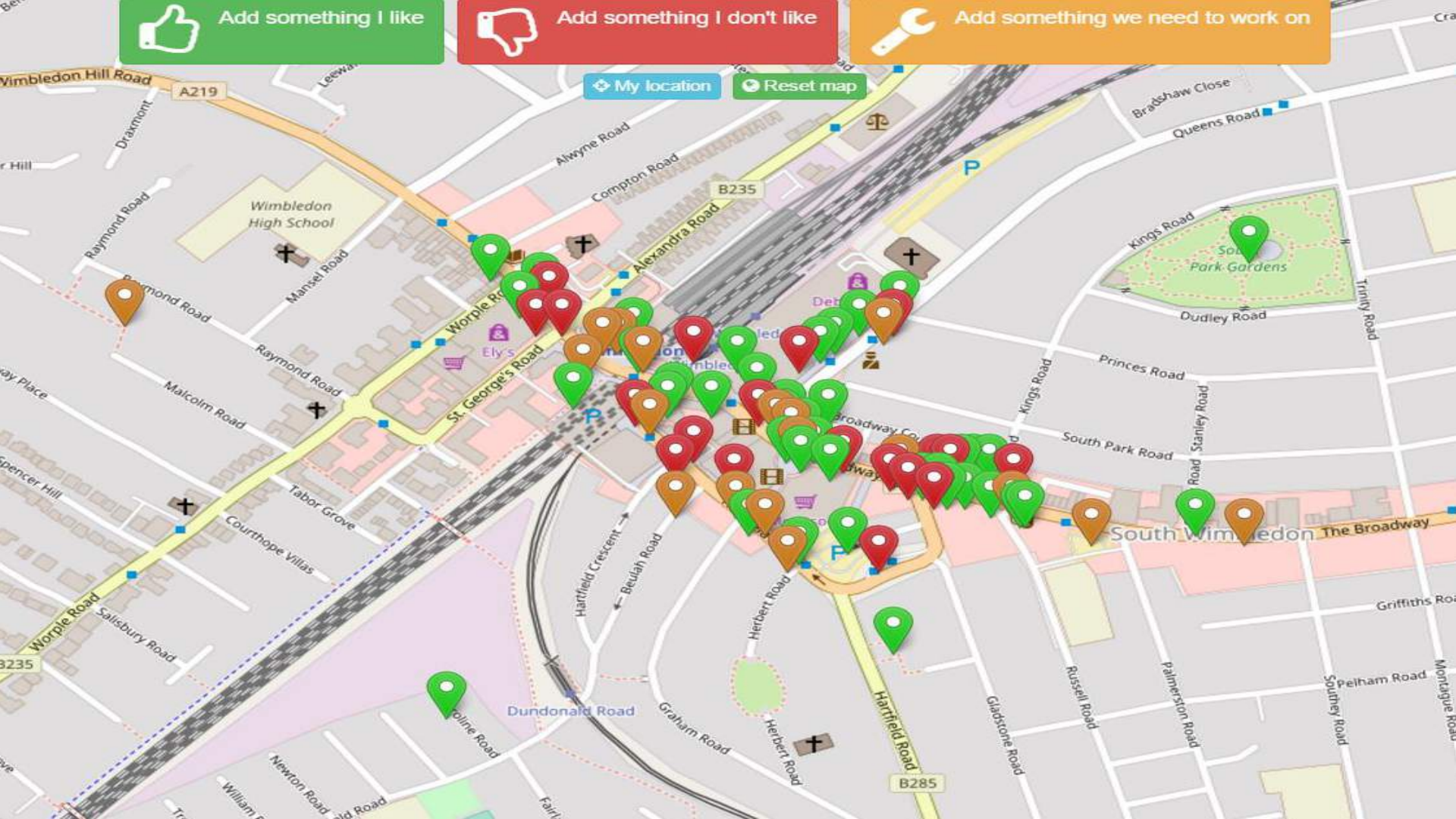
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### The Piazza

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(Sun Oct 09 2016)



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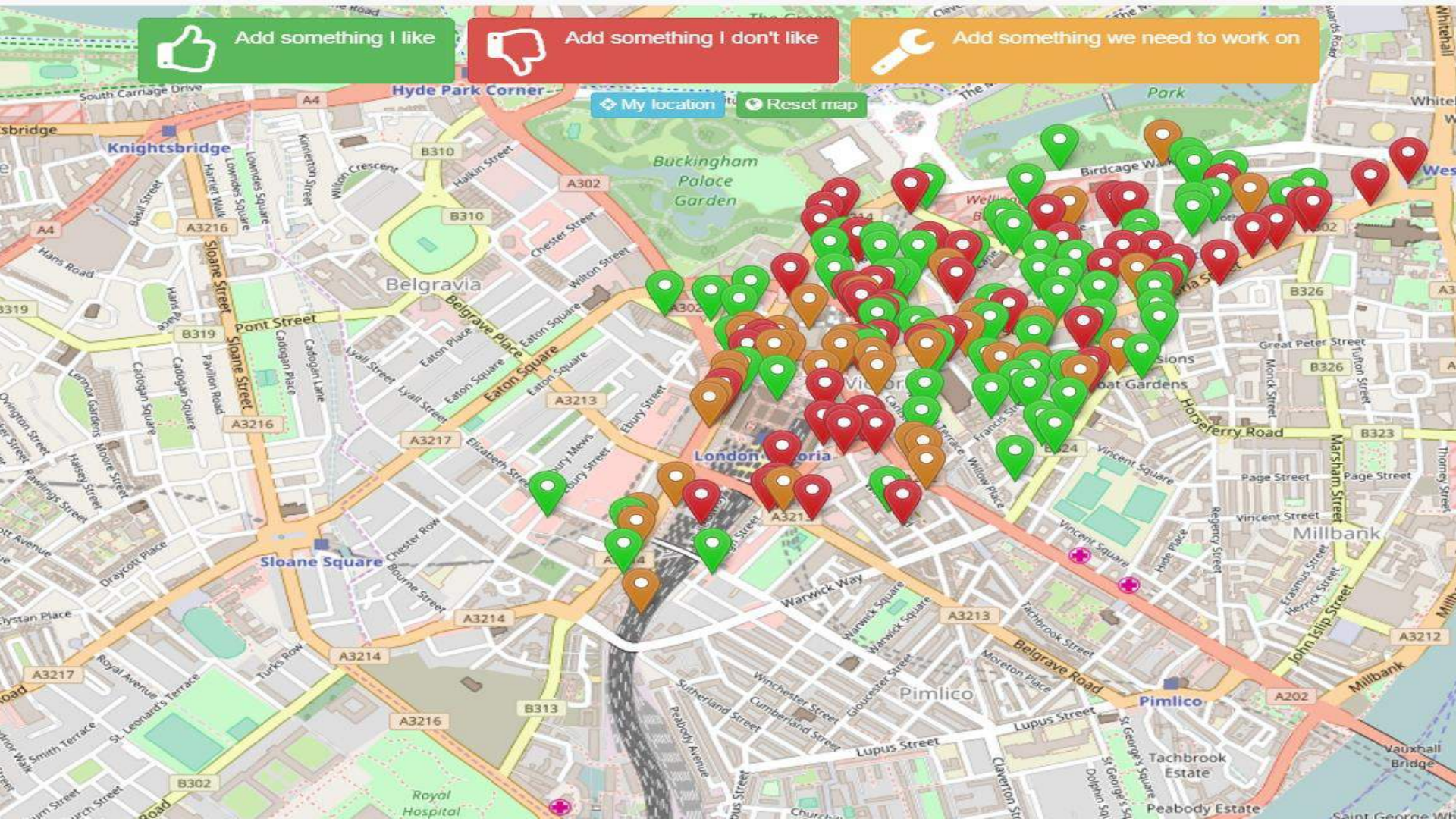
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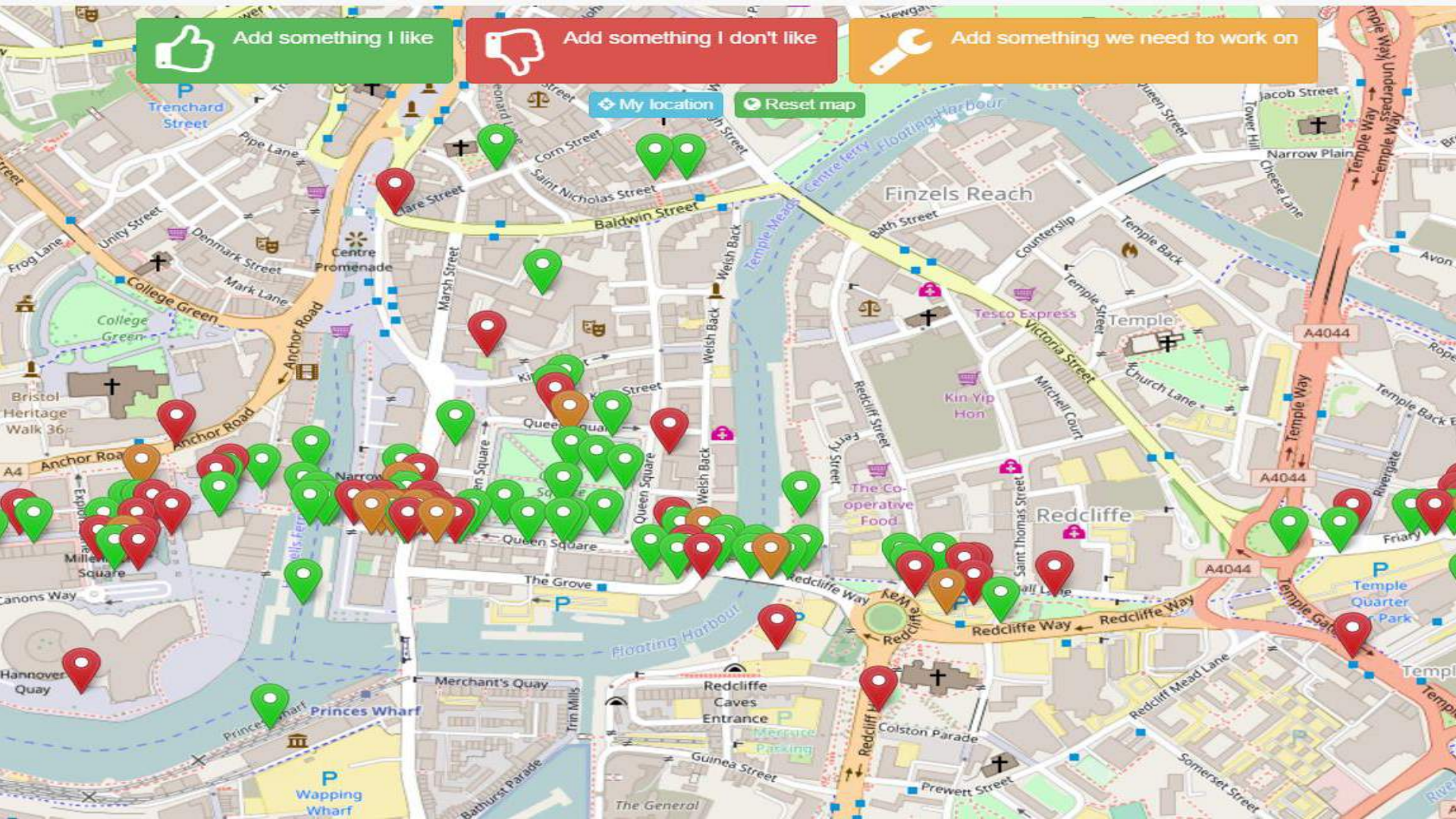
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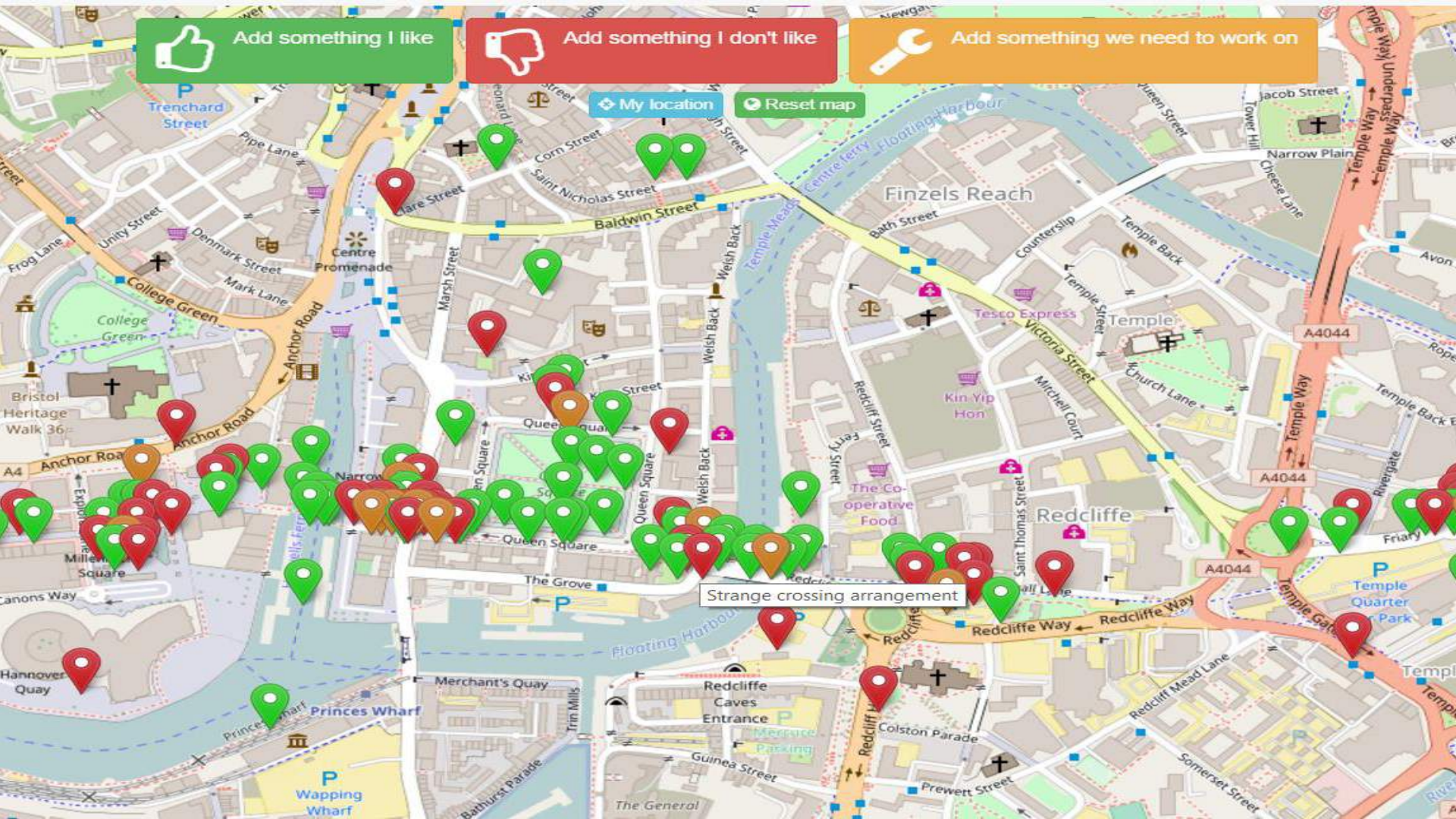
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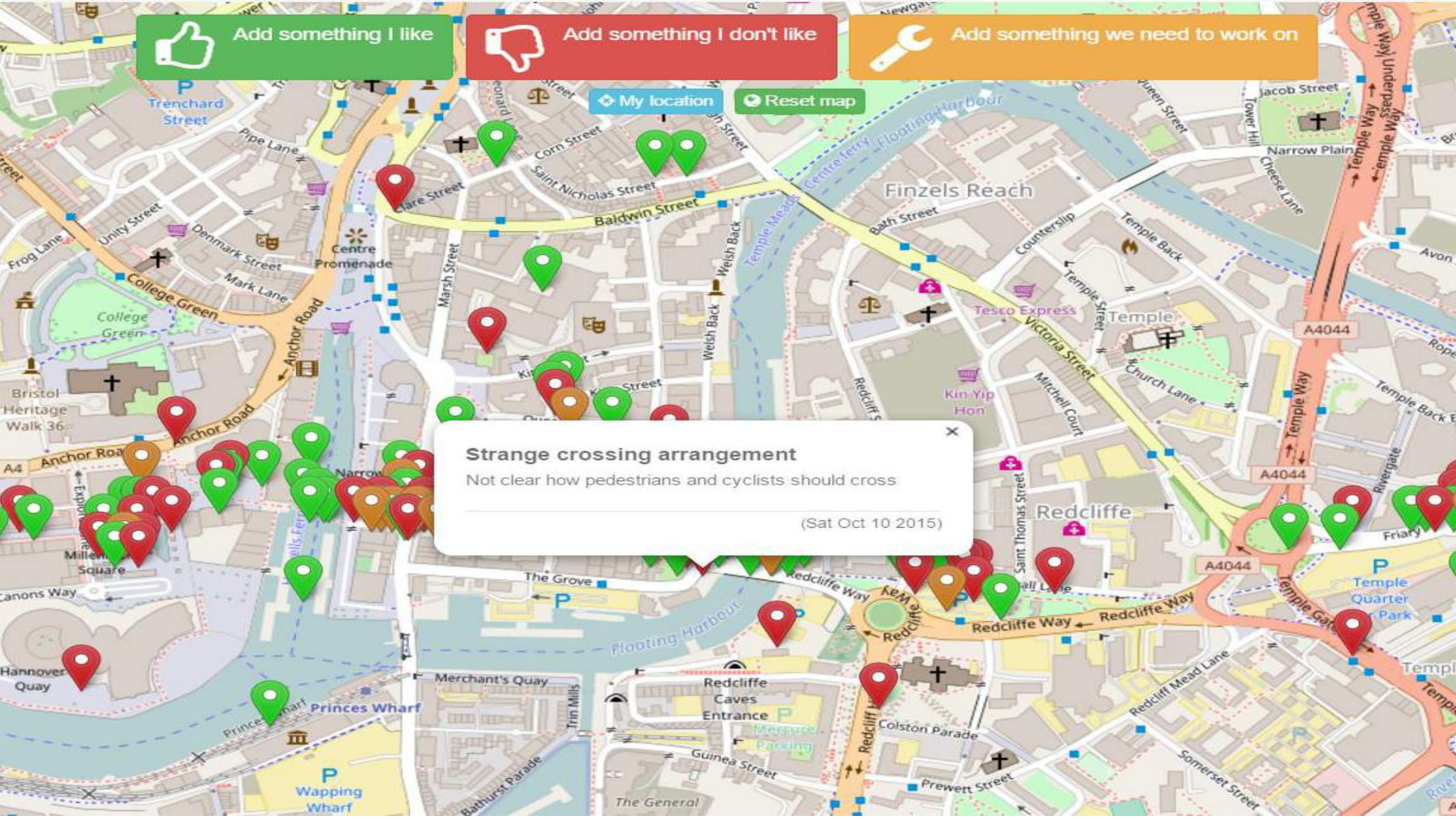


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








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Not clear how pedestrians and cyclists should cross

(Sat Oct 10 2015)

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 Something I like	Lower Grosvenor Gardens	Greenspace, seating, open space.	David Beamont	51.4966	-0.145354
 Something I like	Victoria Gardens	Greenspace, seating, quiet(ish) area.	David Beamont	51.4977	-0.144882
 Something I don't like	Underpass	Disused underpass - an unsightly litter trap.	David Beamont	51.4948	-0.141728
 Something I don't like	Underpass	Disused underpass - an unsightly litter trap.	David Beamont	51.4945	-0.141492
 Something we need to work on	Terminus Place	Noisy, crowded.	David Beamont	51.4963	-0.143895
 Something I like	Sculpture	Yinka Shonibar sculpture	David Beamont	51.4968	-0.137093
 Something I don't like	Junction lights	No pedestrian support at this junction when crossing Palace St.	David Beamont	51.4991	-0.143015
 Something I like	Breakfast	A good cooked breakfast.	David Beamont	51.4987	-0.141422
 Something I like	Greenery	Pleasant planting	David Beamont	51.4979	-0.140762
 Something I like	Green roof	Superb green roof, very diverse plant life.	David Beamont	51.4985	-0.141352
 Something I don't like	Neathouse Pl/Wilton Rd junction	Unattractive junction - tired materials at surface level and tired buildings facades.	David Beamont	51.4946	-0.142393
 Something I don't like	Coaches	Coach ranking - pollution and congestion.	David Beamont	51.4999	-0.140537
 Something I don't like	Bus stop outside The Grosvenor	Would like this relocated; also can we stop Coaches for letting passengers off here instead of further down the road, past the tunnel?	Lorrie Dannecker	51.4954	-0.145601
 Something I like	Secret Garden	Wonderful place to sit	Lorrie Dannecker	51.4973	-0.145204


	Something I like	Building Design	entirely about where to buy a sandwich The building that houses the Royal Quarter Cafe is a vast improvement on what was there before - and is a very welcome and 'soft!' design that is sensitive to its surroundings.	Jacqueline Riozzi	51.499	-0.137742
	Something I like	Ashley Gardens, Thirleby Rd	A narrow but very welcome green space which comprises an interesting variety of mature trees and well kept ornamental flower beds.	Peter Roberts	51.4961	-0.138488
	Something we need to work on	All roads in Area	Quality of blacktop - longevity and repair work unacceptabl	brian miller	51.497	-0.138745
	Something I like	Westminster Cathedral	An impressive and distinctive Victorian facade. Grade 1 listed. The physical focus of this conservation area.	Peter Roberts	51.4963	-0.139861
	Something we need to work on	Architecture generally	More attention to finishes - suitable for a dirty environment. Therefore no "rough" concrete, control of rain "drips"etc	brian miller	51.4998	-0.131359
	Something I like	Victorian Mansion Buildings, Thirleby Rd	Extensive seven storey facade of residential buildings (1890) maintained in good condition with very little external change.	Peter Roberts	51.4956	-0.137651
	Something I like	John Lewis Rain Garden	An innovative green space providing visual relief and significant environmental benefits within the surrounding hard urban landscape	Hilary Skinner	51.4963	-0.141723
	Something I like	Urban Connections Parklet	Example of how a relatively simple and sustainable intervention can change the character, appearance and use of an area - making it feel safer and giving it a community focus	Hilary Skinner	51.498	-0.137072
	Something I don't like	Top end of Victoria Street	Too many different architectural styles; no attempt made to have any sort of overall harmony	brian miller	51.4995	-0.129856
	Something I like	North side of Rochester Row	A real attempt by different architects to create harmony between different buildings with different styles	brian miller	51.4945	-0.136642
	Something I don't like	Buildings above back entrance to St James Park	Builds must be designed with all round "taste". The rear can unexpectedly destroy an environment.	brian miller	51.4981	-0.135248
	Something I like	Ambrosden Avenue view	An exceptional vista with the east facade and tower of the Cathedral opposed to the sympathetic six storey Victorian mansion blocks of Ashley Gardens and contrasted by the glass and aluminium offices on Victoria St.	Peter Roberts	51.4953	-0.138359
	Something I like	123 Victoria Street	Interesting glass and aluminium office block with irregular stacked profile	Peter Roberts	51.4969	-0.138381


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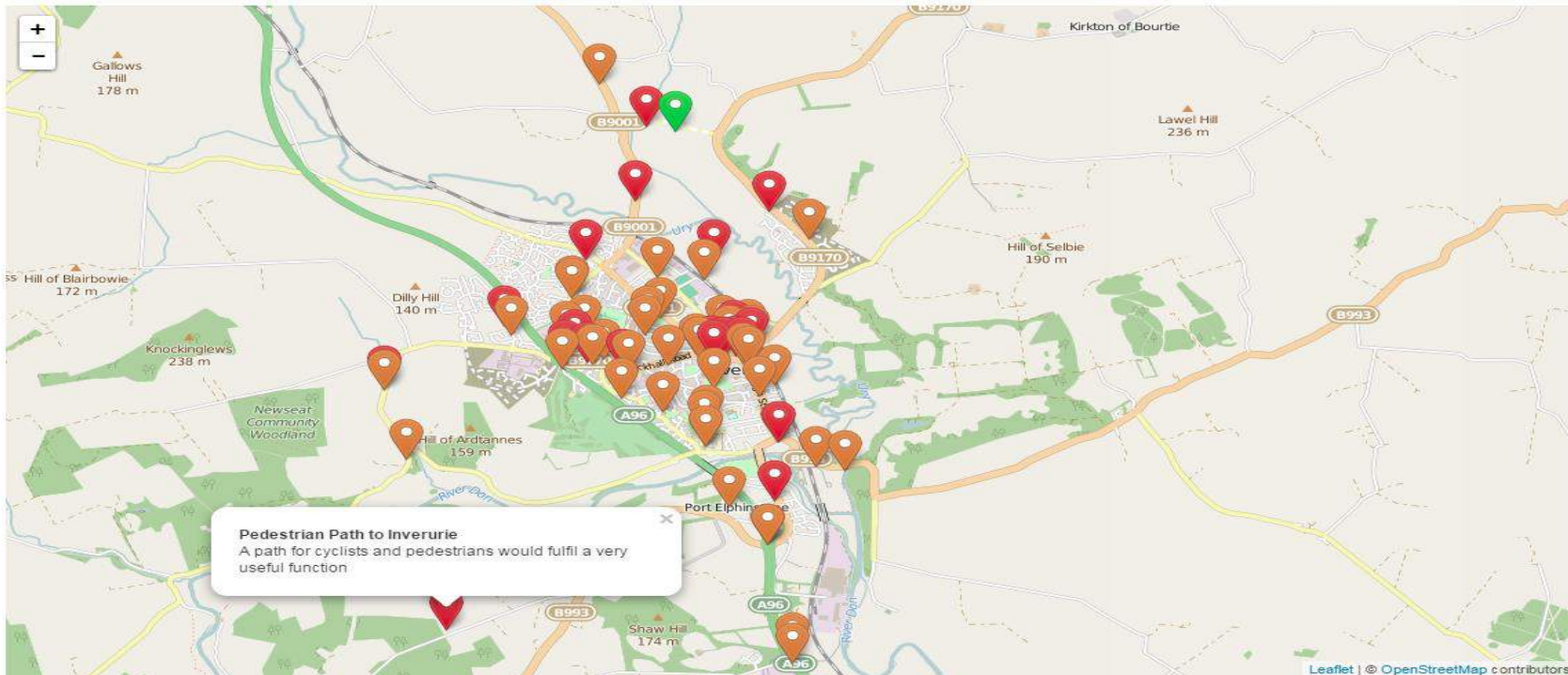
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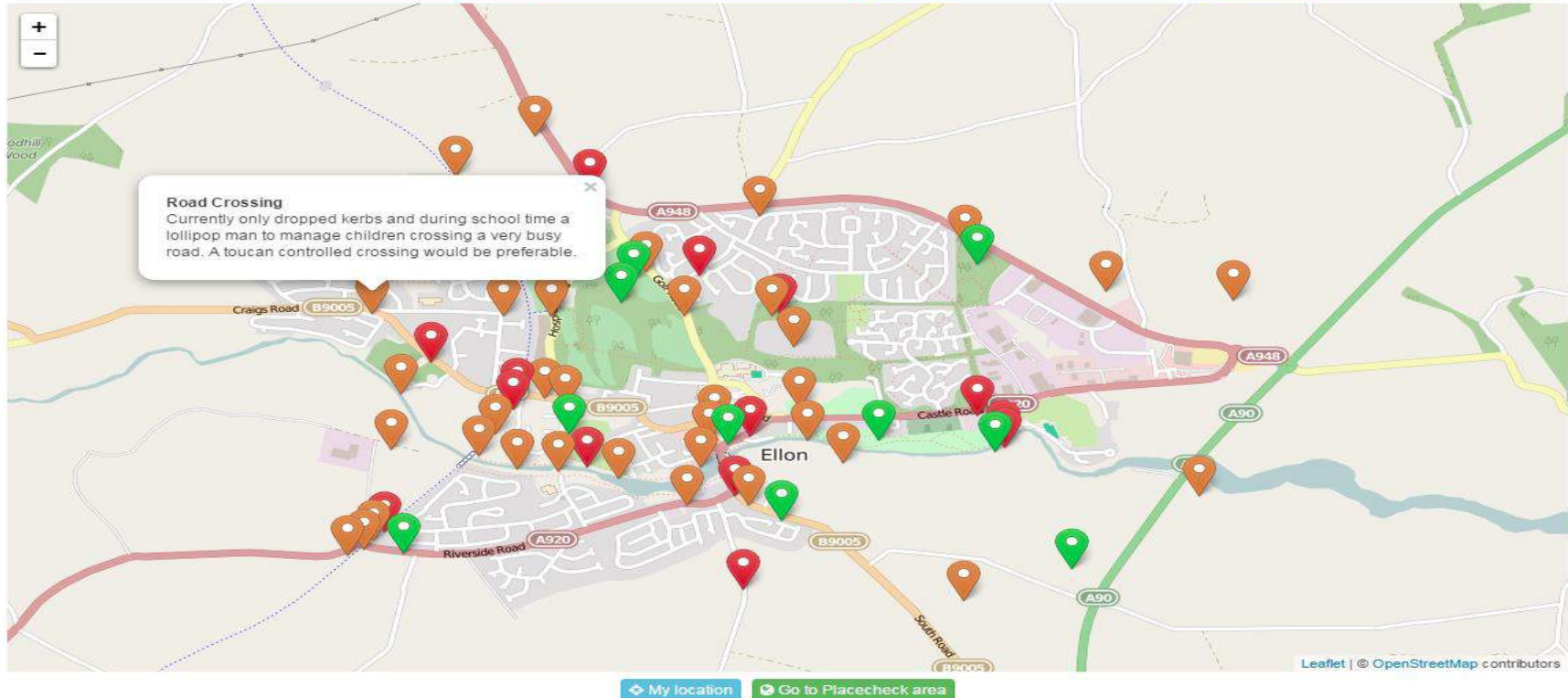
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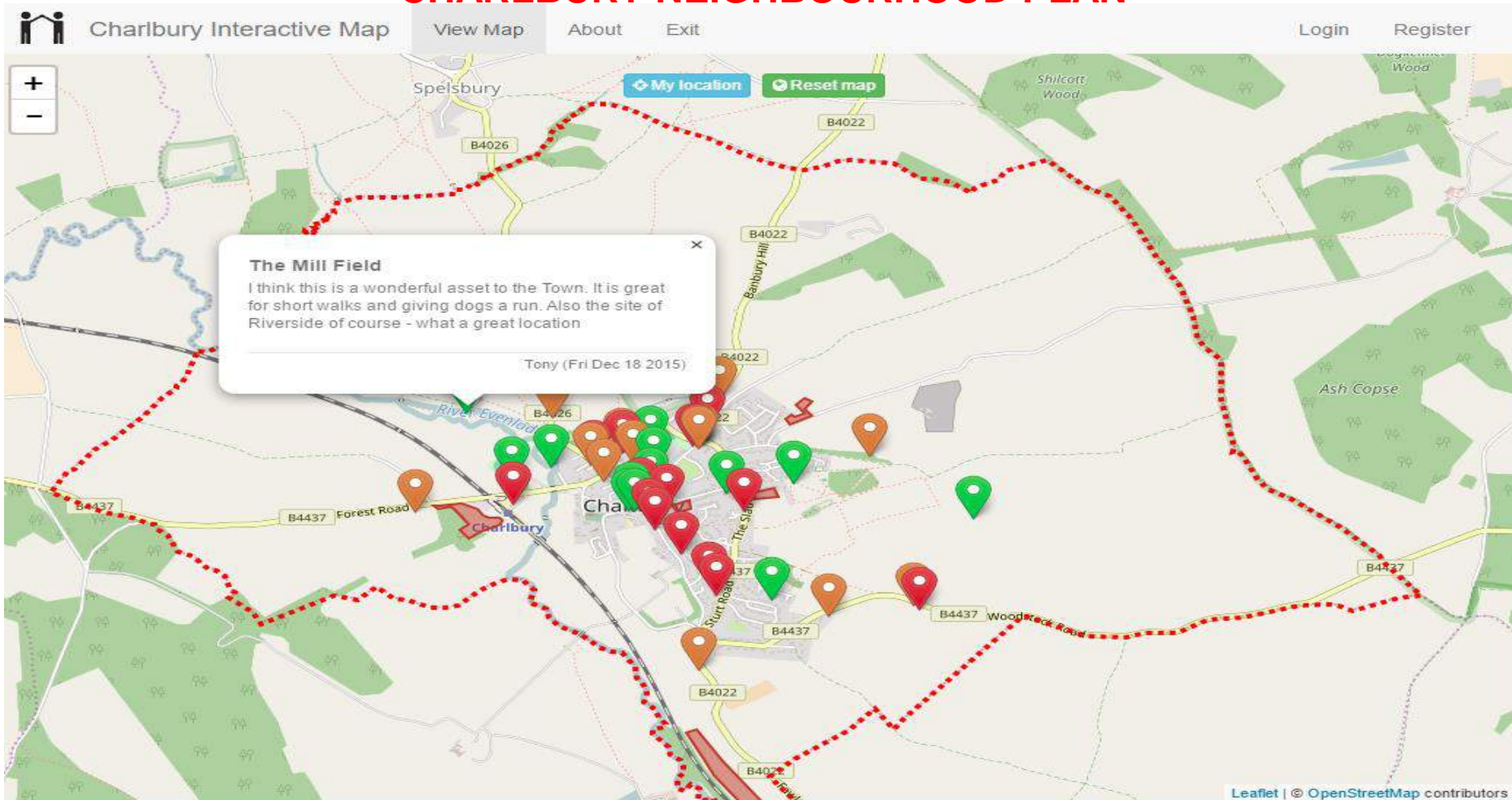
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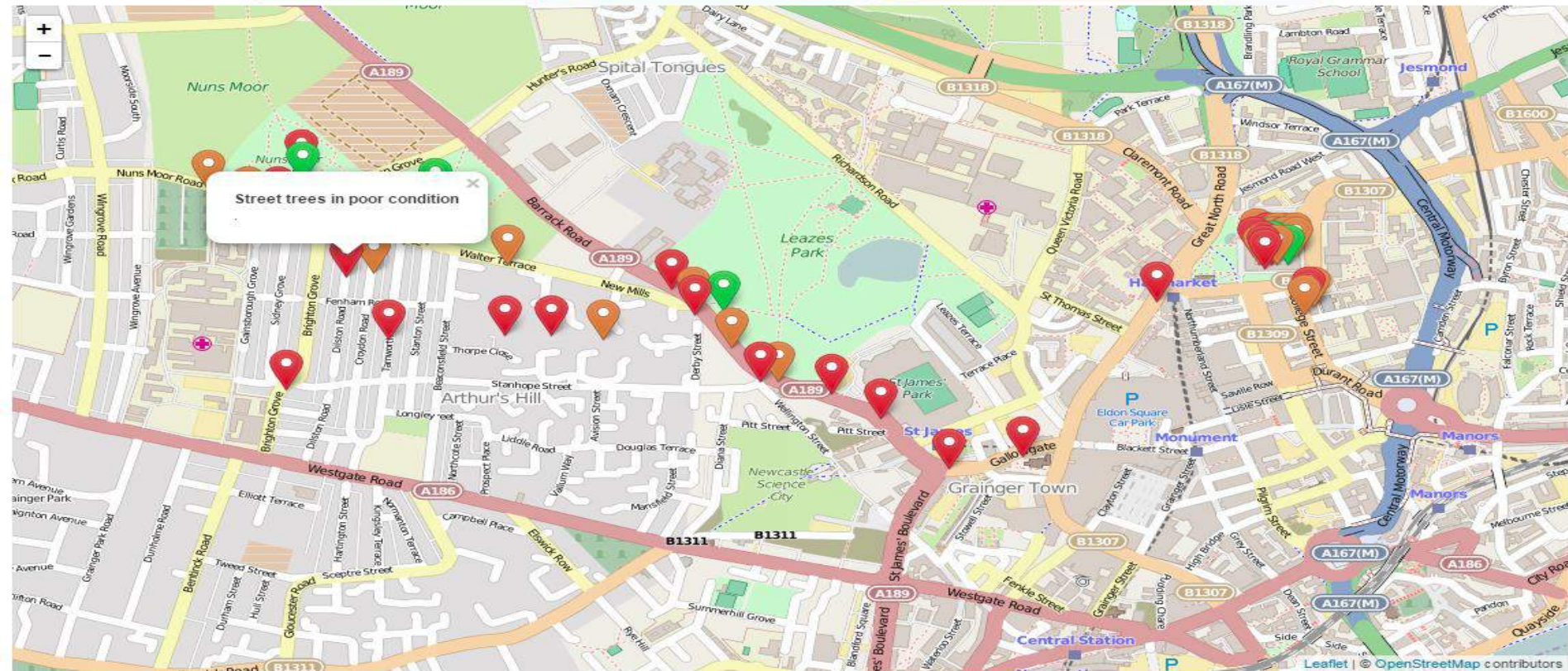
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Zeeta House, Putney High Street

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Date: C20th

Type: Sundial on Zeeta House

(Fri Jun 17 2016)

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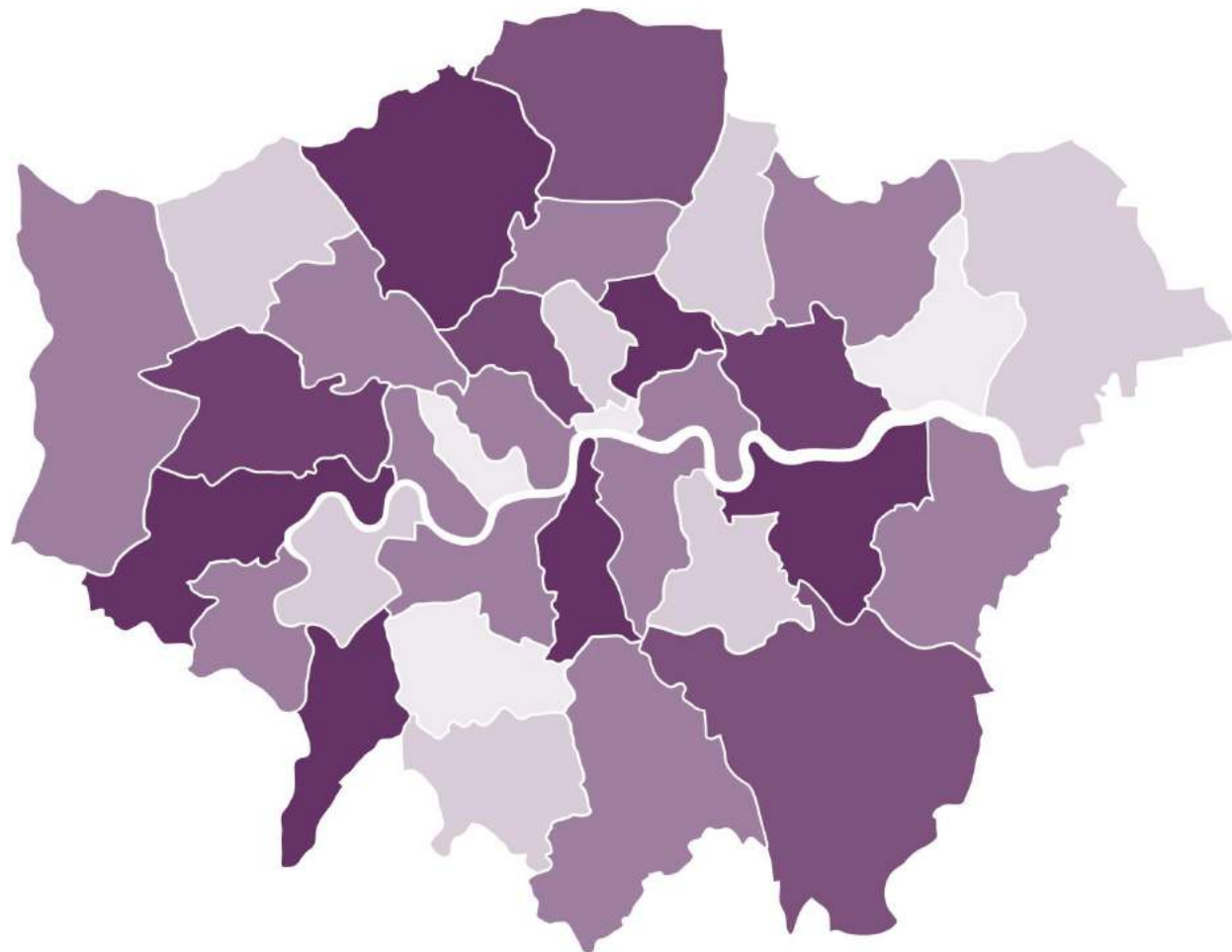
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With regards to housing, one of the Mayor of London's strategic objectives is to increase substantially London's supply of affordable housing. This is strategically important in order to promote mixed and balance communities and to redress the affordability issue that underlines the trend towards social polarisation in terms of housing choice and opportunities. Like most of London, the lack of quality affordable housing is a key issue for Barking and Dagenham. The Barking and Dagenham Housing Demand/Needs Survey 2005 gives an updated picture of the need for affordable housing. It indicates that there is a backlog of existing need for 210 units per annum and a newly arising need for 2,703 units per annum. These two figures together total 2,913 units per annum. It estimates that the total supply to meet this need is 969 units per year. This therefore leaves a shortfall of 1,944 units per year.

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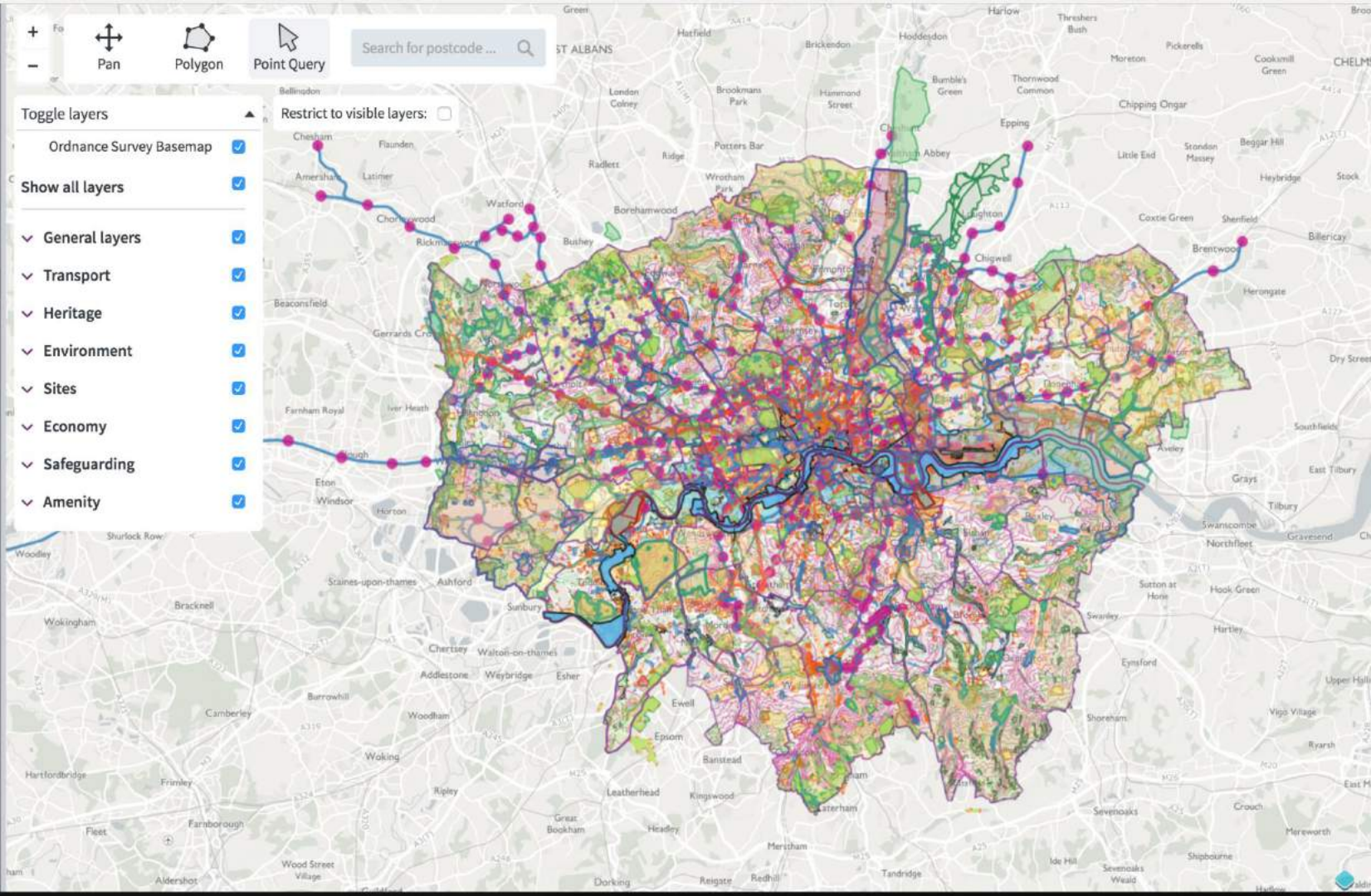
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