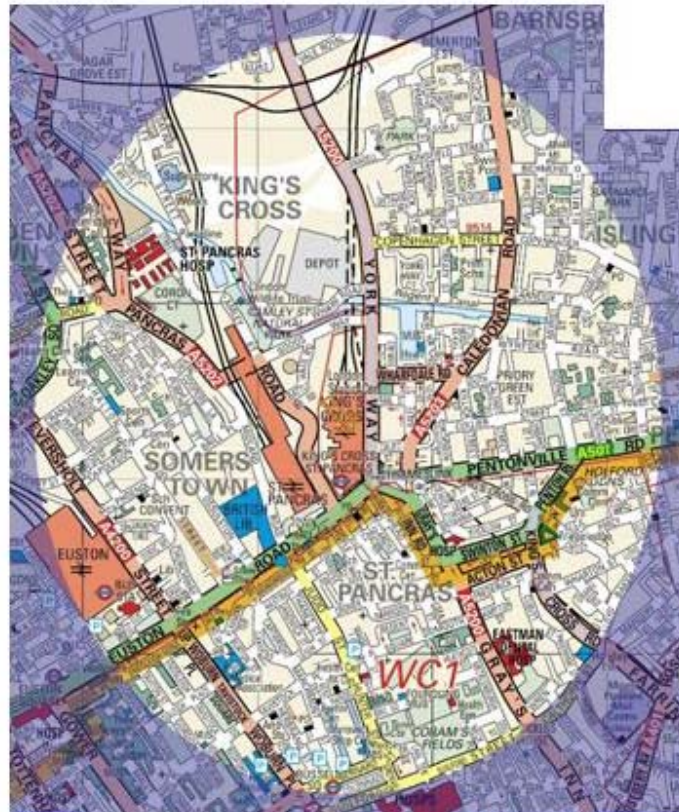


King's Cross Community Projects

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Why King's Cross?



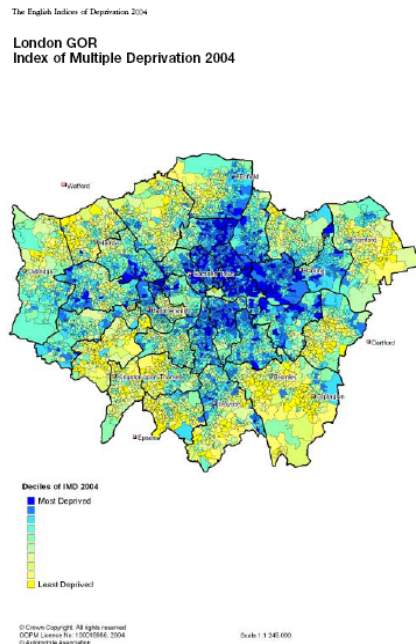
KCCP's 'area of benefit': a half mile radius of King's Cross Station

King's Cross is often described as a fractured community, partly because it is split between the London boroughs of Camden and Islington and partly because, historically it has faced so many major infrastructure projects within its boundaries. These have resulted in physical splits being created including the Regent's Canal and King's Cross, St Pancras and Euston Stations. There remains a strong sense of community however and is why King's Cross Community Projects works in this area.

King's Cross falls across parts of Camden and Islington. This area is of strategic importance as it combines substantial opportunity with significant disadvantage. The King's Cross railway sites forms the biggest single development site on Central London. The high-density resident population is characterised by low skills and high unemployment. Several wards in Camden and Islington are in the 10% most deprived nationally.

King's Cross is designated by Government as a 'regeneration area'. The Government launched its National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal in Jan 2001, with the publication of "A New Commitment to Neighbourhood Renewal: National Strategy Action Plan". This national strategy aims to ensure that nobody should be seriously disadvantaged by where they live within 10-20 years. Government is seeking to narrow the gap between the most deprived areas and the rest of the country. The Government has set targets, and has allocated funding to the 88 most deprived local authorities in England, to improve outcomes in those areas. For example, targets have been set in relation to crime, health, education, employment, training, enterprise, housing and air quality. Both Camden and Islington fall within the 88 most deprived boroughs and are therefore Neighbourhood Renewal Boroughs. Within each borough services and funding are being targeted on the most deprived areas and groups. These areas are called Neighbourhood Renewal Priority Areas and include King's Cross.

Map showing our area of benefit falls into the most deprived by index of multiple deprivation:



Map showing our area of benefit is an 'area for regeneration' in the current 'London Plan', and falls within the top 20% most deprived wards in London: