

Understanding current and future patterns of demand for school places

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# Background

The Mayor's 2012 Education Inquiry explored the challenges facing London's schools

## Challenges for school place planners

#### **Demand**

- Fertility boom
  - Between 2001/02 and 2011/12, annual births increased from 104k to 134k
- Changing migration patterns
  - Recession triggered large fall in number of families leaving London

# Demand: London state-funded school rolls

	2008	2013	2018*	2023*
Primary	568k	634k	708k	738k
Secondary	375k	381k	406k	472k

<sup>\*</sup>Projections based on GLA population projections, assuming number of children in alternative provision remains constant

## Challenges for school place planners

### **Delivery**

- Shortage of potential sites across much of London
- Pressing need for new homes creates additional competition for available sites

## Challenges for school place planners

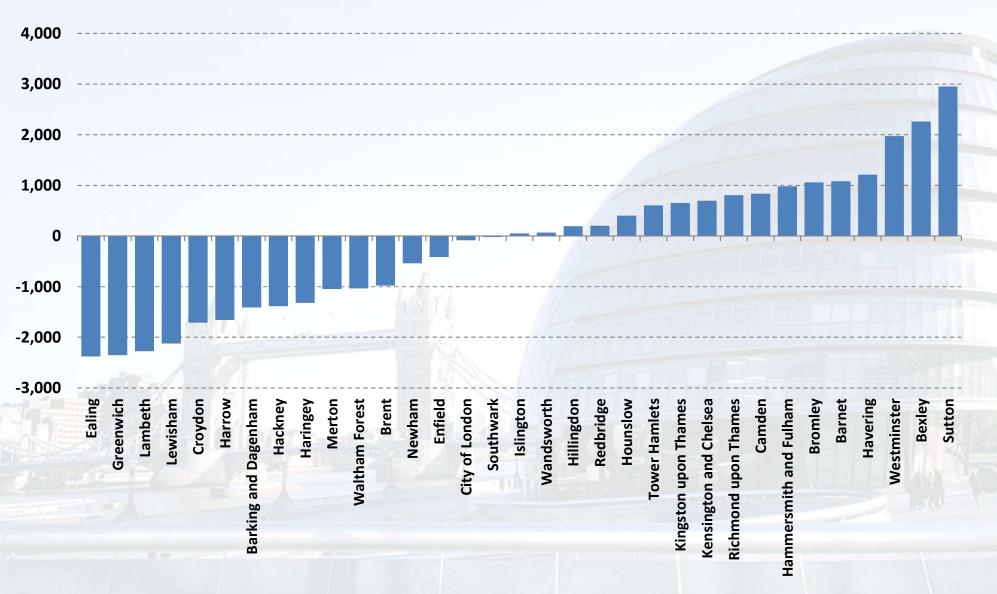
### **Cross border mobility**

- London local authorities geographically small
- Good public transport links
- ⇒very high level of cross border mobility

- Complicates meeting duty to provide places
- Necessitates collaborative working between authorities

# Cross border mobility within London – State Funded Secondary Schools

Net difference between imports and exports from each local authority

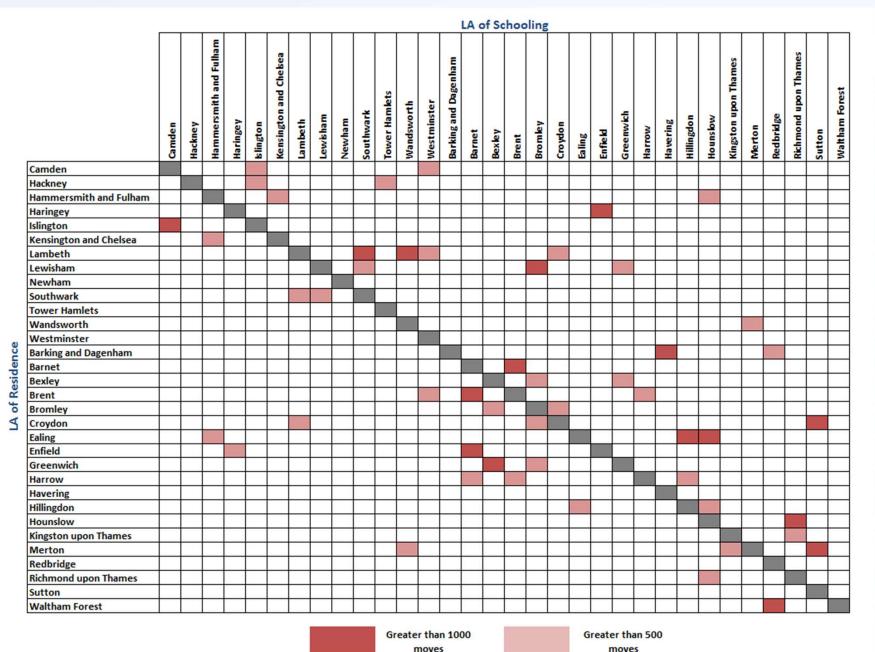


# Cross border mobility within London – State Funded Secondary Schools

% of pupils residing in other LAs attending schools maintained by the LA



## Cross-border moves between LAs



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**Recommendation 10:** The Mayor and GLA Should work with boroughs and the Department for Education (DfE) to develop pan-London collection and analysis of data necessary for planning the provision of school places.

**Mayoral Response:** The GLA currently runs a school roll projection service for boroughs. I will explore how we can expand this to cover all boroughs, and how we can work more effectively to develop a more strategic picture of school places in the capital. I will work closely with the boroughs and DfE on identifying areas of need.

## The London Schools Atlas

- The London Schools Atlas forms part of the GLA's response
- Launched November 2013
- Interactive map showing:
  - Where schools draw their pupils from
  - Where residents of an area attend school
  - School attainment data
  - Contextual information

## The London Schools Atlas

Helps inform decisions by:

- Providers of school places
  - Local authorities
  - Academy groups
  - Free school groups
- Parents

## Sources of data

## School/residence relationships

 record-level data from National Pupil Database

#### **School information**

Edubase

#### **Contextual information**

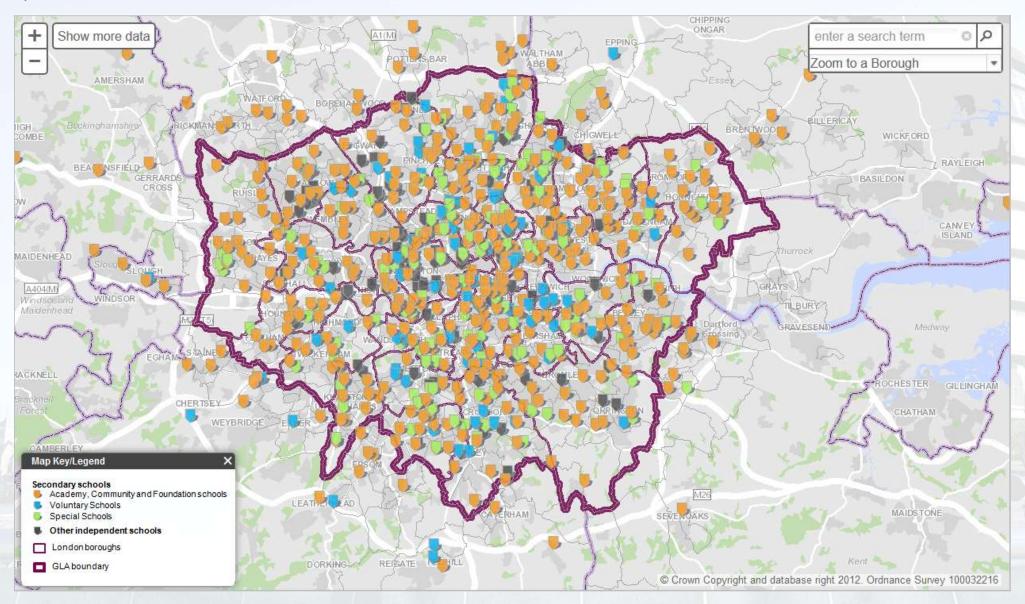
GLA ward-level demographic projections

# Implementation

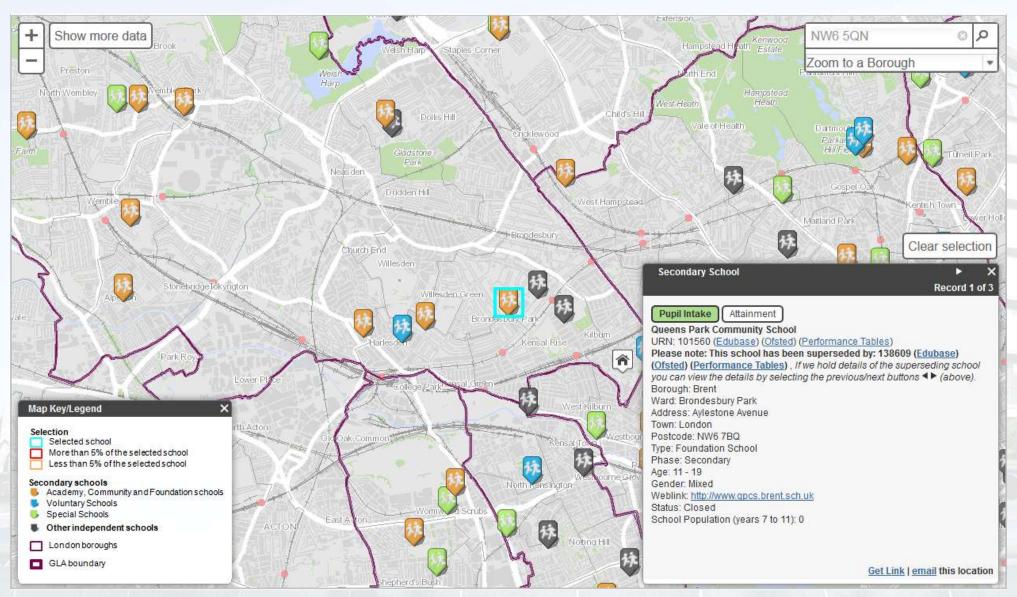
- Pre-processing, combination of Excel, Access, FME, SQL script
- Visualised in ArcMap
- Map service from Arc Server
- Customised using ArcGIS API for JavaScript and Dojo framework
- Currently on GLA servers but looking to move to AWS
- Full set of supporting materials
  - Data published on London DataStore
  - Technical Note
  - 'How to guide' on YouTube



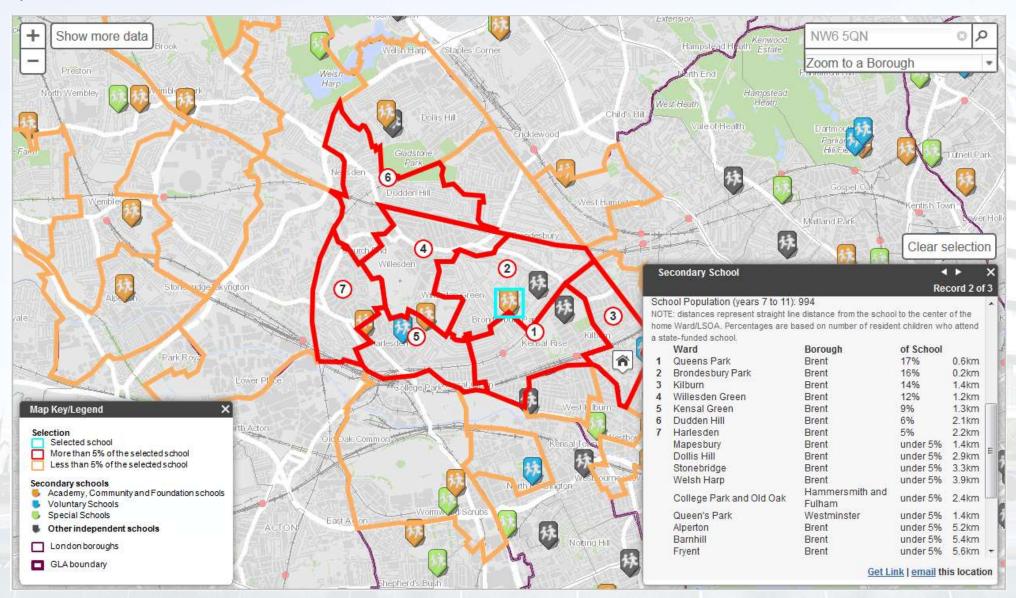
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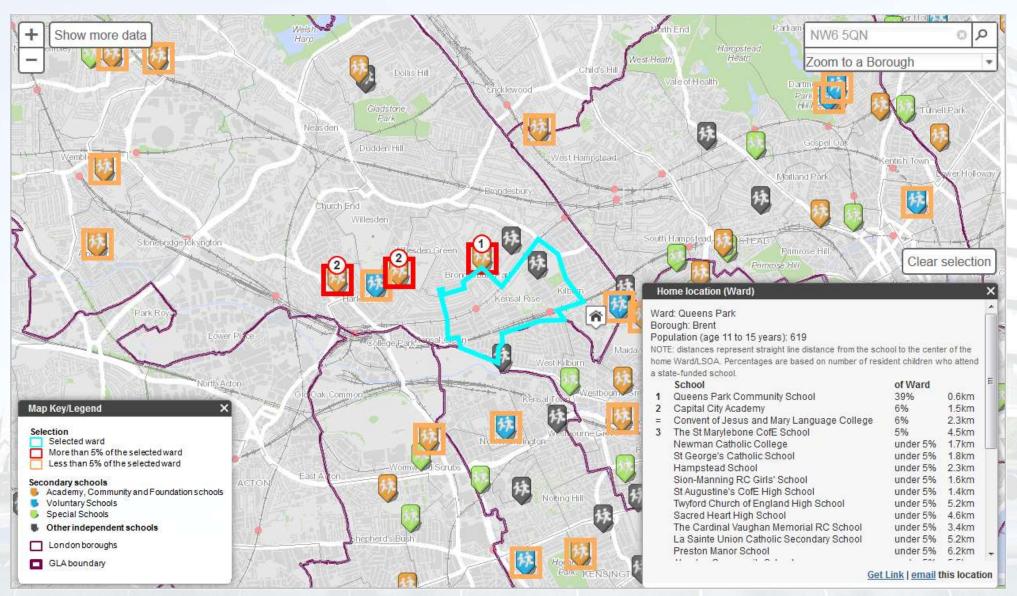
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#### 2) School catchment



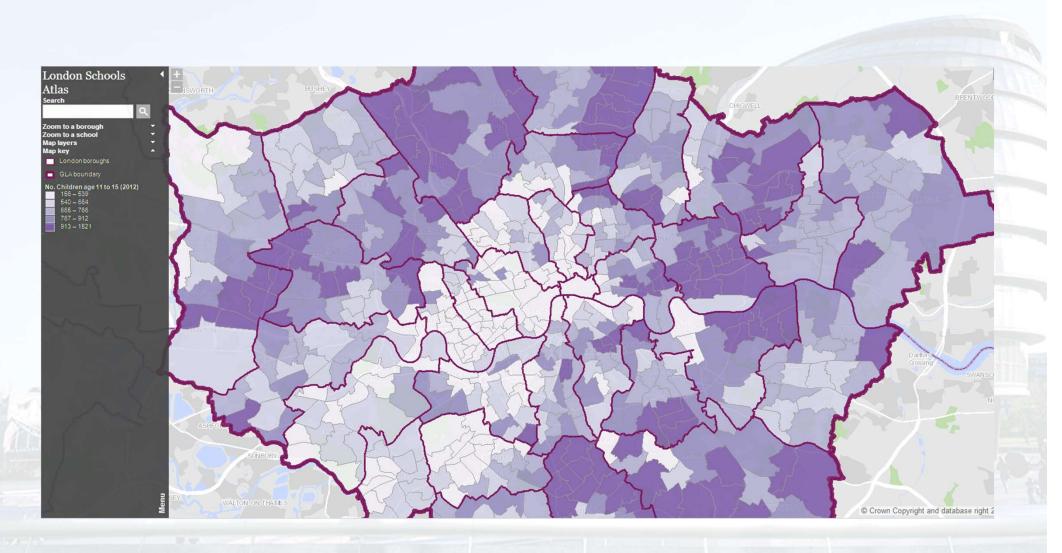
#### 2) Schools serving an area



## Schools Atlas

- Current thematic layers
  - Number of children in key age groups
  - Projected change in population
  - Proportion children attending state-funded schools

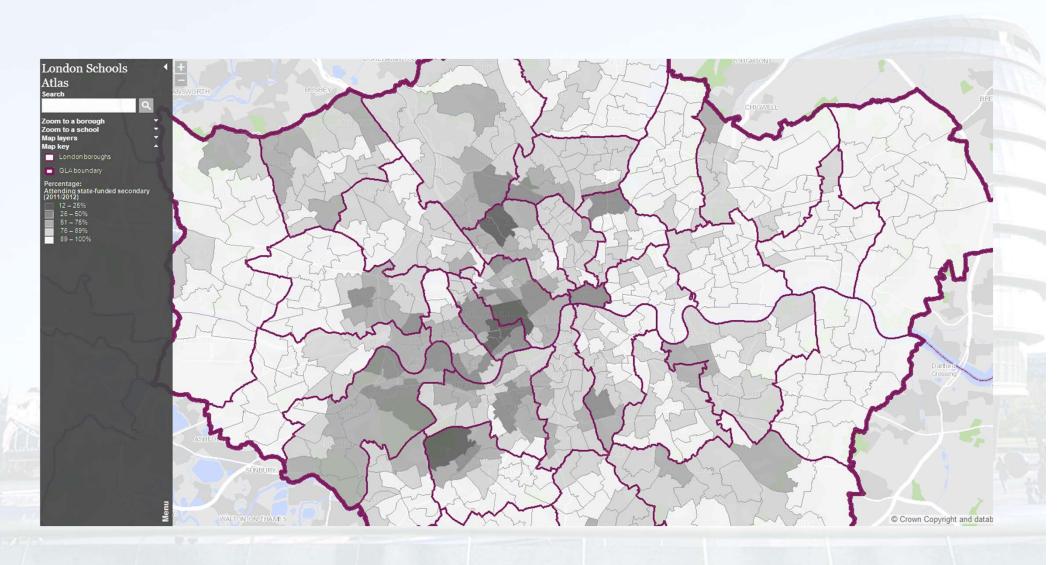
# Number of children by ward/LSOA of residence



# Projected population change



# Proportion population attending state funded schools



## Press coverage



London's school-age population expected to jump 100,000 by 2017

Some parts of London will see rise of more than 50% in number of children aged 4-10, say officials







London School Atlas aims to help parents decide



# Upcoming development

### **Updated Atlas to be released this autumn:**

- Provide two versions:
  - Public version
  - Professional version

## Public version

- Aimed at parents
- Improved interface
- Simplified search process
- No thematic layers

## Professional version

- Allow user to select multiple schools
  - Present as a table & 'Export to Excel' tool
- Measure tool
- Travel Iso-lines
- Application and preference data
- Show 'feeder' schools
- More contextual information
  - Deprivation indicators
  - London Output Area Classification (LOAC)



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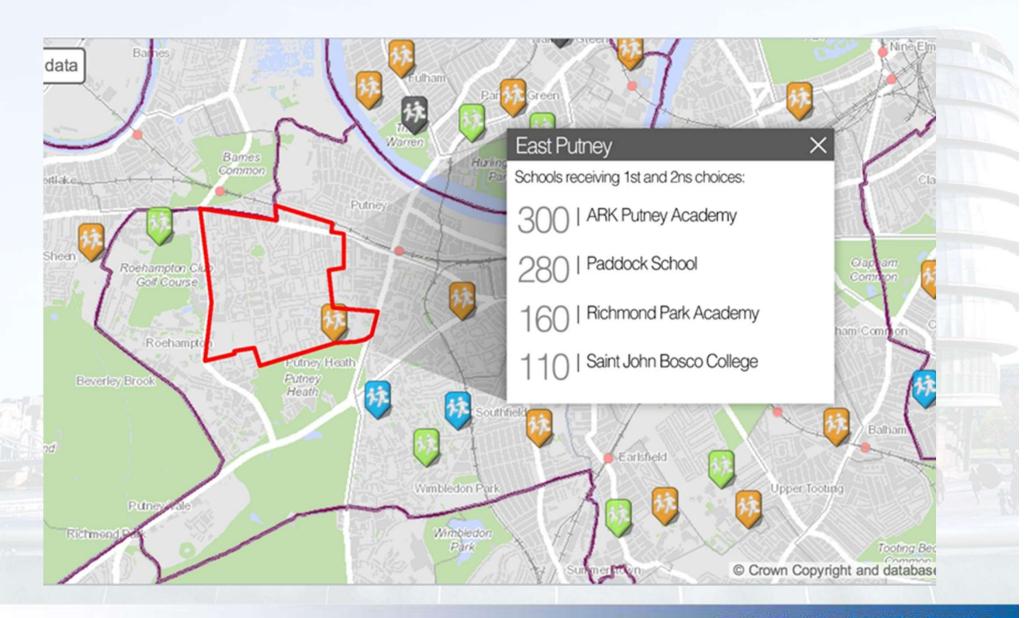
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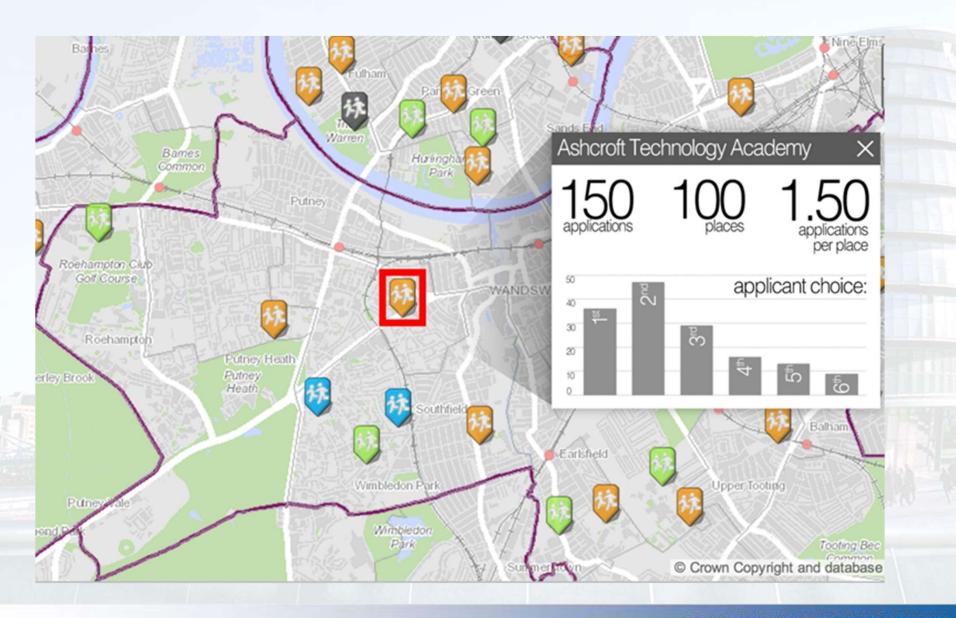
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# Applications by area of residence



# Applications by school



# Proportion receiving offer for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> preference

