

THE STATE OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING IN LONDON 2018/19

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INTRODUCTION

In 2018 Publica was commissioned by Neighbourhood Planners.London, a volunteer organisation supporting neighbourhood planners across London, to undertake research into the state of neighbourhood planning in London. This document is the first in a series of similar reports which will be produced each spring by Neighbourhood Planners.London, providing insights into the spread and progress of neighbourhood planning in London. Each report will cover the financial year, April 1st to March 31st.

Since the introduction of neighbourhood planning with the 2011 Localism Act, many of London's communities have seized the opportunity to begin developing neighbourhood plans for their local area. London's fast-paced regeneration, a densely-developed urban fabric, and the complexity of neighbourhood planning in a three-tier planning system make for a unique context in which to undertake neighbourhood planning.

Across London, the trend is for steady progress in neighbourhood planning activity. The number of completed, or 'made' neighbourhood plans is on the rise, with greater numbers reaching completion each year. Currently, London has 12 'made' plans across seven boroughs, with more expected to reach 'made' status in 2019. Notable amongst these is Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum, whose neighbourhood plan referendum is scheduled for May 2019.

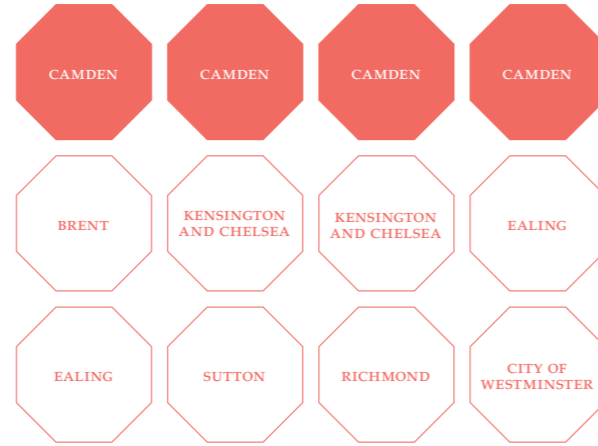
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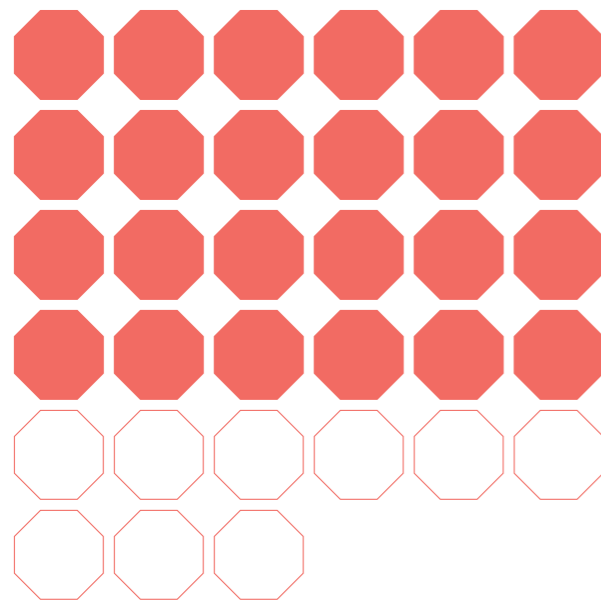
LONDON HAS TWELVE 'MADE' NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS



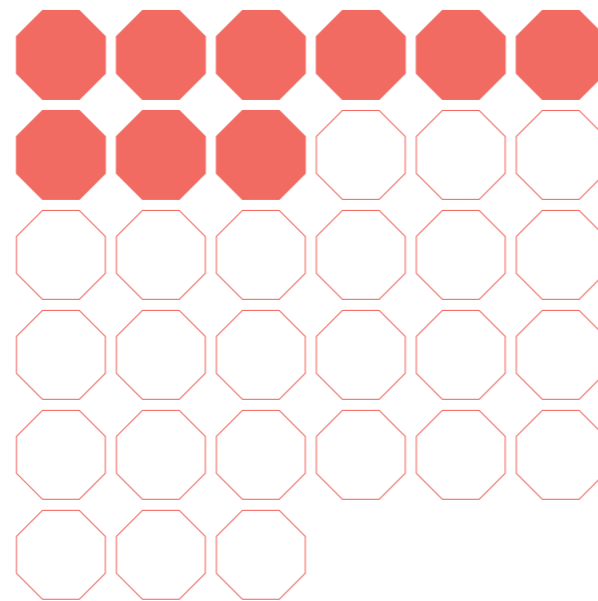
FOUR OF THEM ARE IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN



TWENTY-FOUR BOROUGHES HAVE NO 'MADE' NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS



NINE OUT OF 33 BOROUGHES IN LONDON ARE 'NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING DESERTS' WITH NO DESIGNATED NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUMS



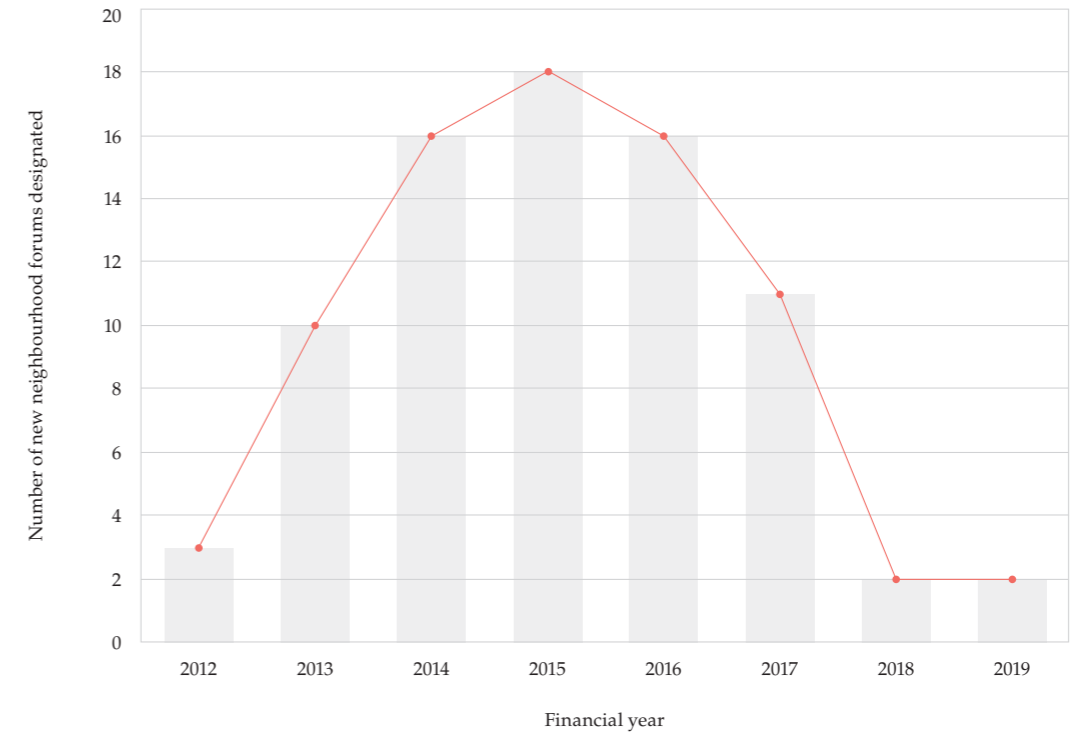
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NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUMS HAVE RECEIVED FUNDING FROM LOCALITY 2013-2018

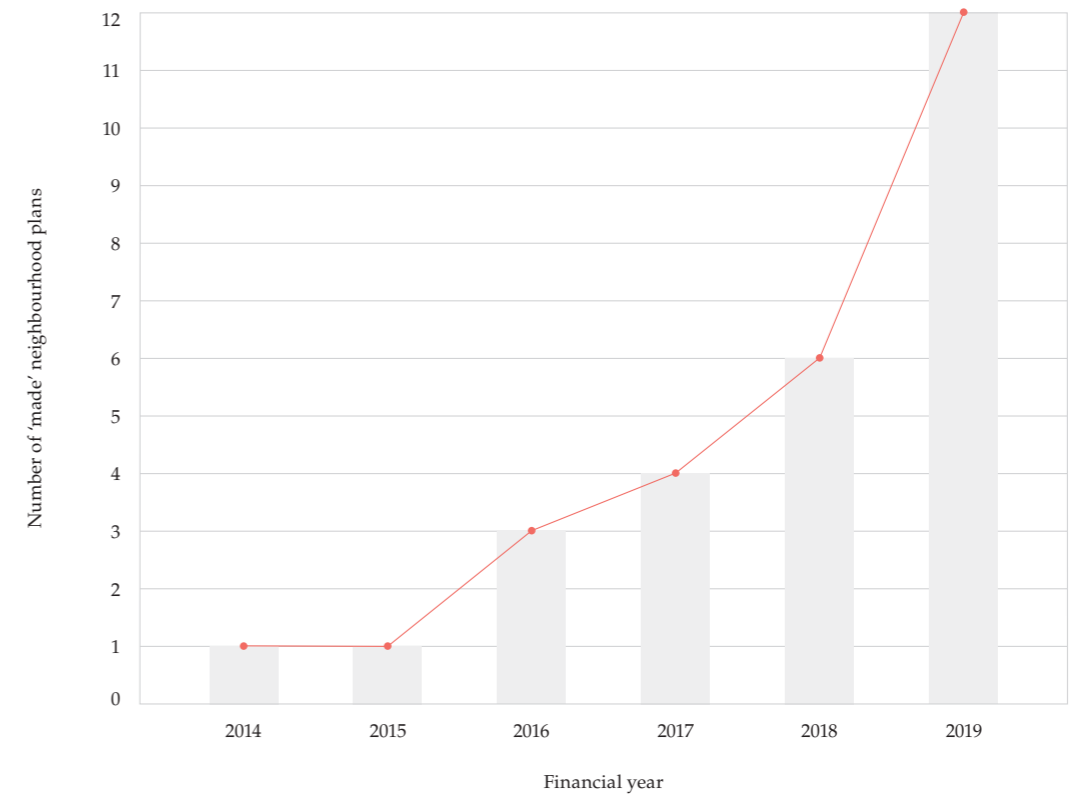
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THE AVERAGE DURATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING FOR LONDON FORUMS IS 49 MONTHS (DESIGNATION TO REFERENDUM)

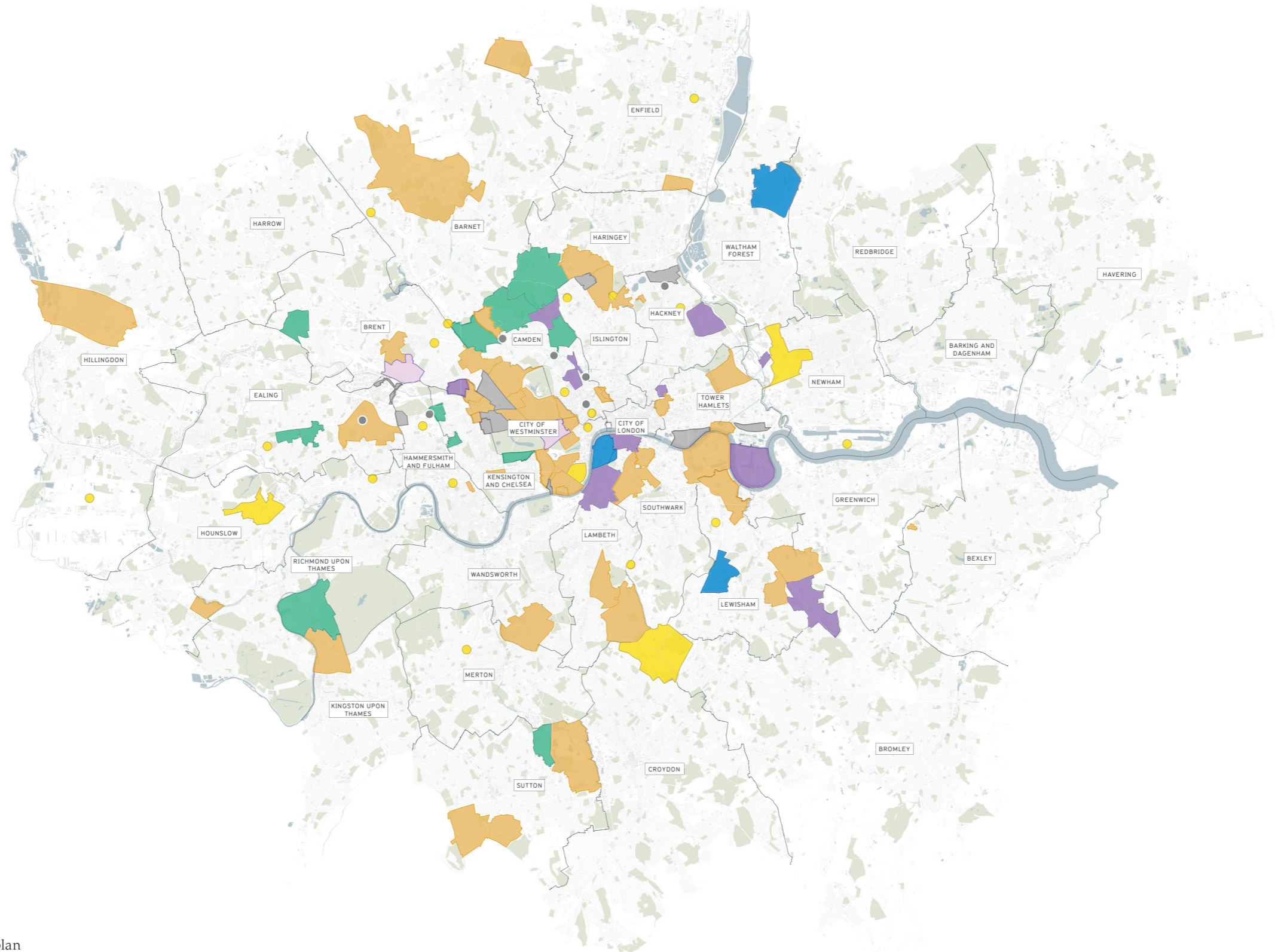
THE NUMBER OF NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUMS DESIGNATED (BY FINANCIAL YEAR) HAS DECLINED SINCE 2015



HOWEVER THE NUMBER OF 'MADE' NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS IS GROWING, AND THE NUMBER OF COMPLETIONS PER (FINANCIAL) YEAR IS ALSO INCREASING



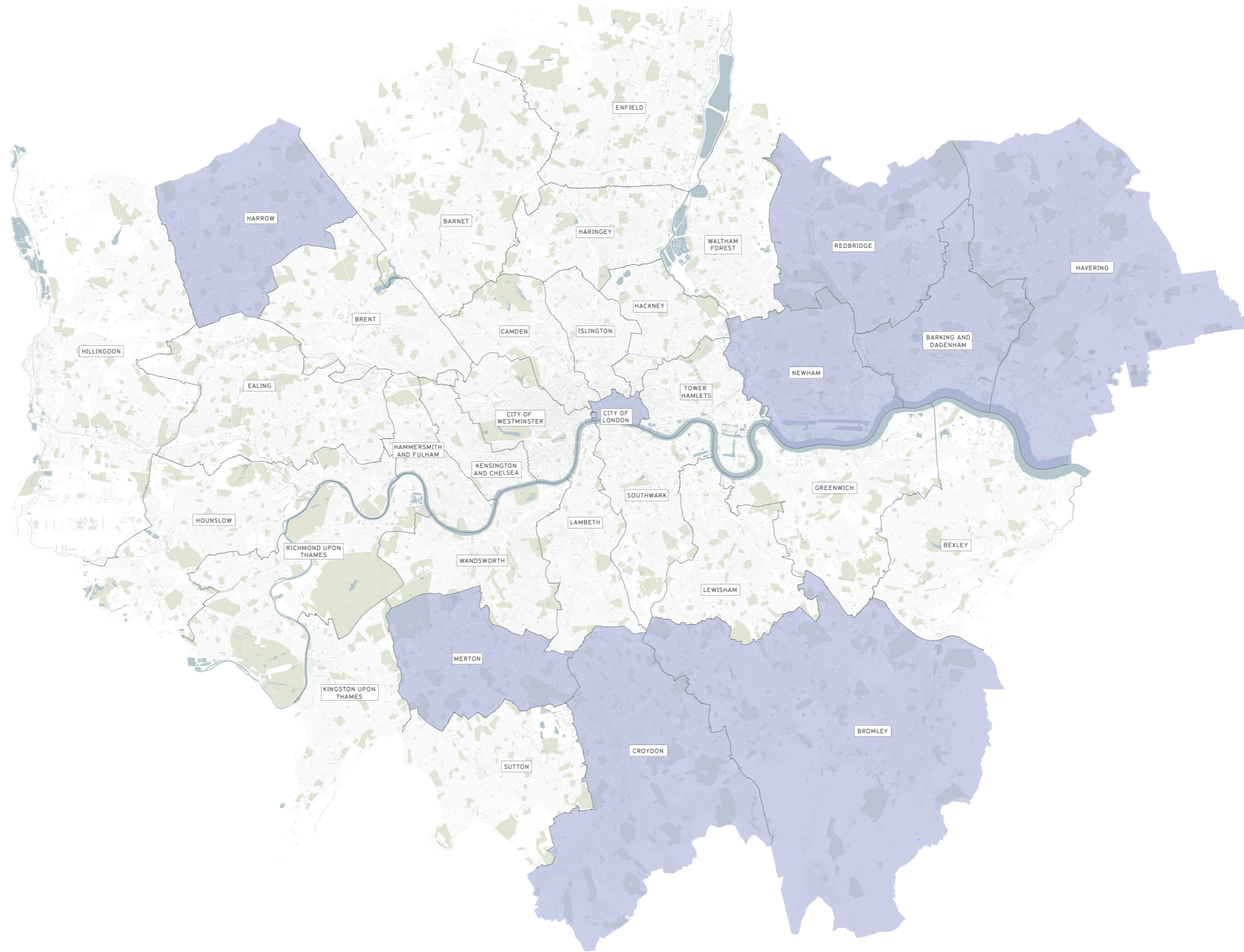
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREAS IN LONDON



- KEY**
- Early interest
 - Applied for designation
 - Developing draft neighbourhood plan
 - Pre-submission consultation
 - Plan submitted to LPA
 - Examination
 - Plan made
 - ■ Other

Note: this map is available online at <https://www.neighbourhoodplanners.london/map>

BOROUGHS WITH NO CURRENT FORUMS DESIGNATED



KEY

■ Boroughs with no designated neighbourhood forum

Note: although the Greater Carpenters Neighbourhood Forum appears to be inside Newham, its local planning authority is the London Legacy Development Corporation, which means Newham is counted as a 'desert'

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