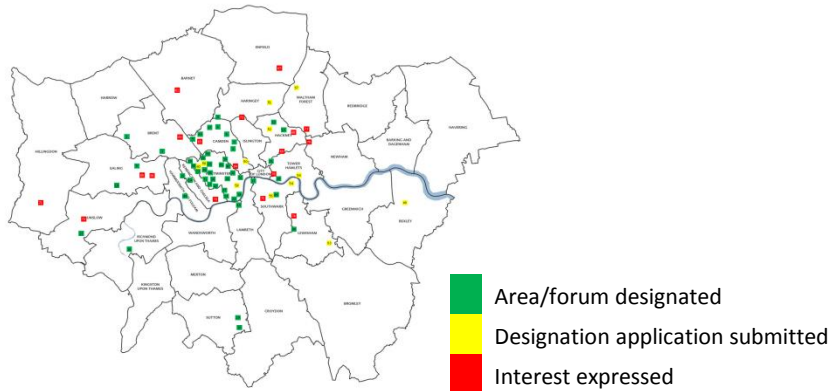


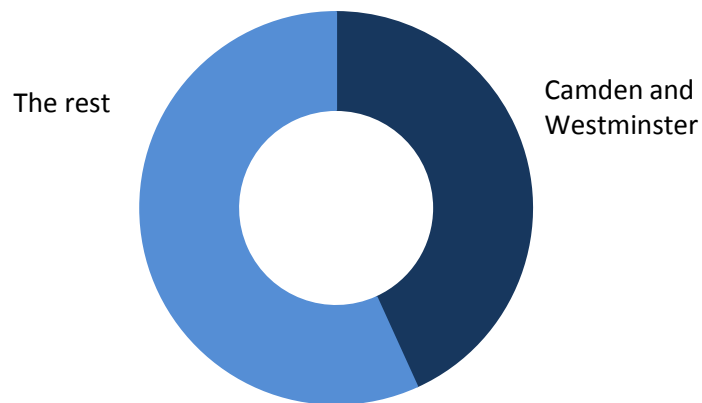
Localism in London – what’s the story?

In May 2010, the Government announced “the time has come to disperse power more widely in Britain today.” One measure in the Localism Act 2011 gave communities power to shape the development and growth of their local area through their own Neighbourhood Plan. **Three years on and where are we now?**

Very few communities have expressed any interest in neighbourhood planning...



...interest is heavily concentrated... 46 per cent of the interest in neighbourhood plans is in Westminster and Camden, 12 boroughs have none.

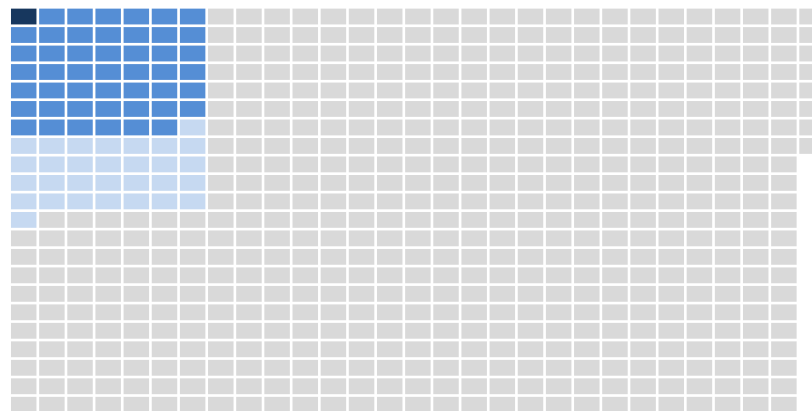


...and progress is slow and limited

78 neighbourhoods have begun to engage in the process, but to set this figure in context, there are 624 electoral wards in London.

Of these, **48** neighbourhoods have been formally recognised by the local authority.

But, only **one** area has drawn up a plan, consulted on it, successfully held a referendum and had it adopted by the council – Norland in Kensington.



■ Neighbourhood with adopted plan ■ Recognised neighbourhood
■ Neighbourhood expressing interest ■ Wards in London

Our analysis suggests that local groups are struggling to address a number of challenges, and this is restricting the progress London is making with neighbourhood plans.