New Build - Benchmarking data
Briefing note

In response to a request for benchmarking data to illustrate how well the Islington New Build programme performs against other local authorities the following actions were taken.

A - Identifying sources of new build data, for all London boroughs, which is available in the public domain. Two sources were identified:
- GLA Housing Starts and Completions (london.gov.uk)
- DLUHC Microsoft Power BI

B - Reaching out to other local authorities who have similar development programmes and are in a comparable geographical area. Requests for data were made to Camden, Hackney, and Haringey. Only Camden responded to our request and the data they provided was not in a format where we could then compare like for like with our own performance.

These actions highlighted a range of factors that make it challenging to benchmarking our performance directly against other local authorities:

1. To avoid double counting there are specific requirements set out by the GLA and DLUHC for their data returns, and it is only when we add the DLUHC and the GLA data together we get the complete picture.

2. The data available is just based on the number or reported completions but does not consider other factors such as the numbers of demolitions, disposals and therefore total net gain of units delivered.

3. The data available for this type of activity is often not comparable, for example some boroughs record by calendar year and some by financial year.

The data shown on the next page illustrates that **Islington performs well when compared to neighbouring boroughs with similar development programmes in place.**

Please note that this specific benchmarking task has been undertaken using data that relates to the financial years 01/04/2018 to 31/03/2022 therefore the numbers shown for Islington do not include all of the new build homes that will contribute to the delivery of our 2018-2022 550 target. For example, the data used for benchmarking shows that Islington had 161 completions in this period, but this does not include 35 completions from the first quarter of 2018 (as the financial year starts in April) and 77 completions that are yet to be reported to the GLA and DLUHC.

When we look at our performance against the 2018-2022 550 target, we delivered a total of 527 new council homes (combined starts and completions). The reason we fell slightly short of the original target is due to one scheme (Hathersage and Besant) not being able to proceed due to viability issues arising predominantly from external market factors.

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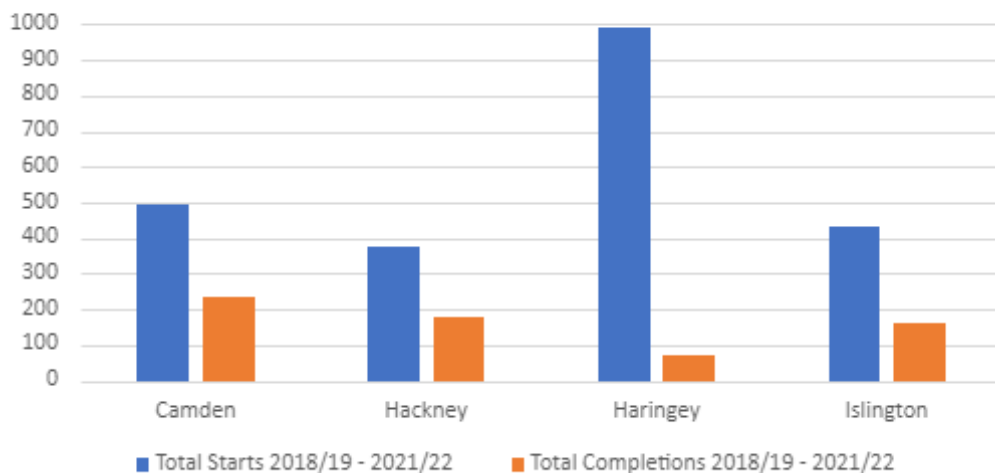
Starts & Completions 2018/19- 2021/22 Per Km2
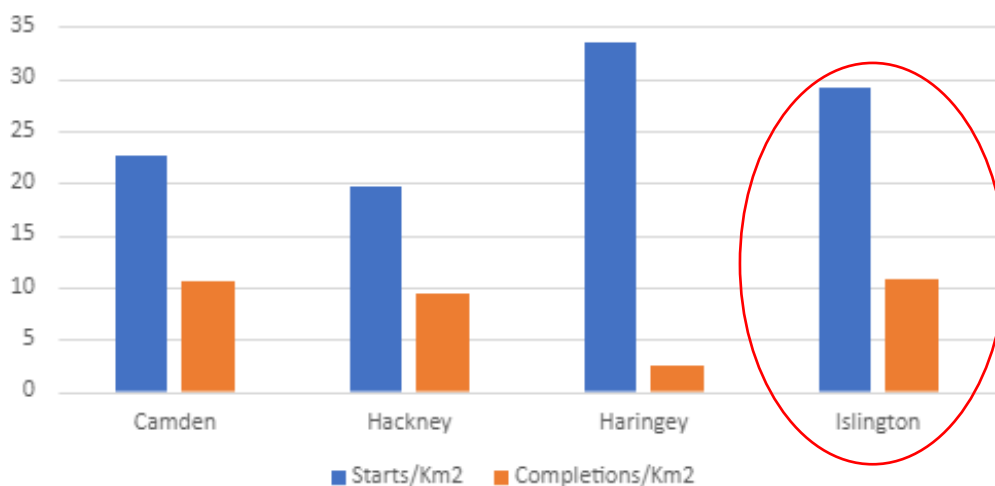
Local Authority	Starts 2018/19 2021/22	Completions 2018/19 2021/22	Starts/Km2	Completions/Km2
Camden	494	232	22.70	10.66
Hackney	376	180	19.73	9.44
Haringey	989	71	33.43	2.40
Islington	433	161	29.12	10.83

Briefing note ends.