Research update – latest insights from academia

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING IN LONDON - WHAT NEXT? INSIGHTS FROM ACADEMIA

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PRESENTATION

1) Where are we now?

2) What do we know?

3) Neighbourhood planning 're-imagined'

4) Local government consultation: a new model?

WHERE ARE WE NOW / WHAT DO WE KNOW?

London:

1) 68 funded forums / 12 'made' plans / 8 boroughs with made plans / 9 boroughs 'dormant'

2) Ten times as many 'made' plans in England outside London as in London itself

3) London policy community; 'Localist', 'Tokenist' or 'Contra-localist'. Opposition not overt – no debate.

4) 'London's localism tardiness is unexplored, unexplained and worthy of investigation'

WHERE ARE WE NOW / WHAT DO WE KNOW?

England

1) 2,500+ groups / 14 million people / 700+ made plans / average 88% yes vote / average 32% turnout / over 750,000 have voted / austerity and Brexit

2) Groups want; control of 'design and location of development' / 82% recommend NP to others / 89% agreed 'duty to support' should be clarified. User Experience Report (Parker 2015)

3) Survey: 'greatest say in local area'; 3% actually have / 57% should have. People Power (Locality Commission 2018)

England

1) Need devolved power: 'unleashing the creativity and expertise of communities' / 'change local government behaviour and practice to enable local initiatives to thrive' (Locality Commission 2018).

2) 'another form of anti-politics; naïve, populist liberalism' (Clarke and Cochran 2013). 'Self-appointed elites, reap the benefits' (Apostolides 2018).

3) Empowerment criteria: 'statutory frameworks' / 'different scales of local government' / 'active civil society' / 'a policy priority' (Painter 2011).

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING 'RE-IMAGINED'

1) **Healthy local governance / powers and resources / culture and trust / development and capacity (Locality Commission 2018)**

2) **Equity and participation / 'co-production' / social inclusion / plan quality / integration with strategic goals / enhanced community control (Wargent & Parker 2018)**

3) **Grants / social purposes / capacity building / GLA / council champions (Publica 2019)**

4) **Role of ward councillors / role of GLA & Mayor / pooled NCIL / 'design codes' / profile / community council?**

LOCAL 'CONSULATION'

Local government-led planning

AGENDA ► **CONSULT'N** ► **DECISION** ► **CONSULT'N 2**

(Harvesting)

(Promotion)

Neighbourhood planning

AGENDA ► **ENGAGEMENT** ► **DISCOURSE** ►

DECISION