



The Science of Urban Change

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Introductions

- + Who are we?
- + Who are you?



NOVA ALEA

+30 mins – play the game a few times.

+What message is the game trying to portray?



What are we going to study? Our Questions:

- + How do cities like London change?
- + Does it matter that cities change?
- + Can we measure how cities change?
- + Do we want to do anything about it? What can be done about it?

Our Methods

- + Discussion of our own experiences
- + Analysis of historical documents
(texts, maps, media, online resources)
- + Field trip (primary data collection)
- + Mapping change with Memory Mapper (tomorrow)
- + Simulating neighbourhood change (tomorrow)

Programme for Today

+ This morning:

+ A historical perspective:

- + Task 1: Read Text on London by Ruth Glass – 30 mins

- + Task 2: Group discussion of Urban Change & Gentrification – 20 mins

- + Gentrification (US example) – video and discussion – 10 mins

- + Short Break – 5 mins

- + Our Case Study – Fish Island / Hackney Wick

- + Brief History and Location of Fish Island / Hackney Wick – 10 mins

- + Task 3: Fact-Finding Mission – What can we learn about the area before we go?

Programme for Today

+ This Afternoon:

+ Fish Island / Hackney Wick Field Trip (1pm-3pm - Tasks:

- + Experience a rapidly changing urban area – first-hand
- + To think about what your own feelings are on the evolution / gentrification of the area through experiencing some of the contested sites.
- + To think about what we can't observe so easily from a field-trip – under-the-surface gentrification

+ CASA Debrief – 3:30pm – 4:30pm

- + Reflections and tomorrow's activities

Task 1 & 2 - Aspects of Change

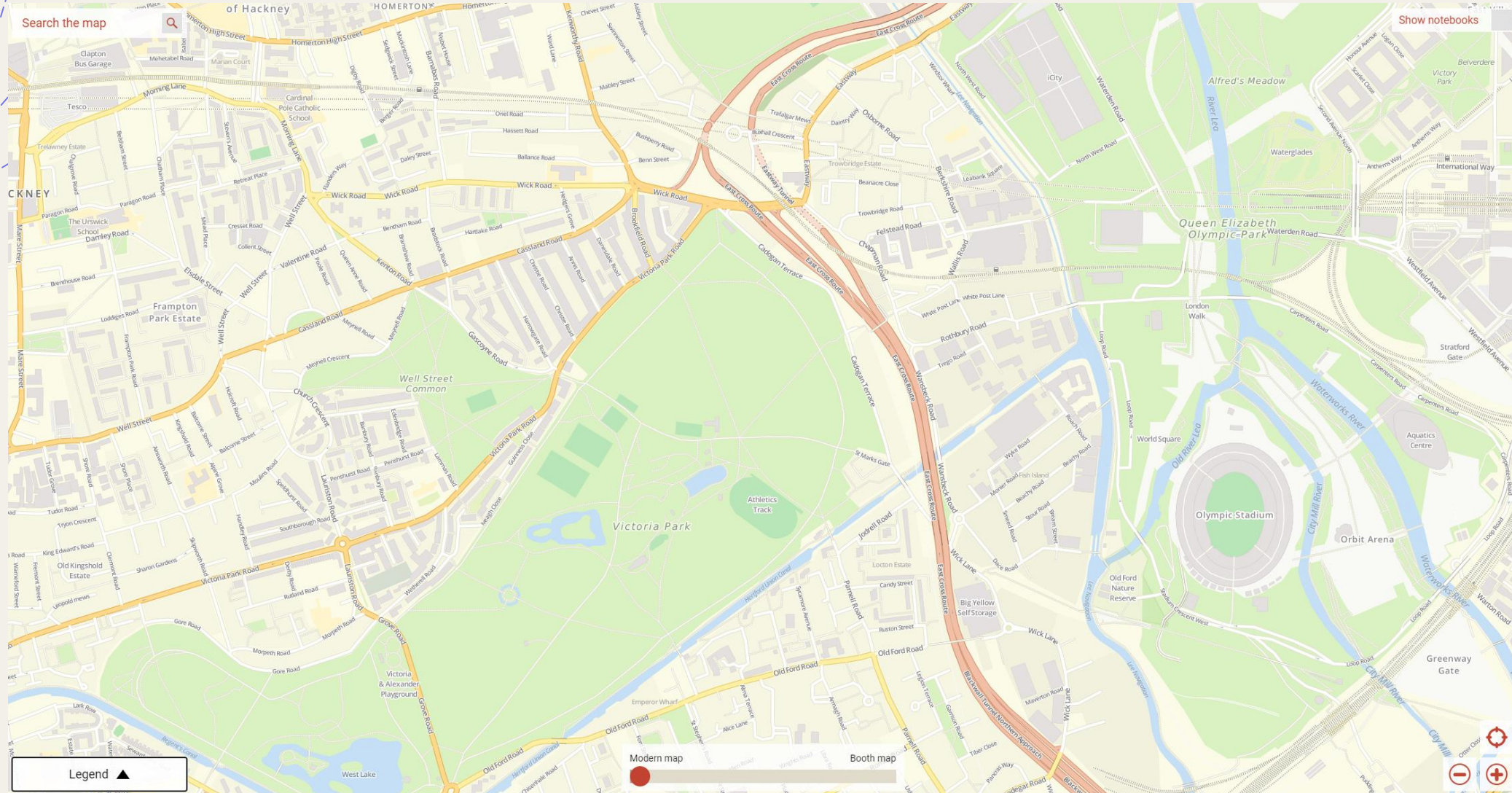
- + Read the introductory pages to Ruth Glass's 1963 introduction to her book – "London, Aspects of Change" While reading, take notes to answer the following questions:
 - + Is there anything in her description of changing London in the 1960s that could still be true today? Examples? What's different?
 - + On p.4 Glass uses the term 'Gentrification' what is this in your own words?
 - + Is there anything in Glass' description of Gentrification that you recognise in London today? What might be different today? Examples?
 - + What does Glass say is causing Gentrification back then? Does it still apply today?
 - + What does Glass fear the consequences of Gentrification might be?

Gentrification (A US explanation)

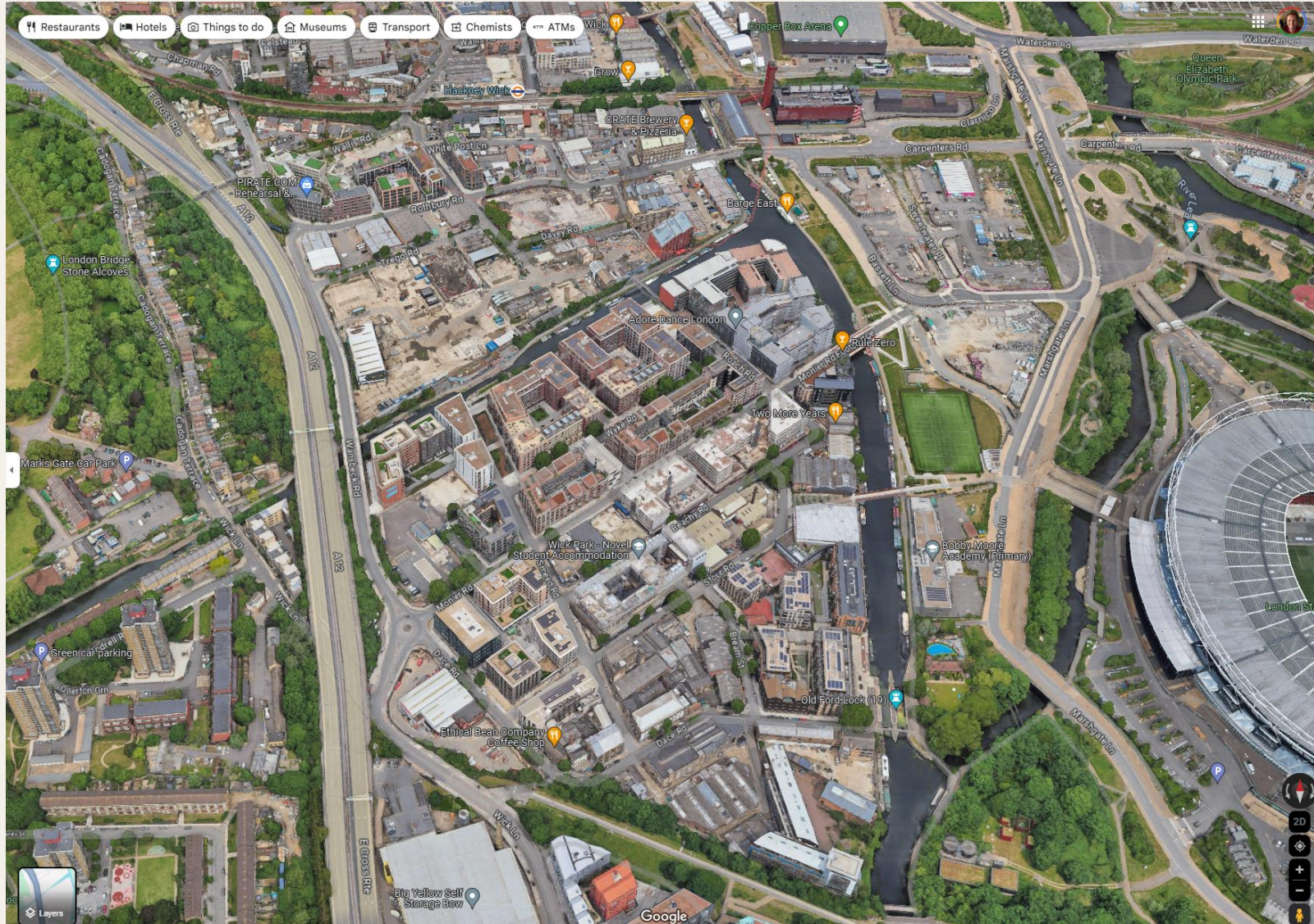


- What might be different / similar about the US vs UK experience?

Fish Island / Hackney Wick Case Study



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Hackney Wick (around 1900)

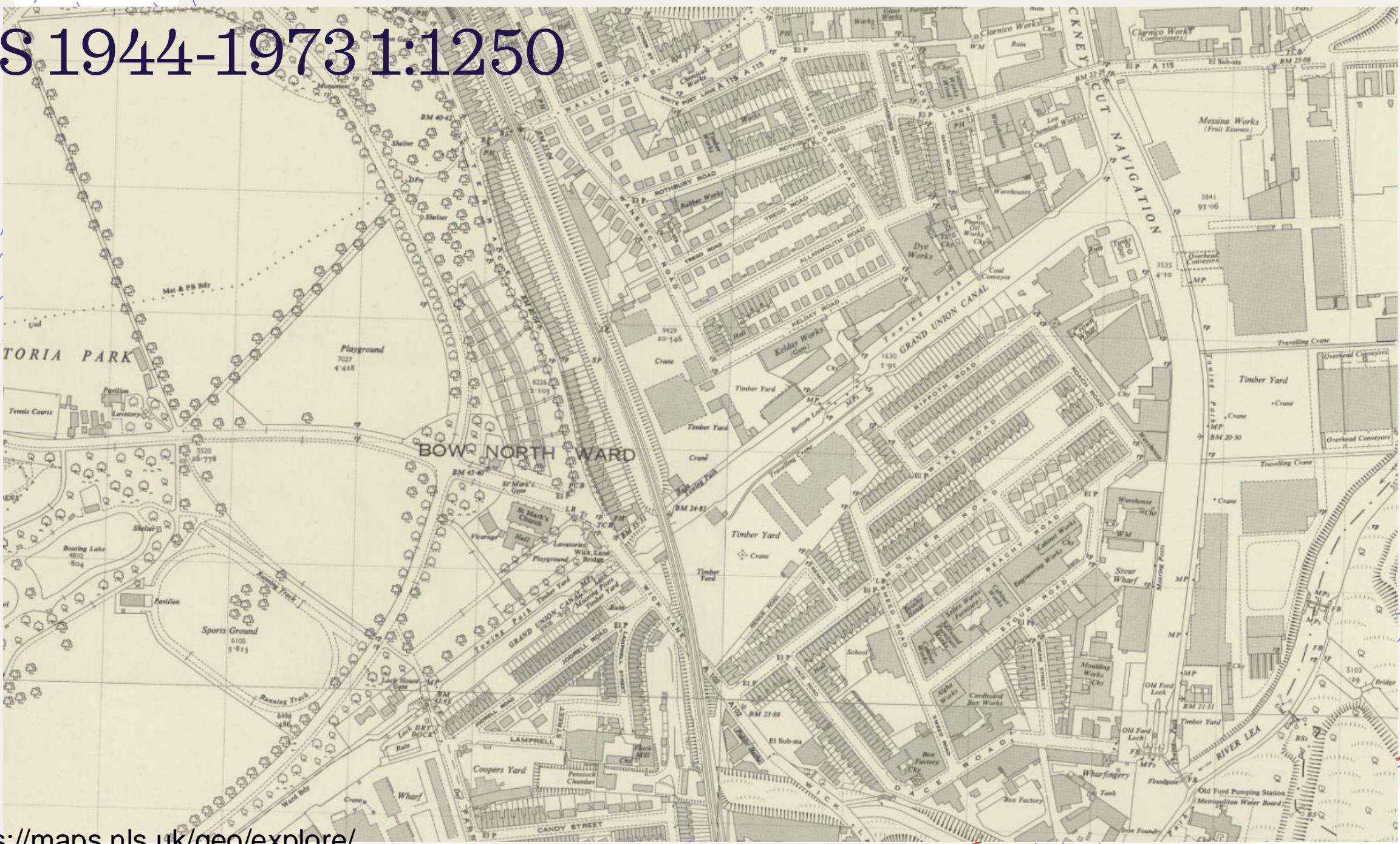


WWII Bomb Damage (1945)

Total Destruction (Black), through Seriously Damaged (Dark Red) to Clearance Areas (Green).



OS 1944-1973 1:1250



Fish Island / Hackney Wick Gentrification

- Task 3

- + See what you can find online about the gentrification history of this area of London -
 - + What do you think are some of the key events / places in Fish Island / Hackney Wick's recent gentrification history? Why?
 - + Are there any key places you'd like to visit on our field trip?

Field Trip to Fish Island / Hackney Wick - 3pm

+ When we return:

- + How did the place compare with what you had read / seen earlier?
- + Is there anything you think we couldn't see / experience from our field trip?
- + What do you think the area's future might / should be? How might it be that way?

Itinerary (take pictures!)

- +Olympic Stadium (Regeneration, Mega-Events)
- +Greenway (Infrastructure, History)
- +Fish Island (Fridge Mountain, Nonplace Urban Realm)
- +Hackney Wick (Hackney Wicked, Bagel Factory, Overground)
- +Here East (Loughborough & Staffordshire, UCL, Plykea)
- +Back through Olympic Park (Plantings, Legacy, etc.)
- +Westfield (Retail-led Regeneration, BTL housing)