

## Minutes of the JustMap meeting on October 28th / Granville Kitchen

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These minutes are a mash up of the *work avenues diagram* handed out at the meeting and the different reflections of the participants.

It can amended and commented on a collaborative pad : <https://annuel.frama-pad.org/p/justmap>. (opensource freeware equivalent to GoogleDoc)

Short term key tasks are highlighted : anyone interested in participating in a specific task can indicate it on the collaborative pad as well as the work avenues she/he is interested in.

### INTRODUCTION

JustMap is an ambitious collaborative project, some would say utopian. Therefore the idea is to divide objectives between short, mid and long terms to be able to initiate something.

**short term** : interactive mapping platform of community spaces under threat with links towards bubbling campaigns.

**mid term** : to produce a collaborative map through public workshops to highlight communities assets and projects, while connecting actors campaigning for a fairer London.

**long term** : to create a meta mapping platform to collect all kind of data produced by London communities and useful for a London community-led planning.

### 6 WORK AVENUES

These 6 avenues are presented according to their long and short terms objectives. (See diagram)

#### 1- Data and maintenance :

What should we map ? Where to start and where to stop?

We retain 2 driving principles :

- . **Mapping the human value of a place, what makes a place 'home', memory and experience of places.**
- . **Mapping to build capacity for collective and cooperative action.**

#### Short term :

Spaces under threat and bubbling campaigns. This is an urgent matter. There is a hope that the map could help make visible this threat to a larger audience, promote alliances between campaigners and be a tool to exchange informations on how to resist.

A set of bubbling campaigns has just been added to the actual Just Map.  
[https://justplace.carto.com/viz/57683209-6517-4bc2-9c67-a679aac75f58/embed\\_map](https://justplace.carto.com/viz/57683209-6517-4bc2-9c67-a679aac75f58/embed_map)

### Mid term :

- Events organised by campaigners could be publicised (see for example in Paris <https://paris.demosphere.eu/map>)
- Community assets that matter. (See categories : human, physical, activities (or immaterial) / see besides.
- Citizen proposals for urban transformations are very interesting. Historical data are also important / / see besides.
- Ancient data should not be deleted.

### Long term :

- <http://www.commonplace.is/> is a platform that communities can use to map their neighbourhood according to planning interests or any other in fact. But it is not free. JustMap could be the open-source free equivalent.

It would be interesting to investigate this platform and to make an assessment of it.

- Apart community assets, a whole range of data can be interesting for community-led planning. And not only points but also boundaries. <http://neighbourhoods.esd.org.uk> is a collaborative open-data platform developed by the government (DCLG) where everyone can store boundaries that are meaningful for one's community (eg Neighbourhood Areas).
  - London Data Store (GLA) proposes a whole range of open data sets. But some are outdated.
  - Environmental data measured by communities should figure on the map.
  - Map what's in the London Plan (currently scattered/buried)
- It may help identify questions to ask or issues to investigate regarding Freedom of Information issues through [whatdotheyknow.org](http://whatdotheyknow.org)
- It would be interesting to start an inventory of the data types that could be collected for the mid and long terms project.

### Data maintenance and moderation :

These 2 problems are mid term challenges. If we have to face them it will mean that the platform is successful because we have a lot of data to deal with.

- Open Street Map or Wikipedia can be inspiring examples.
- For a specific data, we could imagine that every 6 months both the contact linked to the data and the JustMap mapper who collected that data receive an automatic email to ask them to confirm the data validity or to update it.

## 3 types of community assets for a fairer London



### Physical assets

community centres, libraries and other facilities, markets, pubs with community life, spaces for venue or exhibitions, parks, playgrounds, local media, genuine affordable housing ...



### Human assets

organisations with positive impacts, community groups, charity groups, specific professional or individual ...



### Activities assets

formal and informal : festival, sport meetings, barbecues parties, skateboarding, community gardening, street musicians, informal flea market ...

TIME x2



**future** : How to maintain and improve these assets ? Where to create new ones ? Campaigns for a better future. Planning proposals...



**past** : What has changed or disappeared ? Which past events or historic facts are meaningful for the community ?

## 2- Workshops :

The importance to balance the map online with public mapping workshops has been mentioned several times during the meeting. To address a large and popular audience, to collect data the closest to the ground and to make public this mapping campaign.

### Short term :

- Agreement to get in touch with **“Land for What?”** to set a JustMap mapping stall during this event on the 12 and 13 November. Contact has been made and they are enthusiast to the idea. The best option would be an animation of the stall during the lunch breaks or the morning openings + a permanent installation with a notice board for self mapping. **Who would be interested to participate ?**

- the Ubele Initiative should organise a mapping event on December 3rd. JustMap could participate (TBC)

- **Materiality** : should we upgrade or change the actual process of the workshops ? could we produce a “ready to map” kit so any community could easily organise a mapping workshop with very little support from JustMap ?

### Mid and long terms :

- Could we imagine other forms of workshops ? Mobile workshops on bike or truck ? Playful workshops as treasure hunts or Commopoly ? How to specifically address minority groups usually excluded ?

- On the example of Open House could we promote an Open Mapping Festival ?

## Combine online mapping and public workshops in neighbourhood festivals and specific events



**Invent games and treasure hunts so collecting and updating data can become playful and attract children and teenagers**



### 3- Visualisations :

Data can be visualised through many forms, depending on classifications/ tags and the base-map choice

#### Short term :

Focus on spaces under threat and bubbling campaigns : the actual JustMap database has just been filtered to focus on this issue.

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- **Basic fields** : space or group name, description, url, reference image, contact, JM\_mapper (mapper who collected the data), workshop (when the data was collected) ... other ?

#### - Classification with 7 topics ?

Culture, Economy, Nature, Commitment, Transit, Housing, Services

(see below)

- Other type of classification ? List of tags ?

- Are **base-maps** other than Google can be chosen ? (because people are used to read them ... to be discussed)

#### Mid and long terms :

##### Rating / ranking ?

How to visualise the most active campaigns ? (with the indication of the last update?)

The ones who receive most support ? (with indication of the number of petition signatures ?)

The ones that SHOULD receive more support ? (with a possibility to vote by the users to highlight certain campaigns ?)

**Specific visualisations** according to different topics (see below)

or disciplines as tourism, journalism, education, history ...

or partners as Concrete Action, Ubele, Community Food Growers Network ...

**How to visualise the spaces value**, eg "From here you can enjoy a beautiful sunset". How to give value to what doesn't have for the market but is essential for the community. How to visualise the "depth" of spaces, their multifaceted complexity ?

**How this tool could be used to support Impact Assessment by communities ?**



POPULAR CULTURE  
COMMUNITY HUBS  
LOCAL MEDIA



HUMAN RIGHTS  
EQUALITY/CITIZENSHIP  
SOLIDARITY

**7 TOPICS ?**



LOCAL ECONOMY  
COOPERATIVE  
SUSTAINABLE /RECYCLING



ANY ALTERNATIVES TO  
CAR CONGESTION  
AND CONTAMINATION

EDUCATION  
HEALTH  
JUSTICE



NATURE/WATER IN TOWN  
AGRICULTURE/FOOD  
CLIMATE/RENEWABLE  
ENERGY



ESTATES, COOP  
LANDMARKS  
PUBLIC SPACES  
URBAN DESIGN



ESSENTIAL  
SERVICES

### 4- Interface :

#### Short term :

- Improve the actual DIY JustMap website made on Blogspot ?

- There are several existing collaborative mapping platforms. It is suggested to make an inventory of them.

#### Mid and long terms :

- The design of the future mapping platform must be very simple and obvious

- It is suggested to contact schools which train in User Experience Design such as General Assembly. Maybe some students could be interested in the project.

- The interaction with social media networks is important.

- Graphic design is also essential, as well as humour and playfulness.

### 5- Platform technology :

#### Short term :

As far as we know, it is difficult to find a freeware relatively easy to use to do collaborative mapping. Umap is developed by the OSM community but is not very easy to use. Leaflet might be an option to explore. Google had a freeware they gave up a few years ago.

A short term possibility would be to use a form online where users could indicate the space or campaign they would like to see on the map with indication of the address or postcode. Then it is possible to link this form to a map online updated as soon as the form is modified.

There should be a thorough investigation of the immediate possibilities to make the actual map collaborative through the website.

#### Mid and long terms :

**Core application** : one possibility is to code from zero a new application.

There are also alternatives to build this new application on top of existing.

- on top of Umap (to make it easy to use)

- on top of Geokey developed by ExCiteS. This is a free core application that they also use for their application Mapping for Change (paid service, around 3000£ for a customised platform)

- based on the technology of Survey of London which is an application developed by CASA / Bartlett if they find interesting to get involved into the project.

**Search engine** : to mine into the many tags and comments let by the users/ participants. Use of the semantic web principles ?

### Partners data :

- automatic aggregation and updating of partners data ?
- interaction with OSM data on community spaces ?

## 6- JustMap community :

### Short term :

How do the people interested in being involved in JustMap can collaborate ?

- email list for important messages, dedicated forum for informal exchanges, Facebook ?, Google or Framapad doc ?, Trello or Slack ?, Dropbox ?
- set up a new meeting in about 2/3 weeks ? Doodle ? With a focus on specific avenues ?
- to create sub working groups distributed by the 6 work avenues ?

### Mid and long terms :

**Governance and charter :** define common objectives (short and long terms) and values. Define the use and ownership of the data. Define the principles on which data is maintained and moderated.

Get inspiration from OSM model ?

We could initiate as soon as possible the writing of some first principles. In particular the objectives expressed in introduction (short, mid and long terms) and the 2 driving principles in introduction to part 1-DATA could serve as a first base after being amended by the JustMap community.

**Collaborations and partnerships :** this ambitious collaborative project can only be supported by a community of users and mappers.

How to make it happens ? How to design a tool that can be useful to most of the London mappers interested in community data or inclusive planning ? How to bind this community ? (events, cartoparties, workshops, map games?)

There is an ongoing inventory of London mappers that should be updated a bit (see diagram after).

### Funding :

- to pay the workshops material and the organisation of events
- to pay some human resources (initial coding of the platform, data maintenance, JustMap community organisation and animation )

A call to LUSH should be done soon. They offer micro funding for collective projects.

### LINKS :

JustMap visualisation of Reclaimed Spaces in London :

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JustMap presentation in 4 pages:

<http://n.fonty.free.fr/JustMap/JustMap-4pages.pdf>

JustMap website :

<http://justplace-london.blogspot.co.uk>

JustMap collaborative pad :

<https://annuel.framapad.org/p/justmap>

Reclaim Our Spaces, report on launching event in June 2016

[https://justspacelondon.files.wordpress.com/2016/07/report\\_ros2.pdf](https://justspacelondon.files.wordpress.com/2016/07/report_ros2.pdf)

Reclaim Our Spaces, minutes from work meeting in September 2016

[http://n.fonty.free.fr/JustMap/Reclaim\\_Our\\_Spaces\\_minutes\\_28\\_Sept\\_2016.pdf](http://n.fonty.free.fr/JustMap/Reclaim_Our_Spaces_minutes_28_Sept_2016.pdf)

LIVE CAMPAIGNS ABOUT RECLAIMING COMMUNITY SPACES

[http://n.fonty.free.fr/JustMap/Live\\_campaigns3.pdf](http://n.fonty.free.fr/JustMap/Live_campaigns3.pdf)

**Special thanks to Leslie Barson and the Granville Kitchen who hosted our meeting in South Kilburn.**

She explained us how this great and nice community hub is now under threat of demolition. Moreover than being charity for a few, food is a fantastic vector to make people meet each other.

**Please sign their petition**

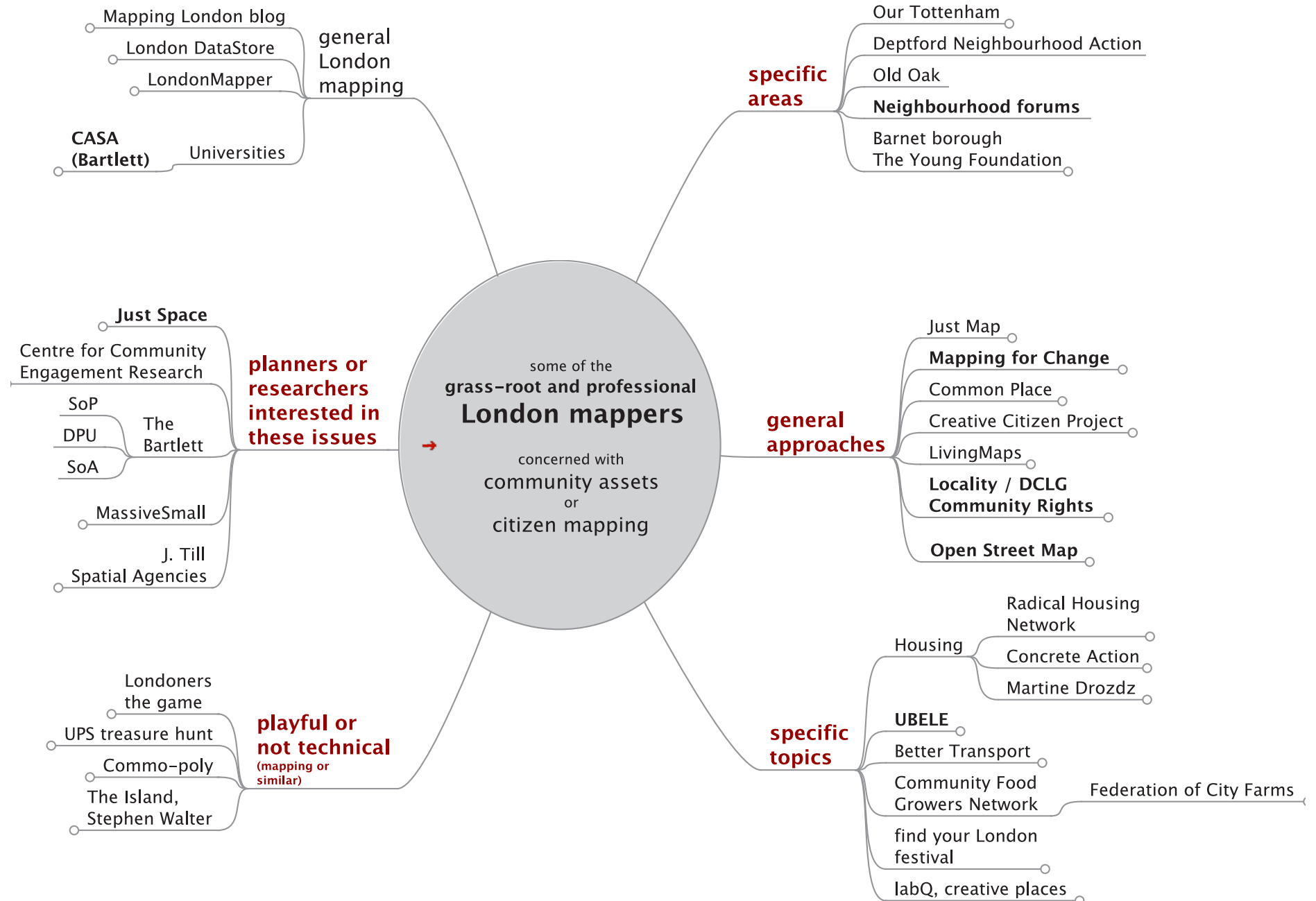
<https://www.change.org/p/brent-council-save-the-granville-and-carlton-centres>

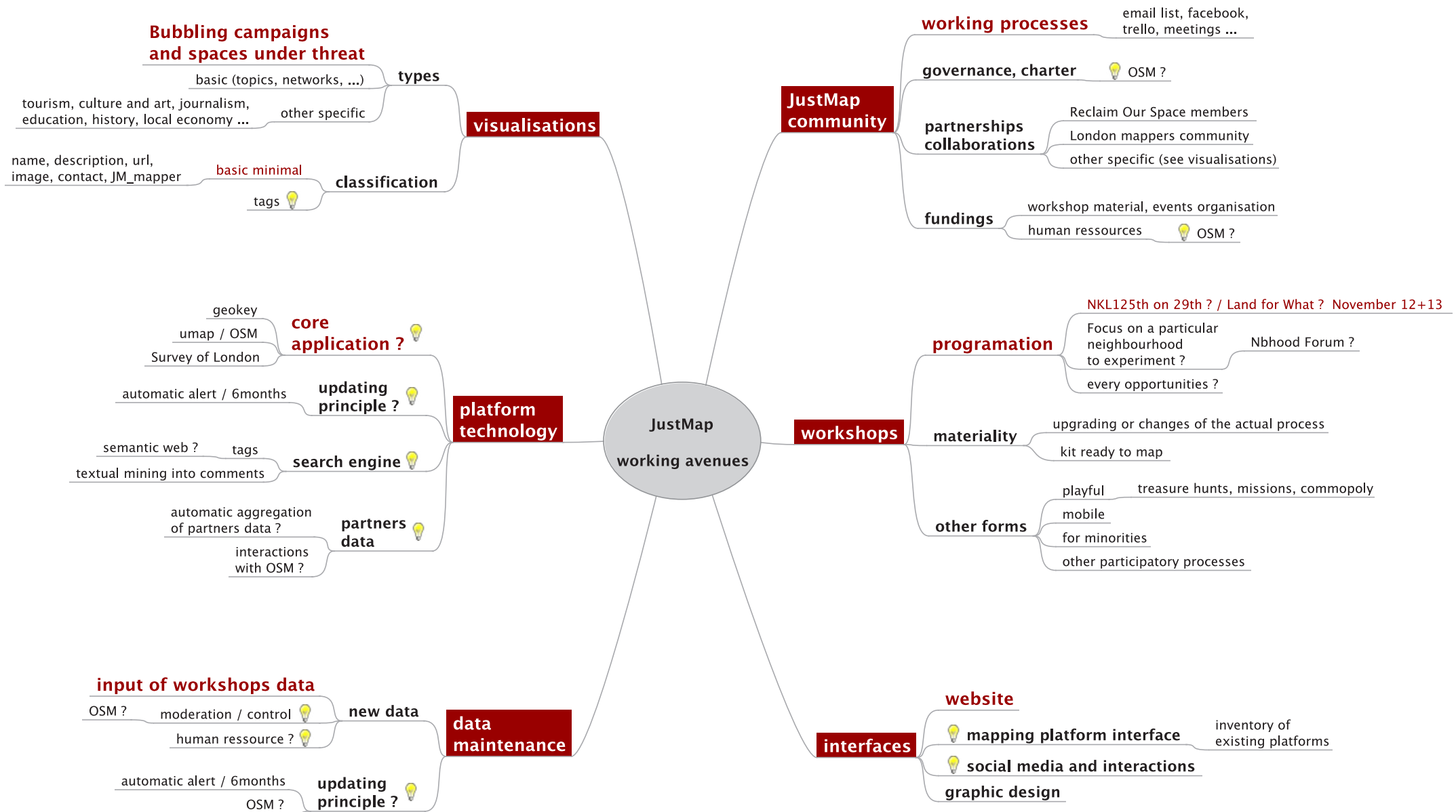
**Brent Council: Save the Granville and Carlton Centres!**

# the necessity of being collaborative : immense data and the need to update it

Open Street Map, Wikipedia as successful collaborative platforms

## a common platform to aggregate the many existing scattered mappers and datasets ?





💡 = challenge

in red = short term