

Local and Distant Place Studies

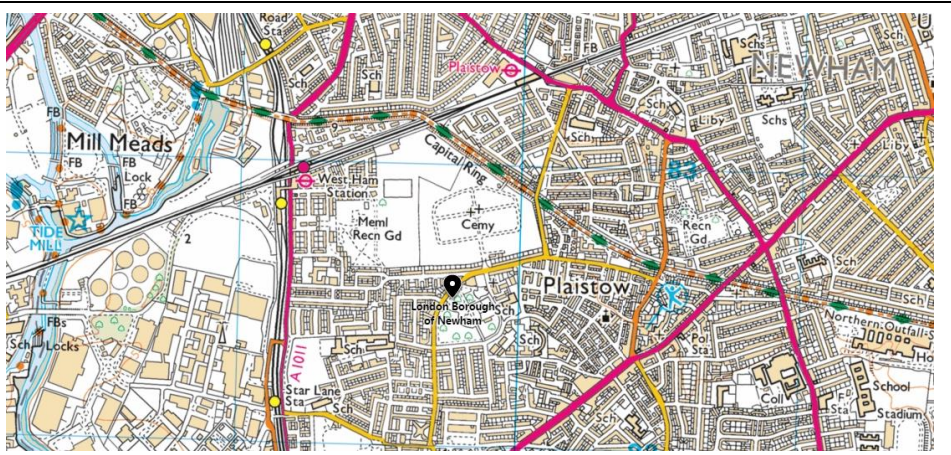
NEWHAM

Opening Questions

<p>What do you already know about Newham? Create a bullet point list on what you already know about Newham. Draw a sketch map of the area picking out key aspects. Remember to annotate certain features and consider why you've represented it in that kind of way. What factors will have impacted how you've represented Newham?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ • _____ • _____ • _____ • _____ <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Sketch Map</p> </div>
<p>Where is it on the rural/urban spectrum? What has informed your view on the position of Newham on the rural/urban spectrum? What sources do you use to make a judgement on this?</p>	
<p>What is the boundary of your chosen place? Ward? Parish boundary? Borough?</p>	
<p>Is there an obvious place identity? How do local descriptions, your own thoughts, school/colleges and businesses help shape the identity of Newham?</p>	
<p>What economic activity and inequalities are there? Using sources such as the census, neighbourhood statistics, NOMIS and Office of National Statistics, is there any economic activity/inequality?</p>	
<p>What are its functions? Is there any evidence to suggest that these functions have changed over time? Industrial? Retail? Administrative? Commercial?</p>	

Enquiry Question 1: How and why do places vary?

Regional Influences

<p>How well is Newham connected in terms of transport?</p> <p>Using OS Maps and public transport timetables can you make a judgement on how well Newham is connected in terms of its public transport?</p>	
<p>Are there any major cities nearby and what is the impact on these places?</p>	
<p>What are the policies on growth and development?</p> <p>Use local authority websites to find out if the area has plans for growth.</p>	

National Influences

<p>What are the current political inclinations of the national government? (i.e. who is in government at the moment?)</p> <p>How might local election results impact on the area</p> <p>How might general election results and referendum results impact on the area?</p>	
<p>How strong is the sense of community?</p> <p>Using social media and the general media, can you judge the level of social community?</p>	
<p>What are the pressures for change?</p> <p>Local newspapers and council websites may suggest the pressures for change.</p>	

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Global Influences

<p><i>Are there any brands present – retail outlets, branch, factories and offices?</i> Land use surveys General observations</p>	
<p><i>Is there any involvement in global tourism?</i> Tourist information</p>	
<p><i>How well connected to the internet is Newham?</i> Can you test out accessing fibre optic in Newham? Is there any secondary data which tells you about Broadband speeds in Newham?</p>	

International Influences

<p><i>Are your places directly affected by specific government/EU policies or designations?</i></p>	
<p><i>Is your place ‘twinned’ with a location abroad? Why was that place chosen?</i></p>	
<p><i>How do your places compare with the national average of wealth and deprivation?</i> Index of Multiple Deprivation</p>	
<p><i>How accessible is Newham to locations around the world?</i> Airports, Ports, International train travel (Eurostar)?</p>	

IDENTITY

It is important that you consider how these influences affect the identity of that area. On a separate piece of paper take each of the factors below and explain how they have shaped the identity of Woking.

1. A change in function
2. Economic characteristics (e.g. sector, type of employment, unemployment)
3. Population characteristics (e.g. age, migration, ethnic composition, gentrification)
4. Socio-economic inequalities in pay, levels of education and health.

To finish...

Take two highlighters and highlight where **social** or **economic** change is taking place.