

South London

Sub-regional Transport Plan

2016 update

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Introduction

Sub-regional Transport Plans (SRTP) for south London

The sub-regional process is an ongoing programme, enabling TfL to work closely with boroughs to address strategic issues, progress medium-longer term priorities and also respond to changing circumstances.

When the South Sub-Regional Transport Plan was first developed in 2010 it helped to translate the Mayor’s Transport Strategy (MTS) goals, challenges and outcomes at a sub-regional level.

It was agreed with boroughs that while all MTS challenges must be considered across London, and addressed locally through Local Implementation Plans (LIPs), there were some which would benefit from having a concerted effort at a sub-regional level.

Consequently, the challenges of improving air quality, reducing CO₂ emissions and achieving the targets for – and desired results from – an increase in the mode share of cycling and walking were all identified as challenges for all sub-regions. In addition, four other challenges were identified and agreed specifically for the south sub-region.

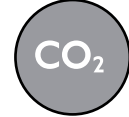
Challenges in every sub-region



Improve air quality to meet and exceed legal requirements and ensure health benefits for Londoners



Transform the role of cycling and walking in the sub-region



Meet CO₂ targets

South London-specific challenges



Reduce public transport crowding



Improve access to, from and within key places



Improve connectivity (along identified corridors)



Reduce highway congestion

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The focus of this year's plans

Since 2010, the South sub-region has seen significant change. Population growth has been faster than expected, placing greater demand on the transport network. The sub-region needs to increase its rate of housing delivery to cope with a growing population, with effective transport links critical to achieve this. The way that people travel has changed too, with growing demand for rail and cycling in particular.

As we now have a new Mayor, it is likely that we will see the preparation of a new London Plan and a new Mayor's Transport Strategy, with a new set of objectives and priorities for London. To inform this process, we will need to update our understanding of the medium to longer-term challenges for London and the sub-regions.

This is the key purpose of this year's Sub-Regional Transport Plans – to provide a comprehensive update on the 'Story of Growth' for each sub-region.

This 'story' includes a comprehensive analysis of recent population and employment growth, changes in travel behaviour and areas where the transport network will have to change to cope with the challenge of future growth.

This updated Story of Growth for each sub-region has the following purpose:

- As a tool to help engage Boroughs in the preparation of the new Mayors Transport Strategy, particularly in the development of new priorities and projects;
- To help Boroughs to develop their own priorities for transport investment, including the development of their LIPS;
- To inform Borough's spatial planning activities, including updates to Local Plans;
- To assist TfL in developing priorities for business planning.

Projects and schemes

Previous updates to the Sub-Regional Transport Plan included a look forward to identify the potential projects and schemes that could be delivered to address the sub-region's transport challenges.

However, unlike previous years, we are now in a unique environment where TfL has a new funding settlement, as well as the recent arrival of a new Mayor, who will have his own priorities about how to allocate the available funding. It is therefore not appropriate to assume that the current list transport schemes being considered will be exactly the same as that by a new Mayor. For this reason, there is no map or list of projects in this year's plans.

There has, of course, been significant engagement with Boroughs and sub-regions during the past year to identify key priorities for investment, and to inform the development of major schemes. This process will continue, particularly as part of the preparation of the new MTS, informed by the information set out in this document.

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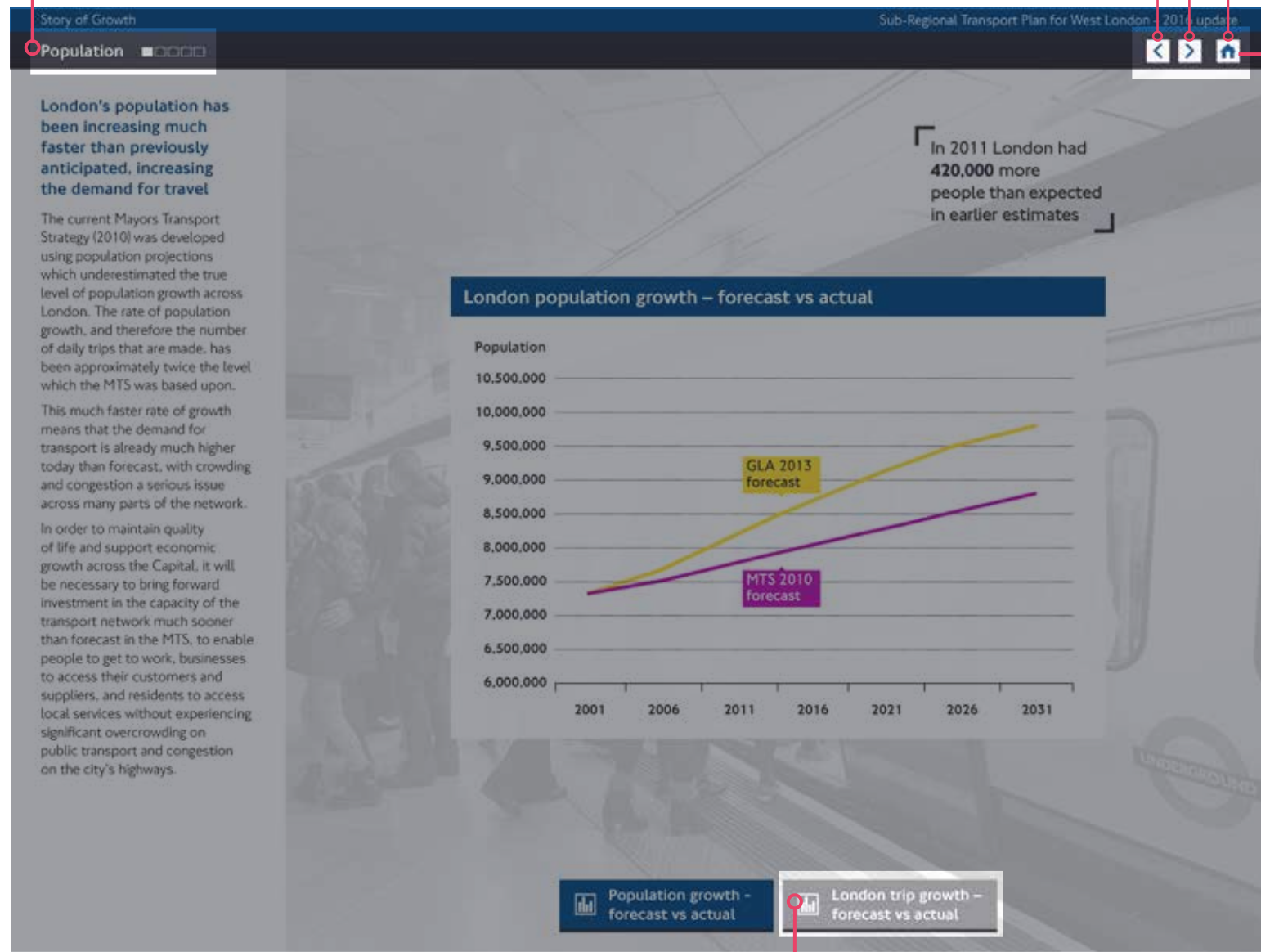
This document contains a series of figures and supporting text in order to convey the Story of Growth within the sub-region, which is the key focus of this year's Sub-Regional Transport Plans. The document has been designed to enable the reader to navigate between this content using the interactive buttons on each page.

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Population >



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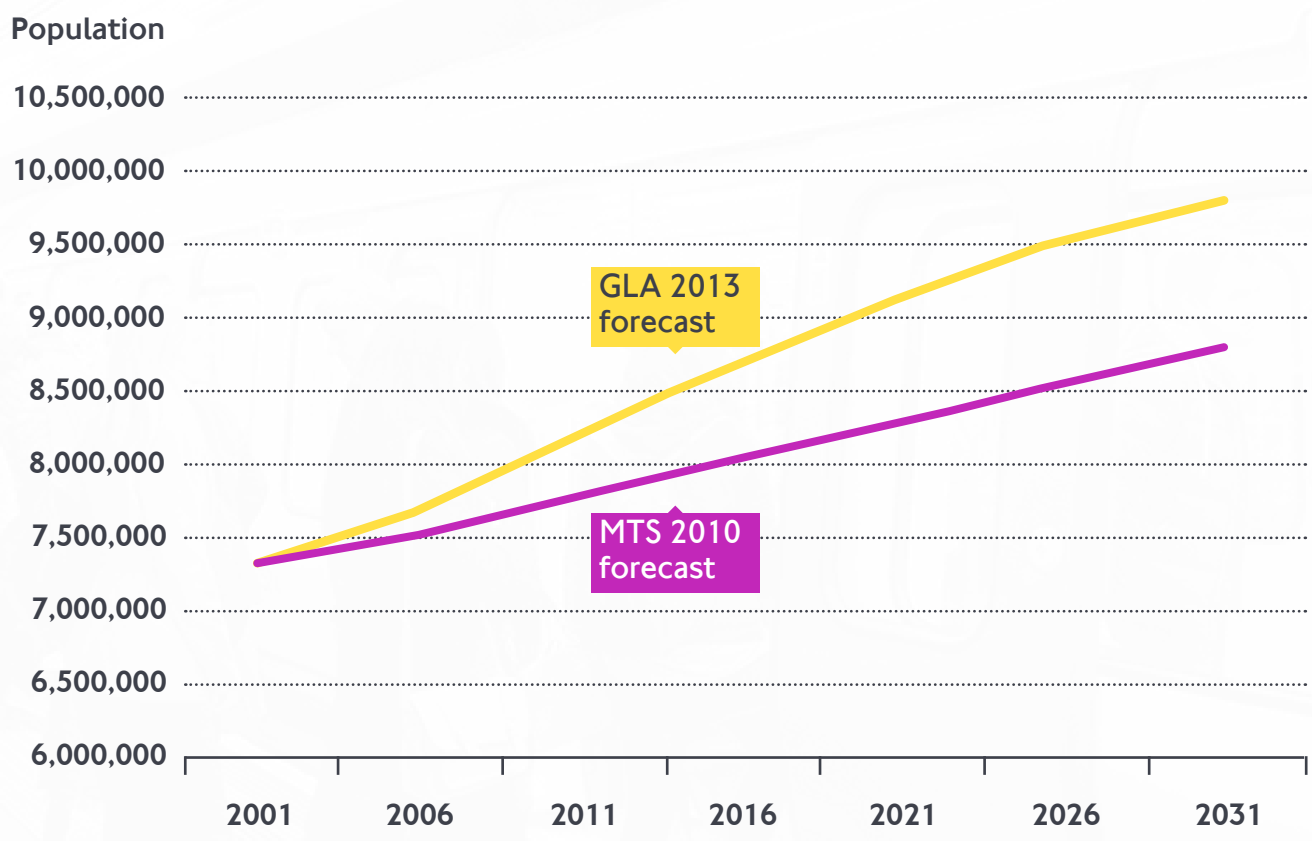
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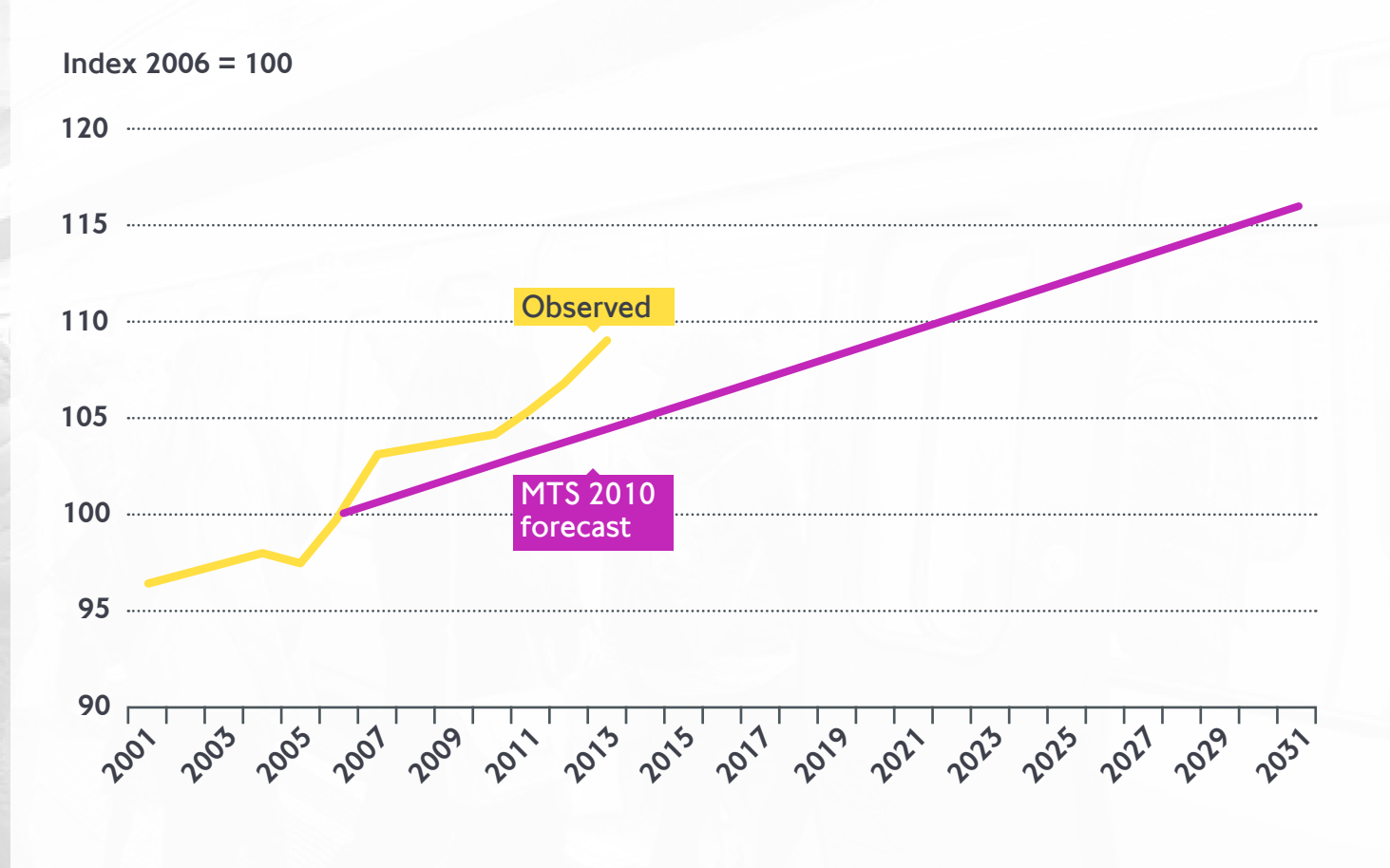
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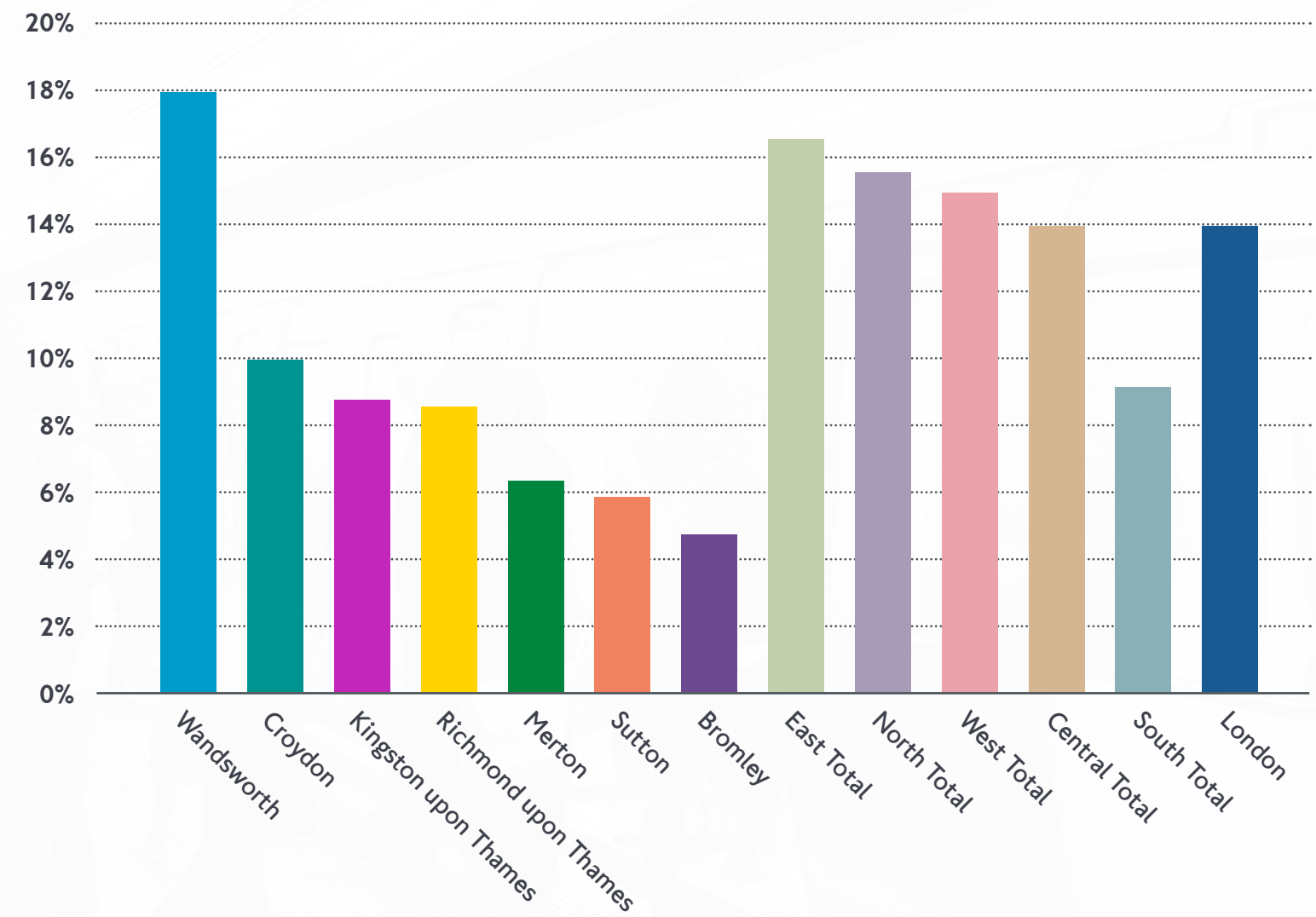
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Population growth 2001 – 2011

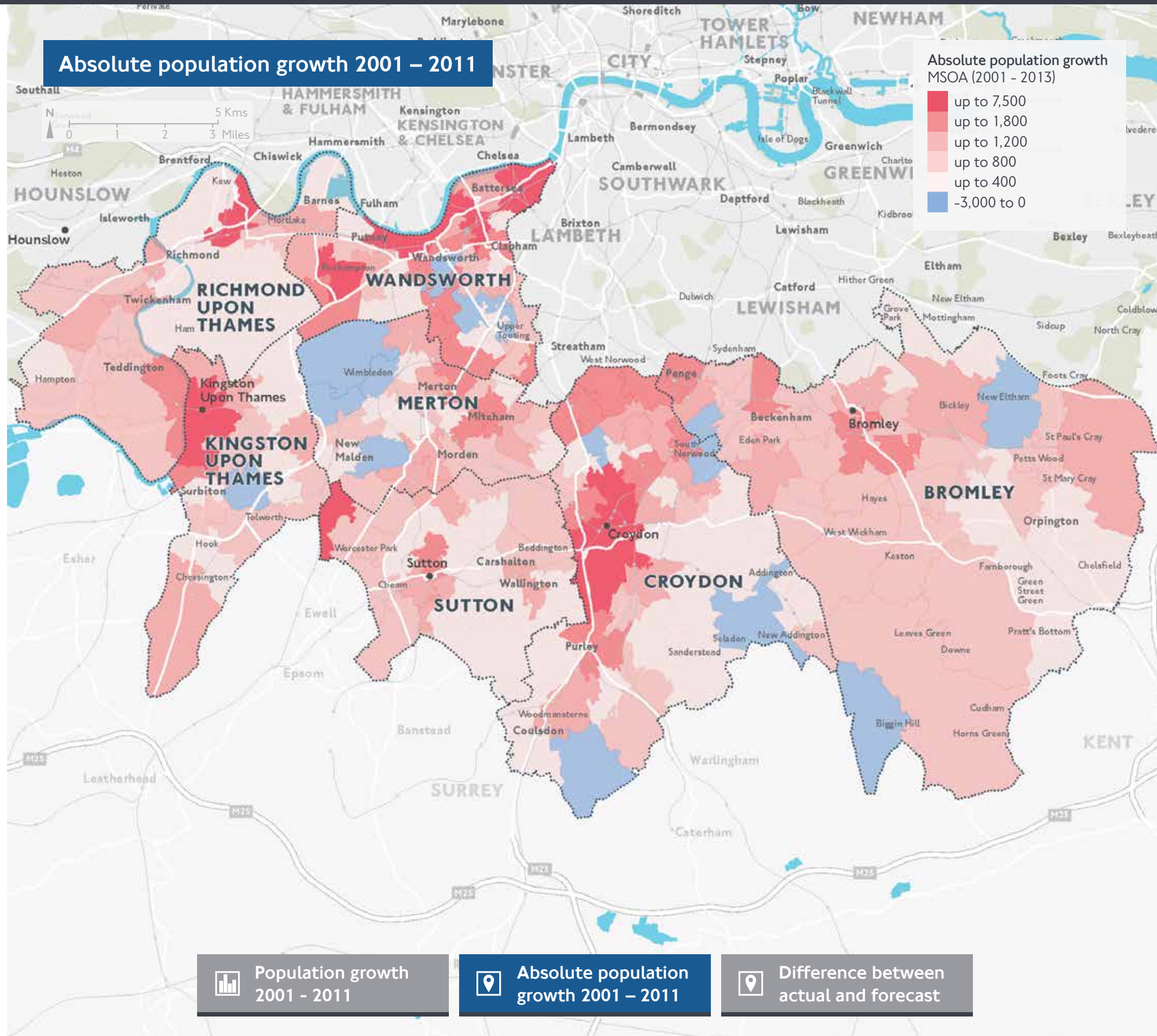


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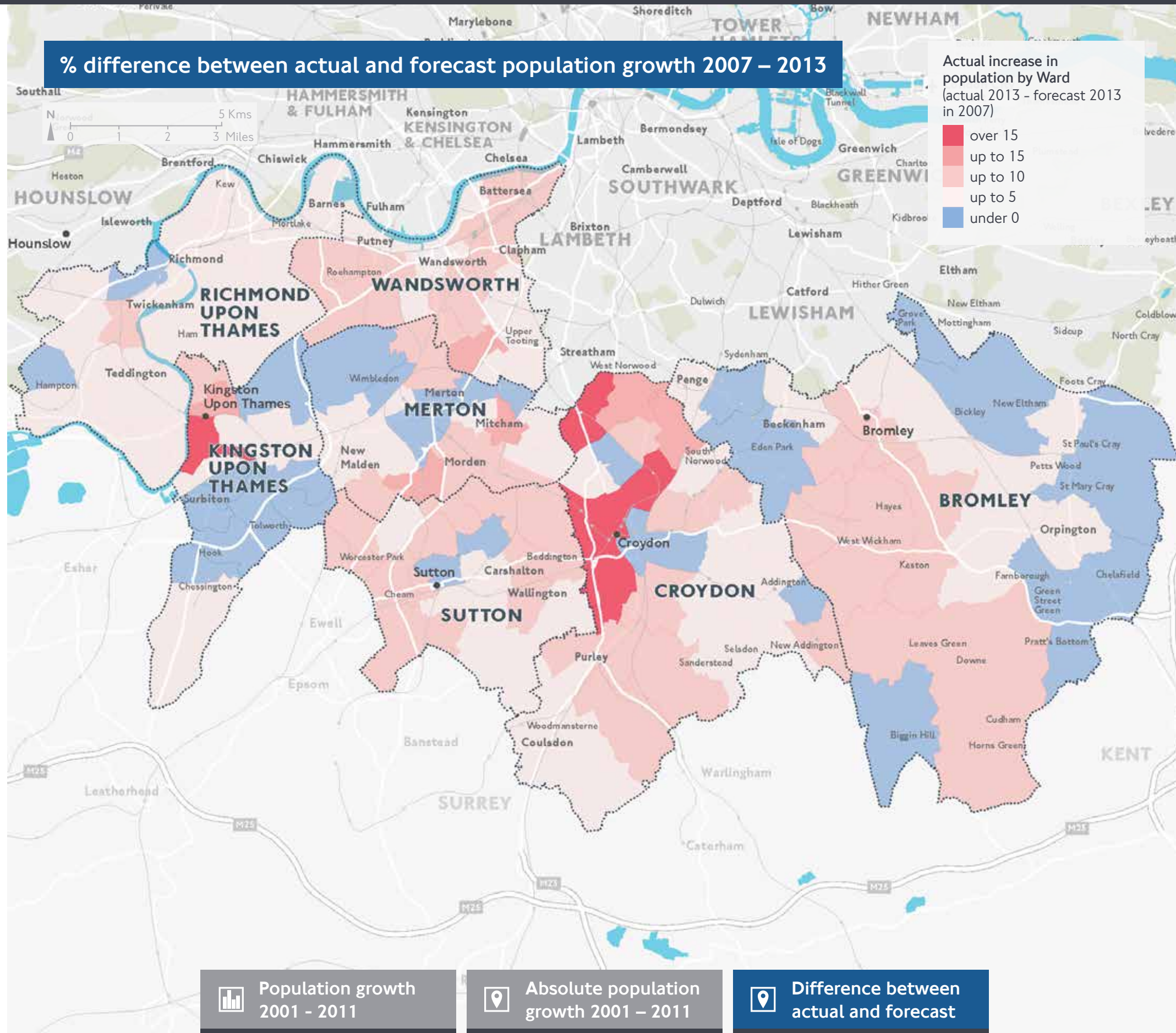
Difference between actual and forecast

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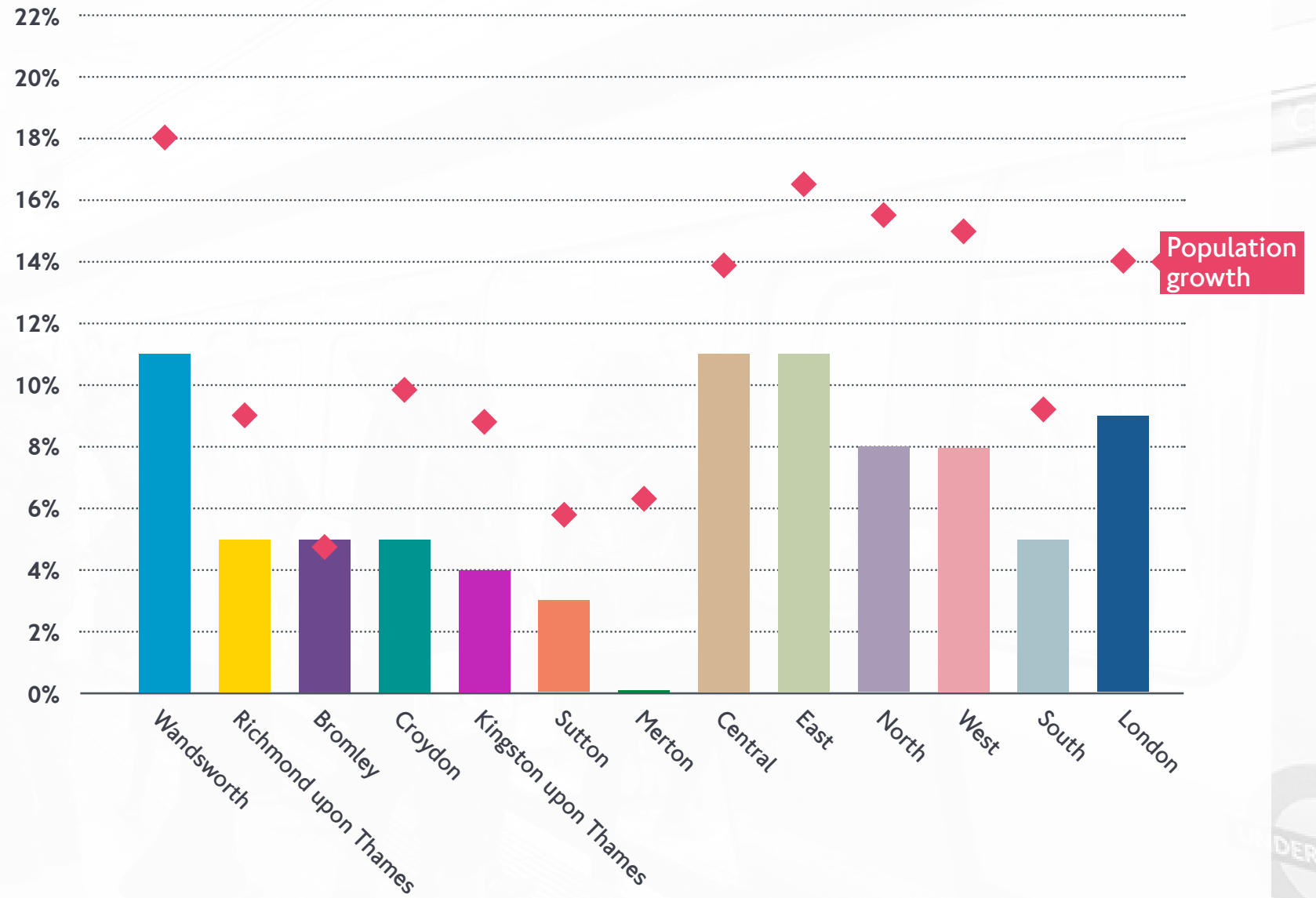
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Change in housing stock 2001 – 2011



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Change in average household size

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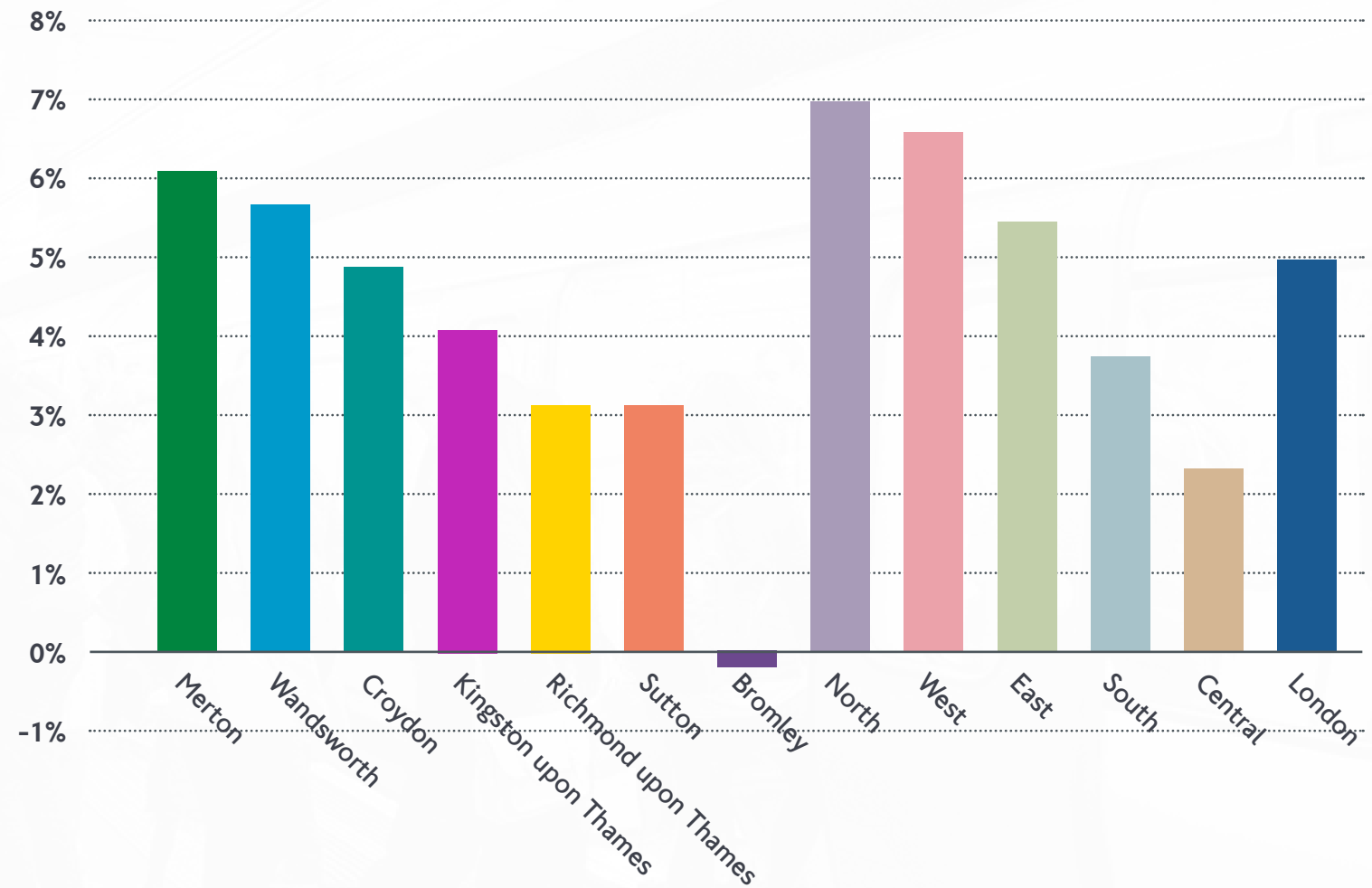
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Average household size has increased by **0.1 persons** across the sub-region

Change in average household size 2001 – 2011



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Most of the South's population live within areas where access to public transport could be improved

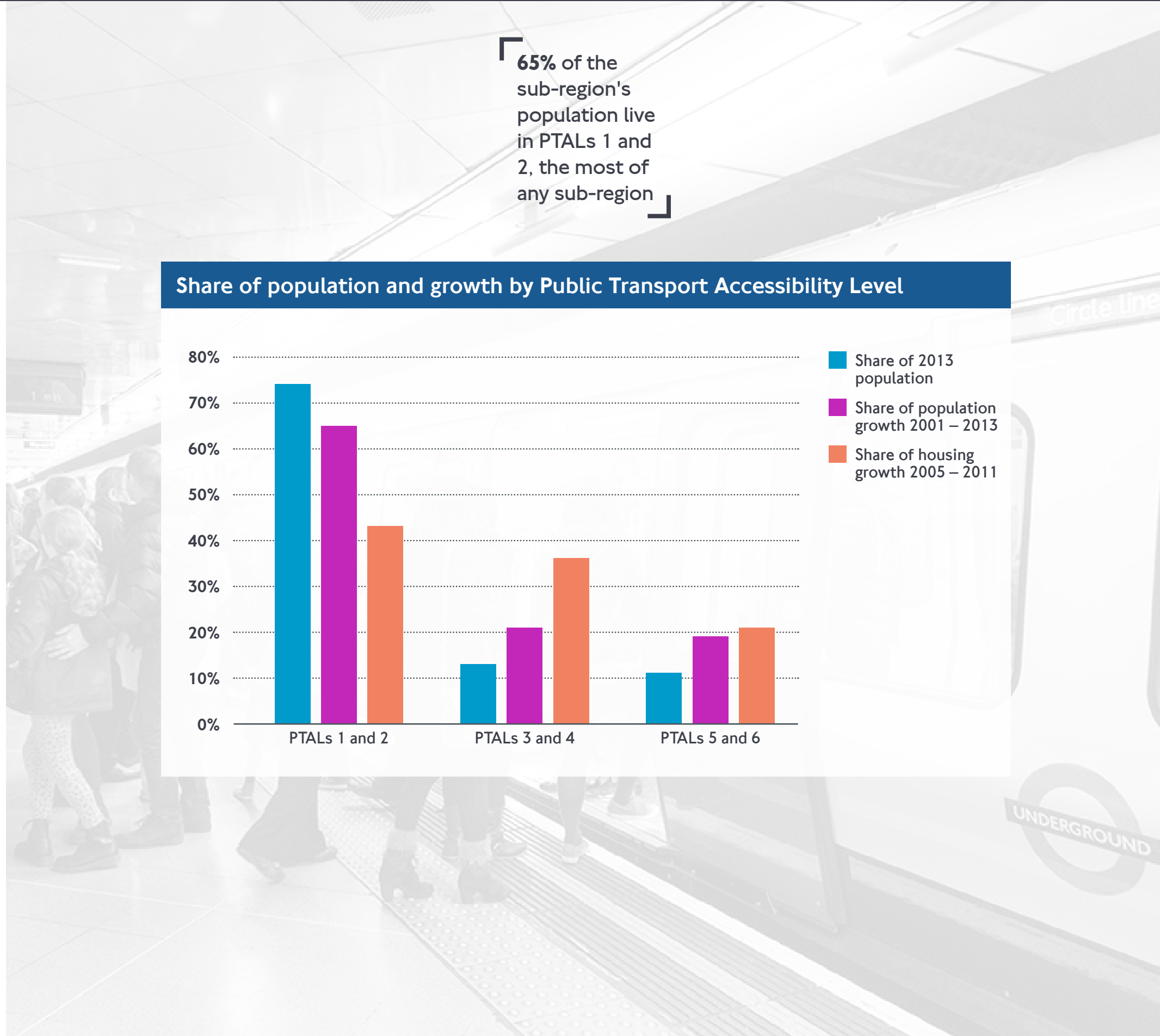
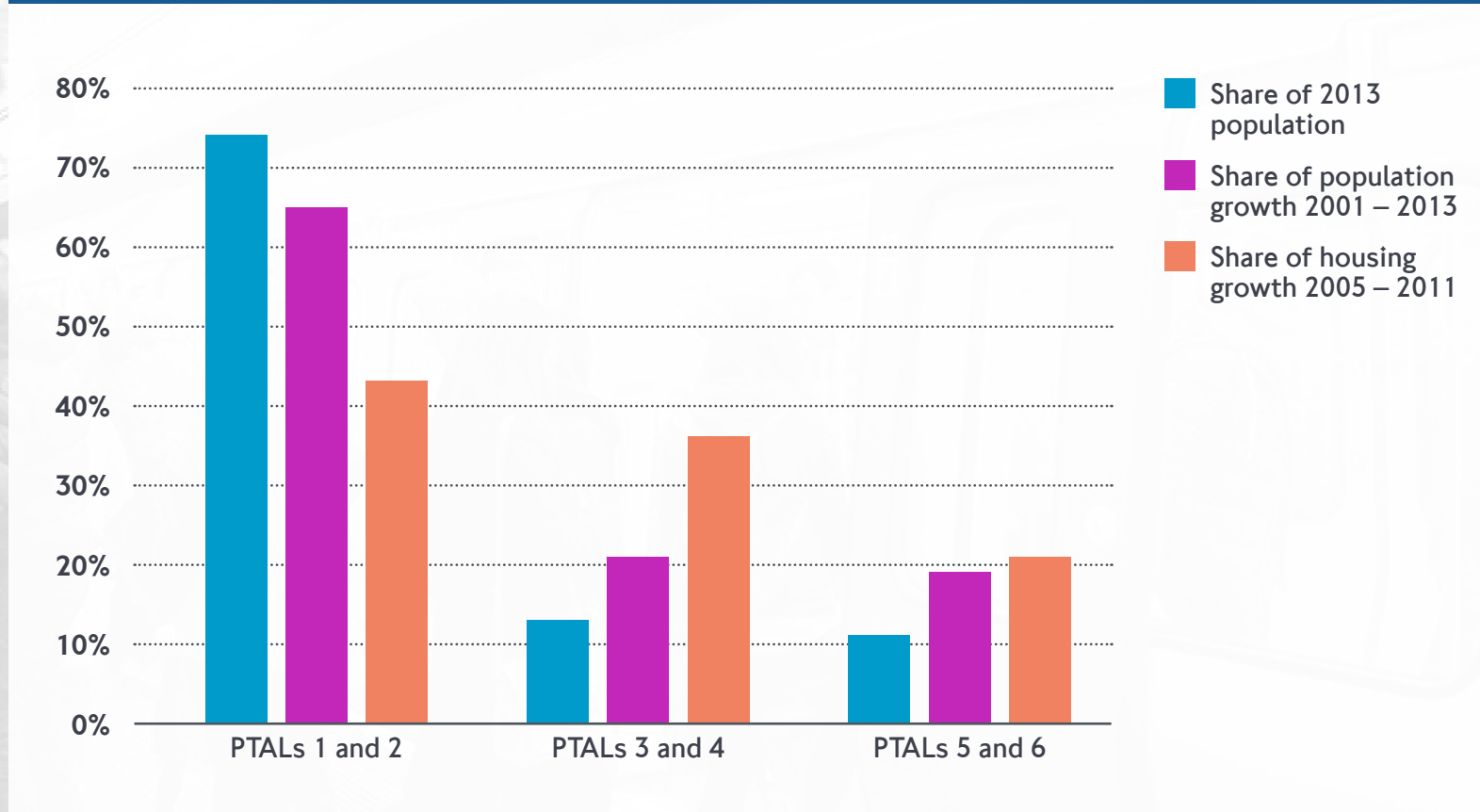
The sub-region has the highest proportion of its population who live in areas where the Public Transport Accessibility Level (PTAL) is scored as 1 or 2. These are areas where connectivity by public transport is at its lowest. There is scope for the public transport network to be enhanced where it serves existing communities, to support mode shift away from the private car and support the movement of greater numbers of people, particularly as the population of the sub-region continues to grow.

Housing delivery in the sub-region has been slightly more focused on more accessible locations by public transport, although just 20% of all new development has come forward in the most accessible places. As the rate of housing delivery has been slower than the rate of population growth, it has not been possible to contain population growth solely within new development, so it has instead occurred across all parts of the sub-region, with the majority of growth occurring in PTALs 1 and 2.

By expanding the rate of housing delivery in more accessible public transport nodes, it will be easier to shape more sustainable travel behaviour, reduce highway congestion and support London's future economic growth.

65% of the sub-region's population live in PTALs 1 and 2, the most of any sub-region

Share of population and growth by Public Transport Accessibility Level

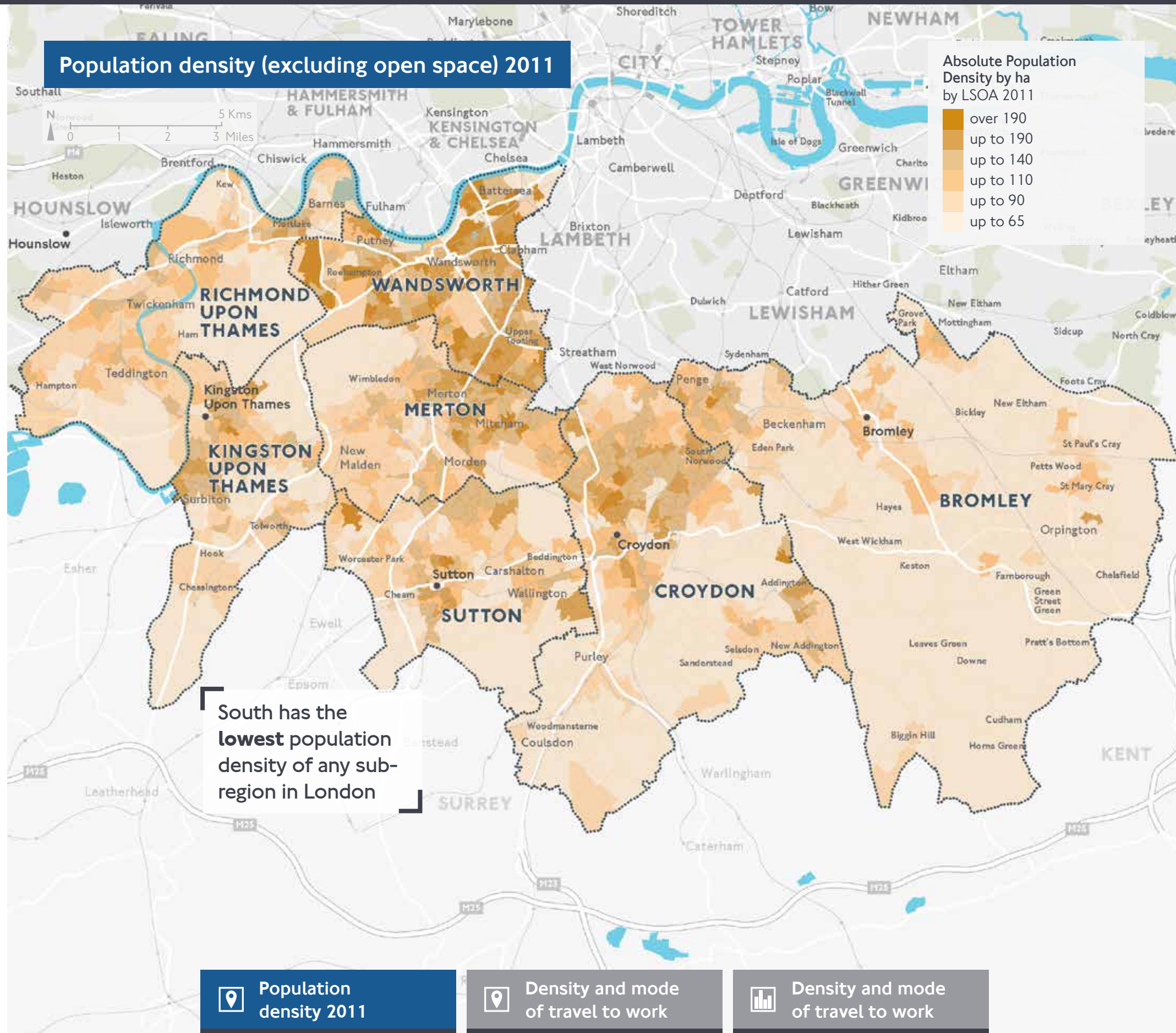


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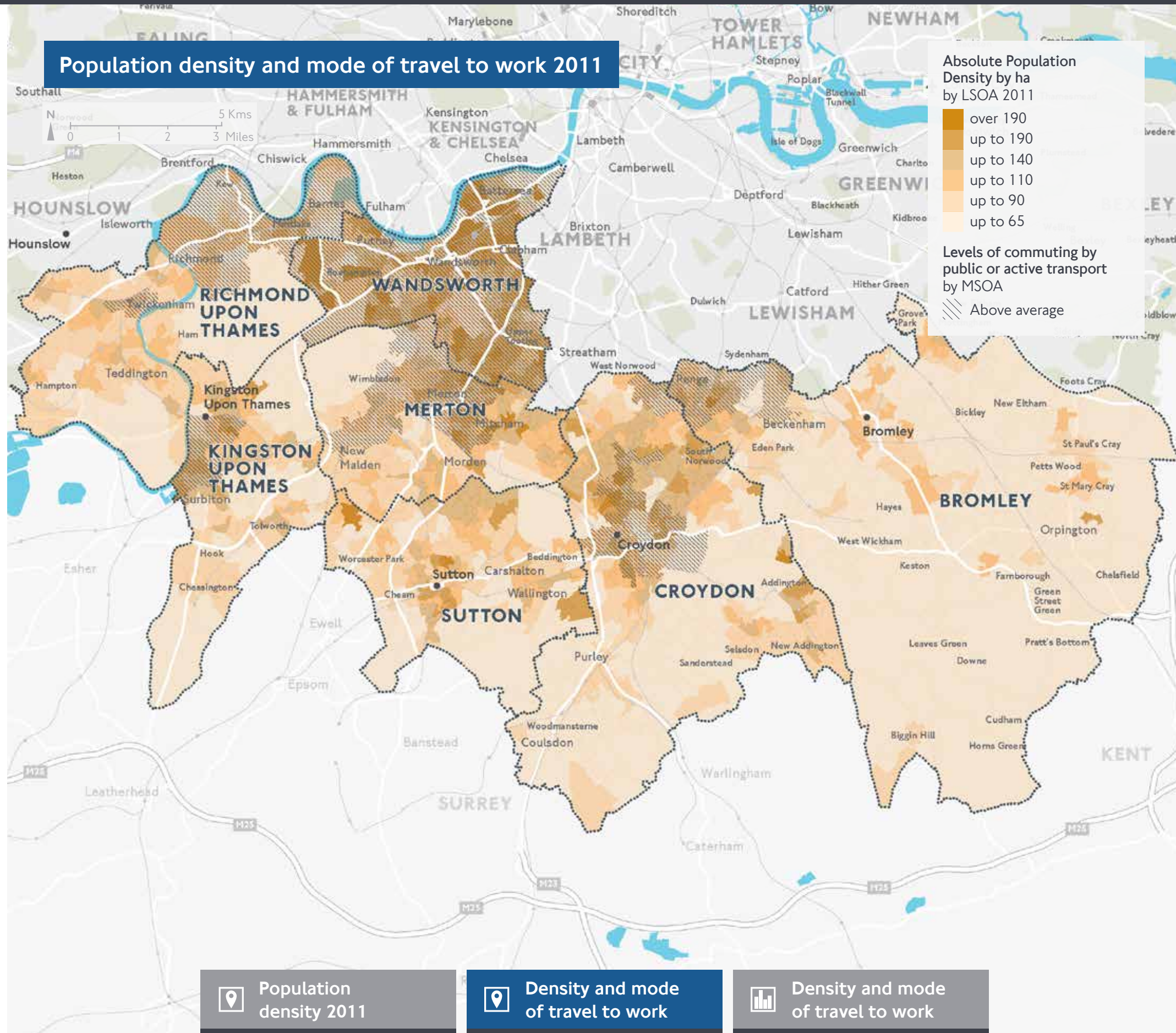


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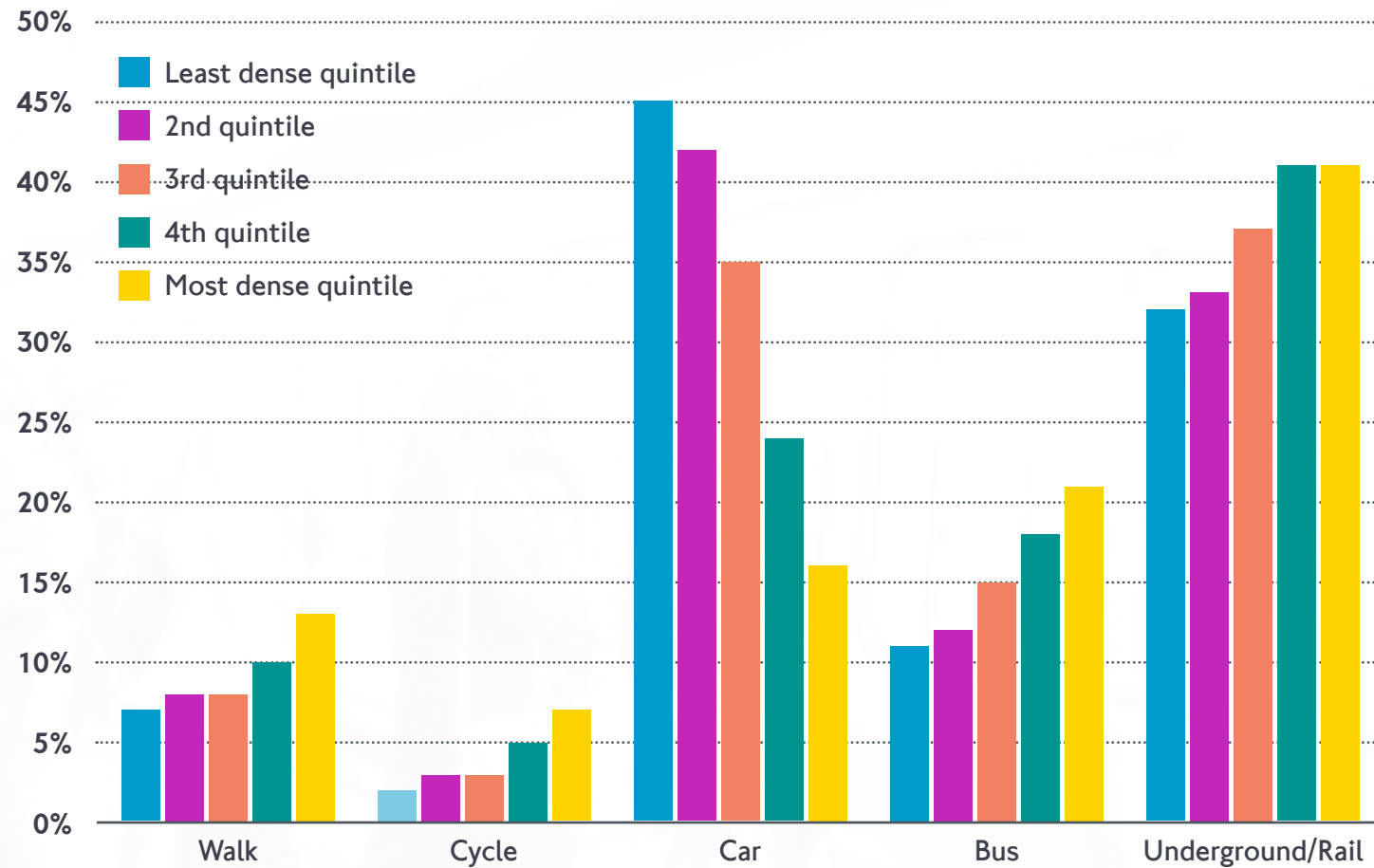
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Population density and mode of travel to work 2011



Employment >



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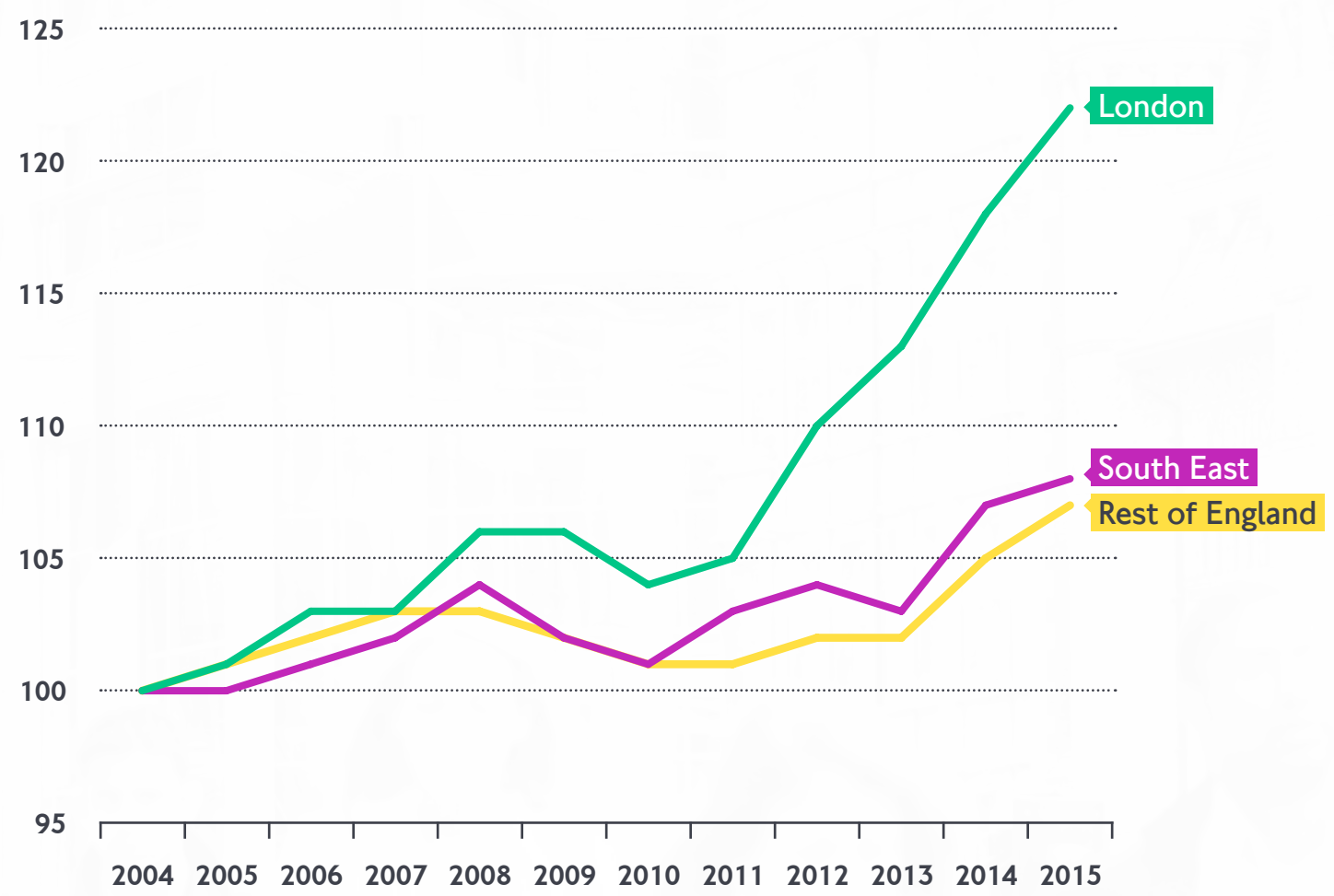
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Growth in workplace jobs 2004 – 2015



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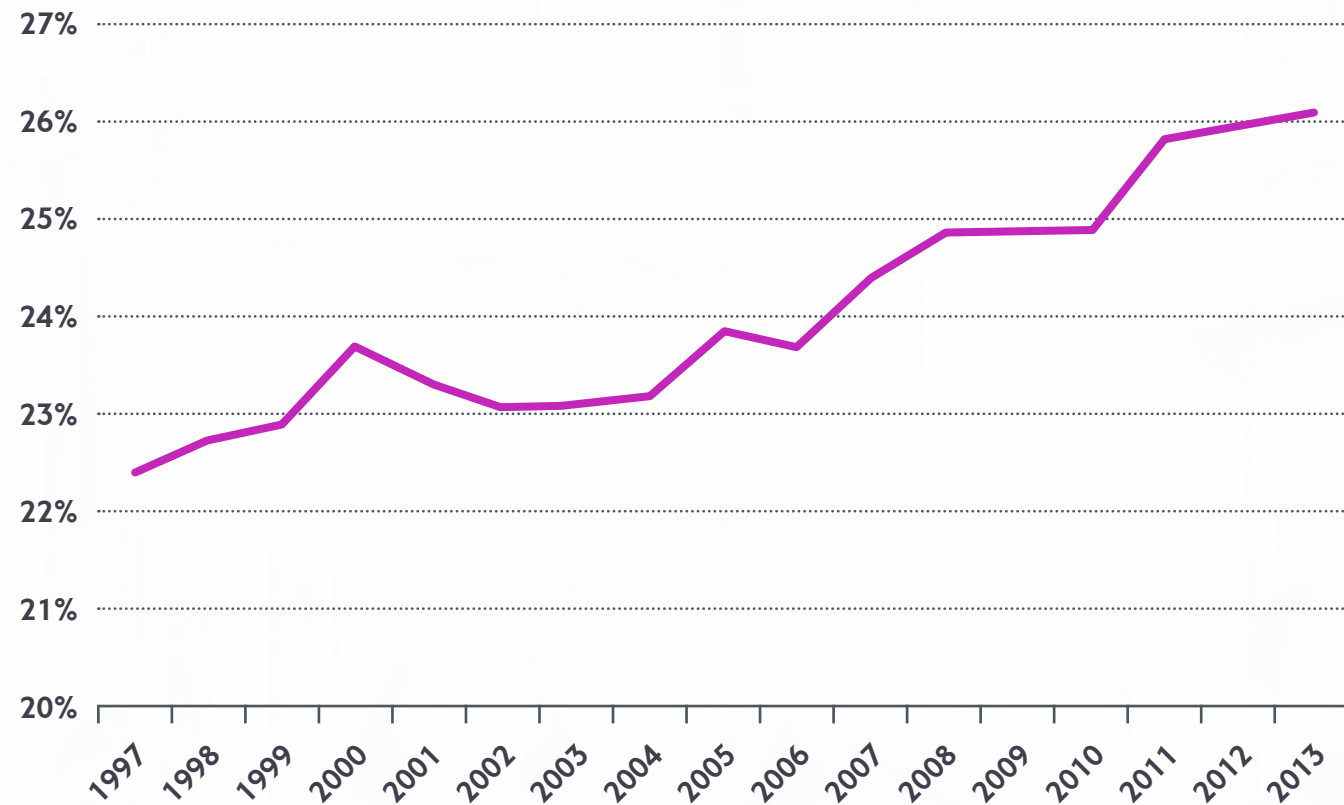
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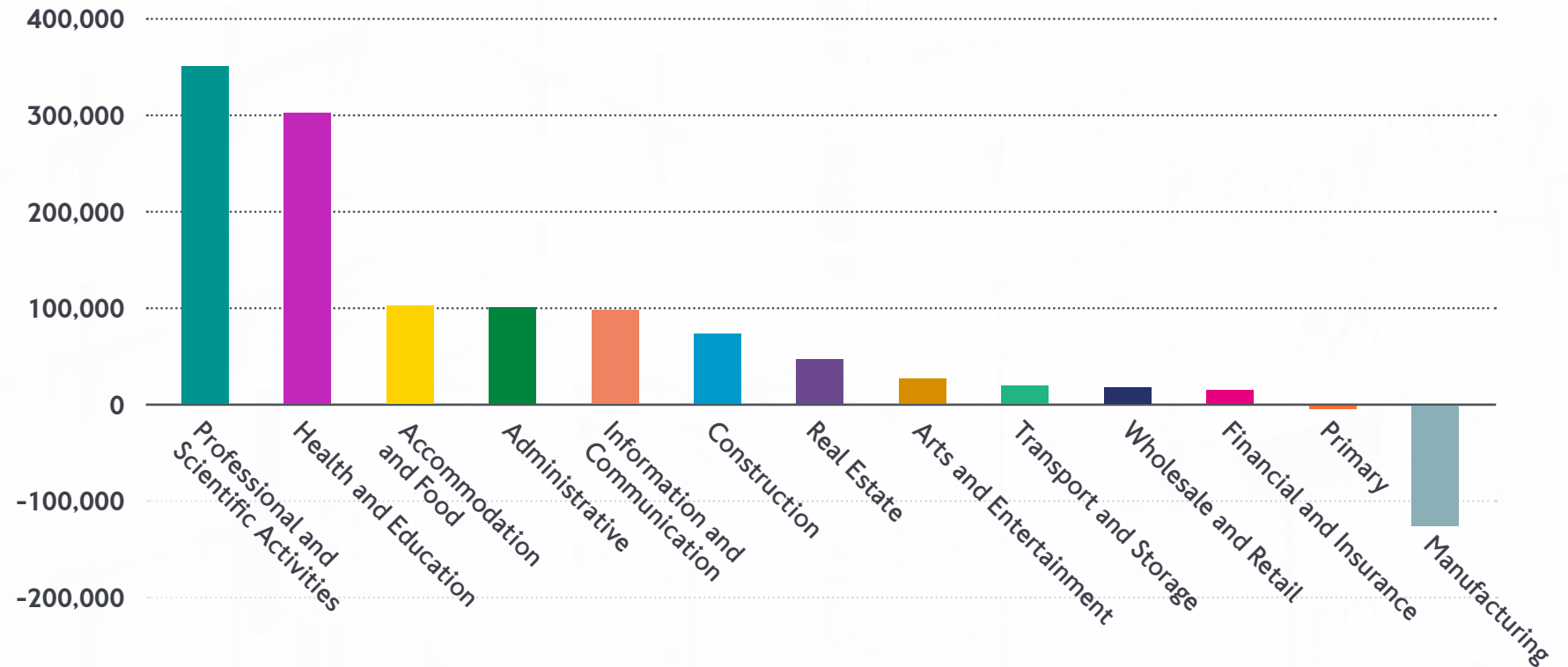
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Most common modes to employment growth sectors



% of employment in PTALs 5 and 6



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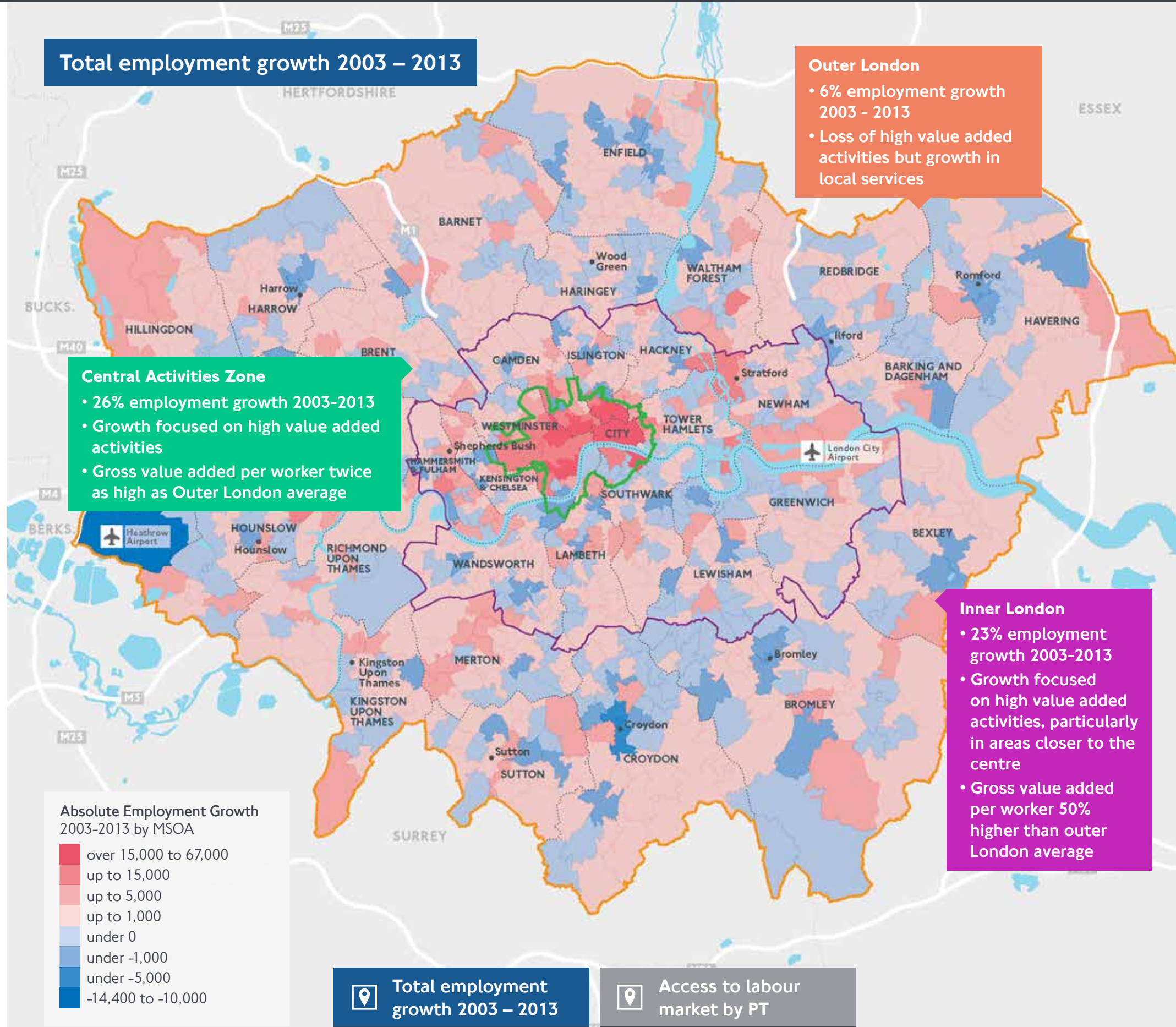
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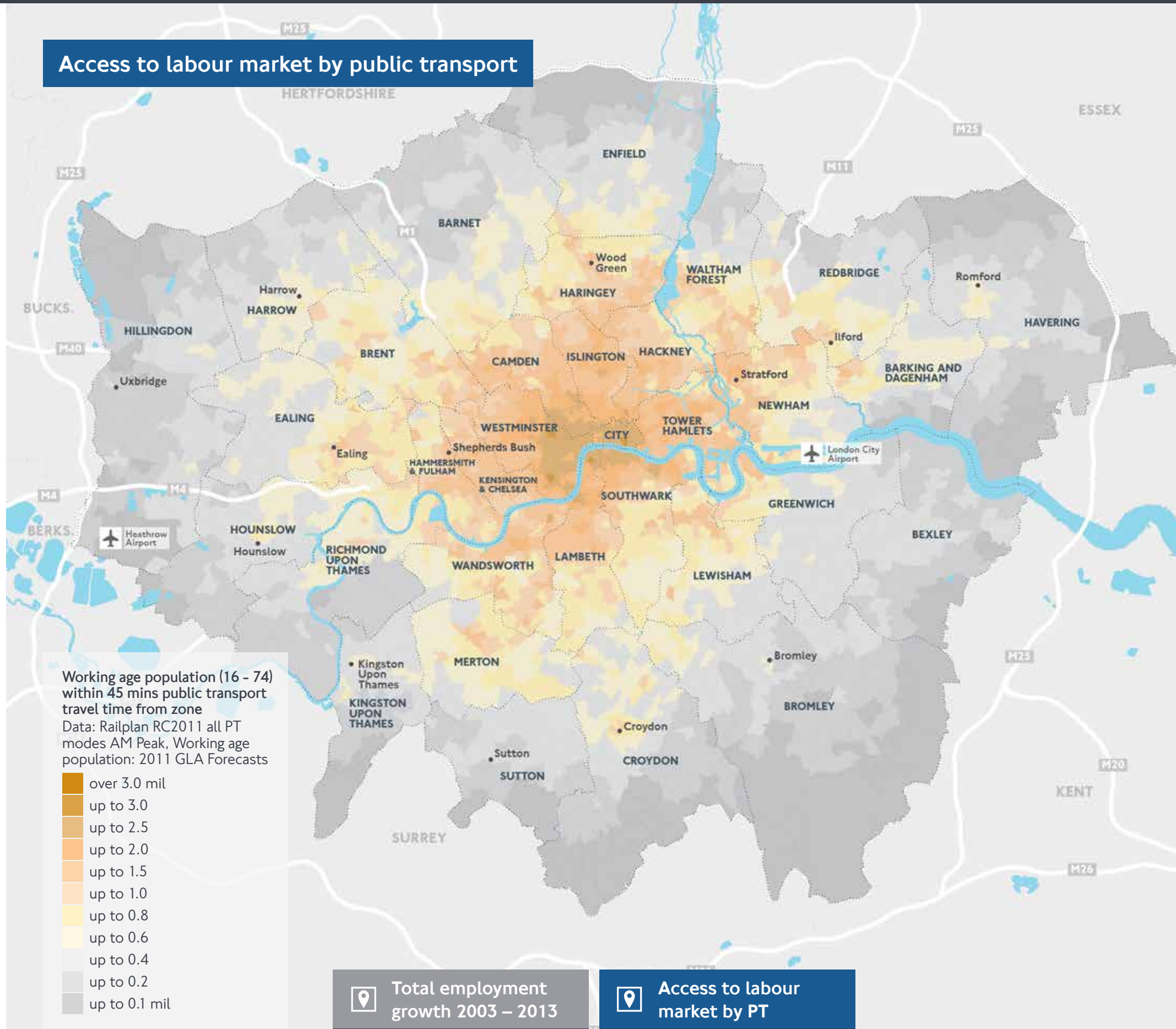


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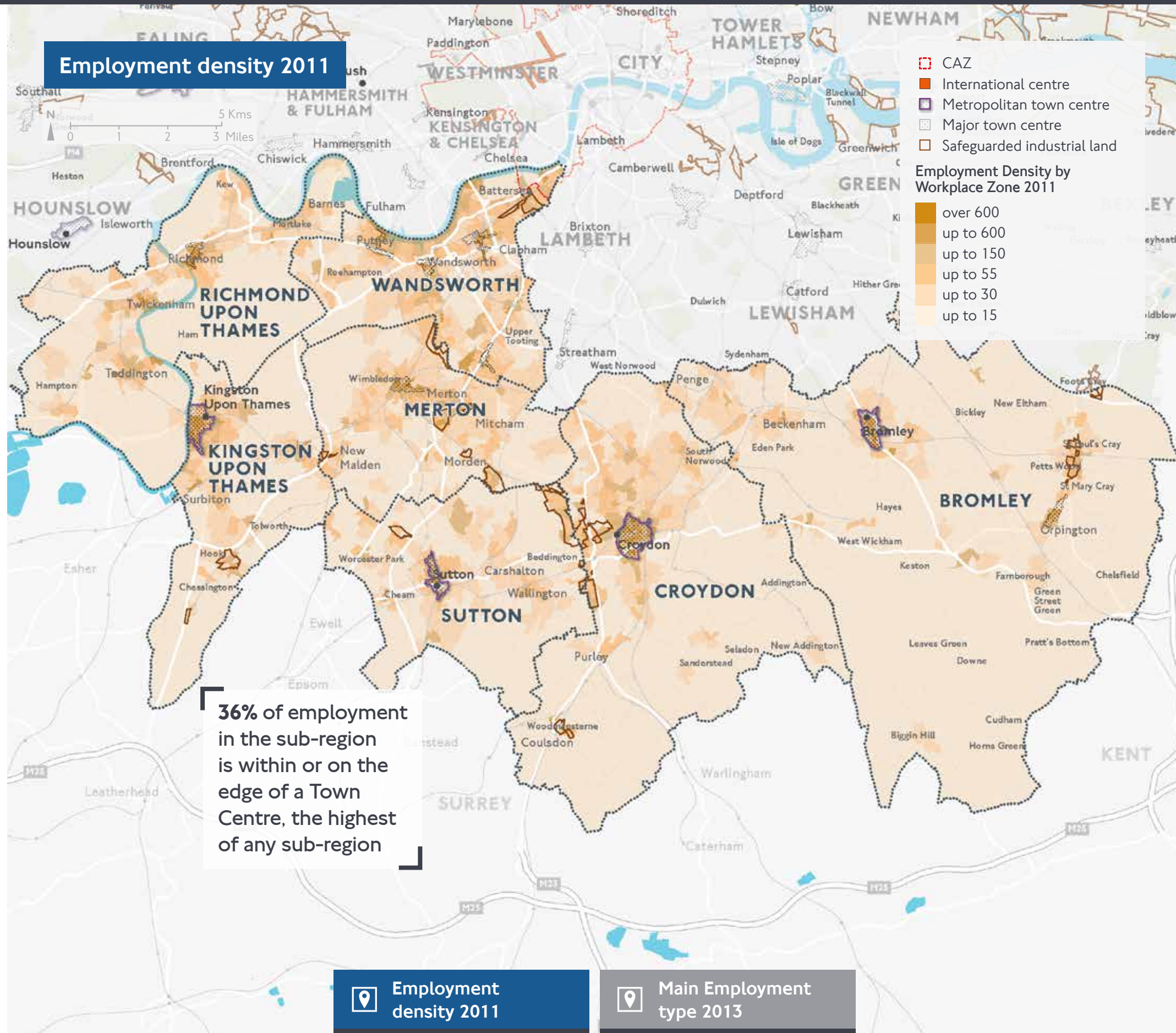


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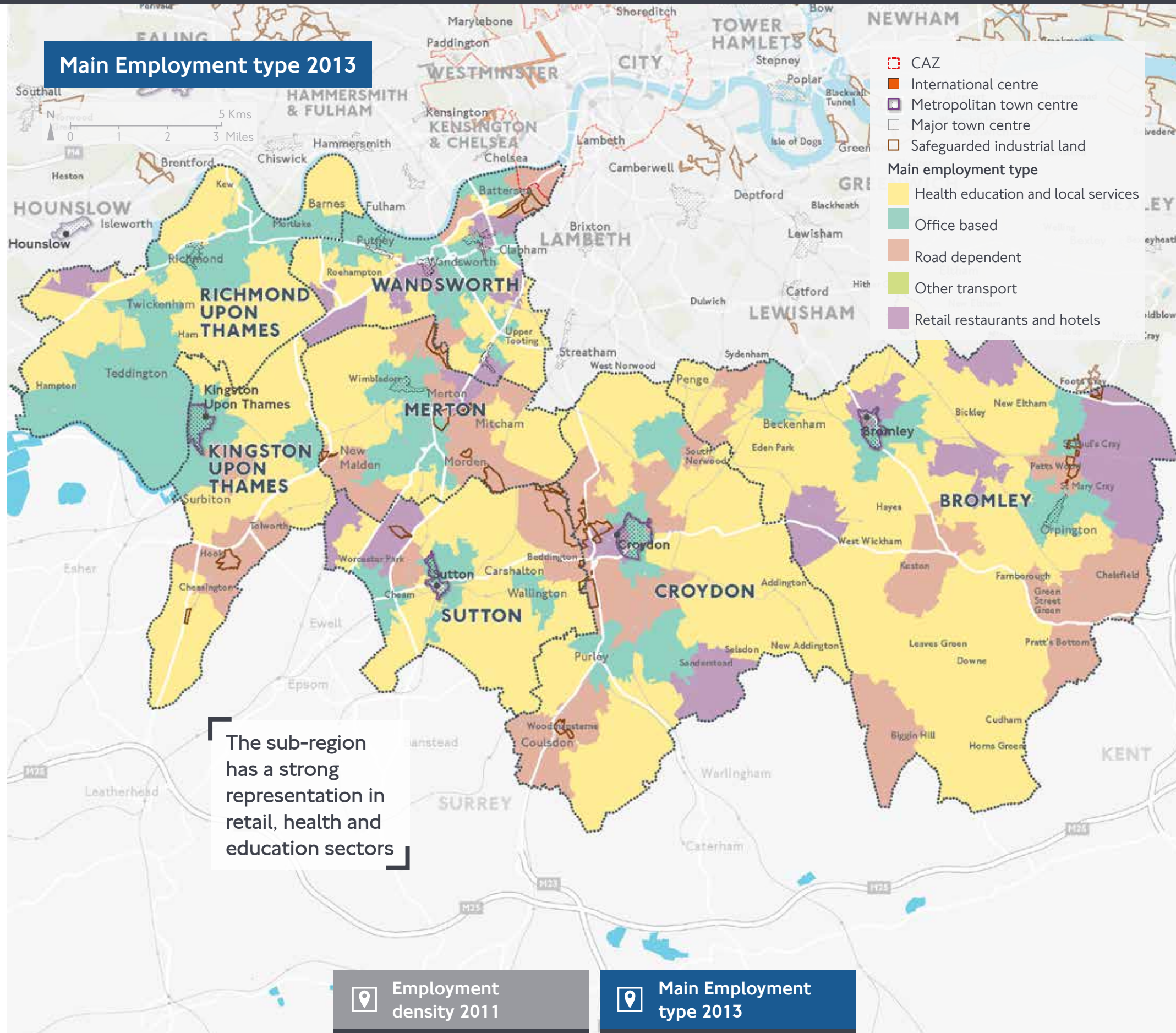


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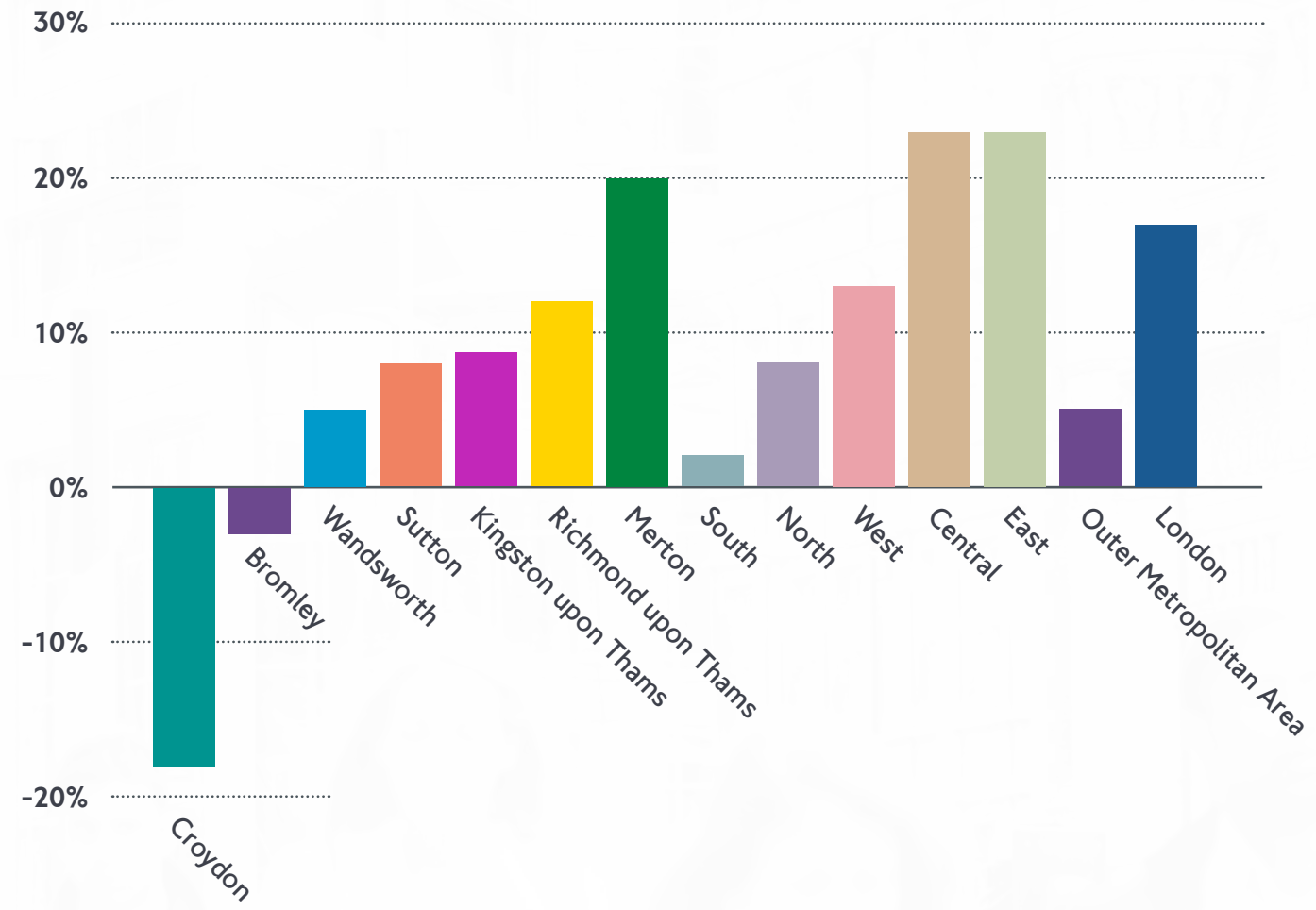
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Employment growth 2003 – 2013

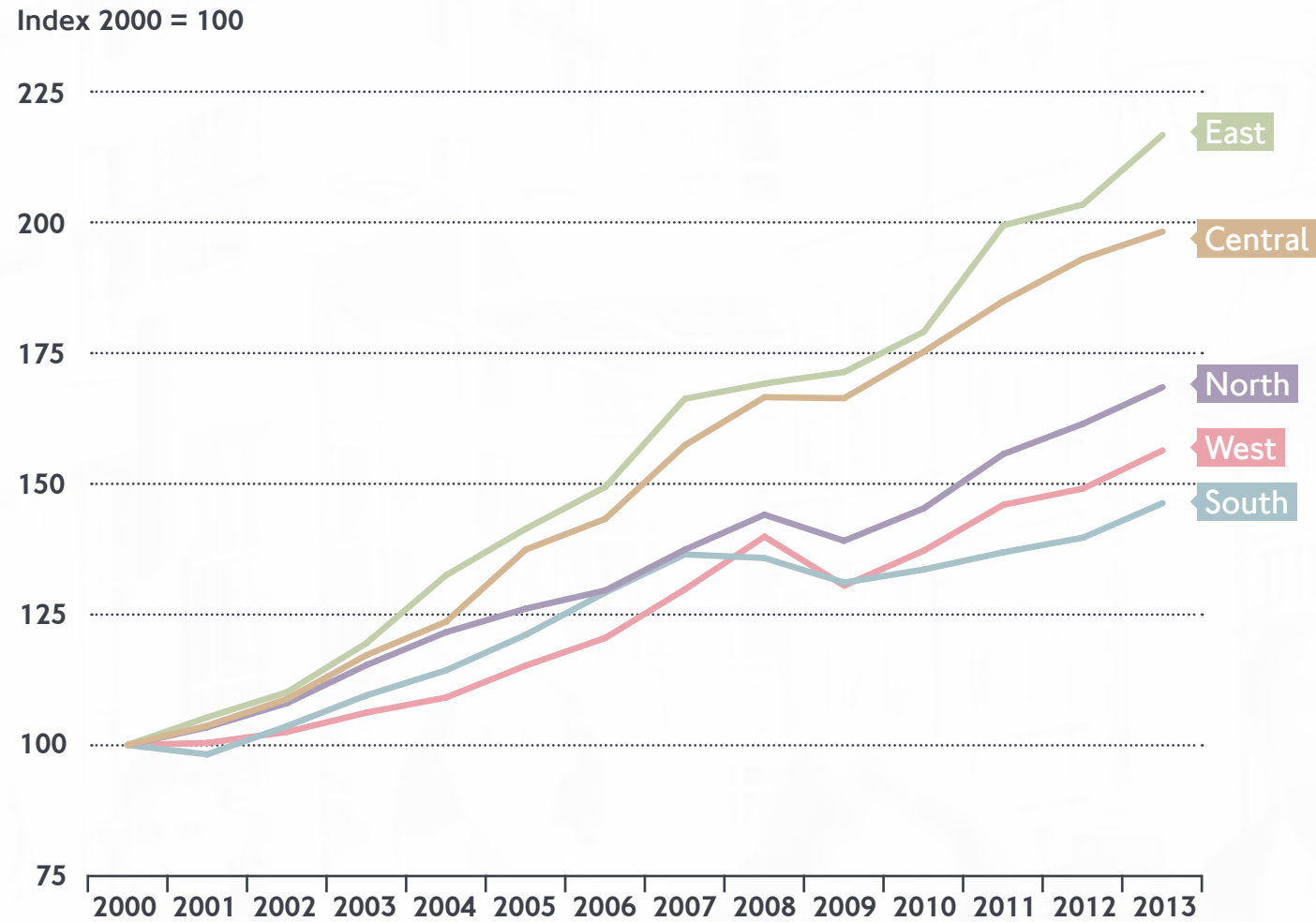


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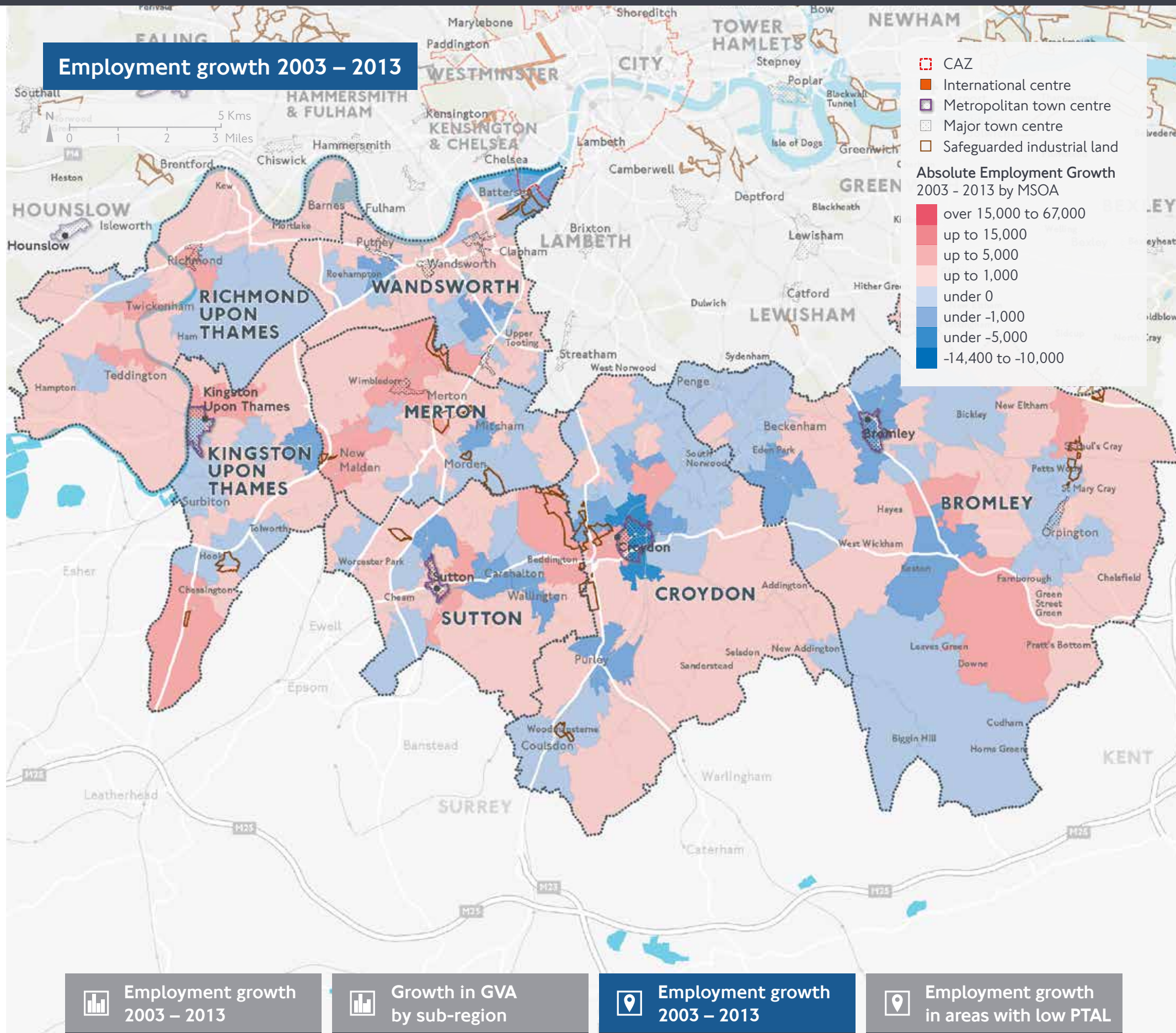
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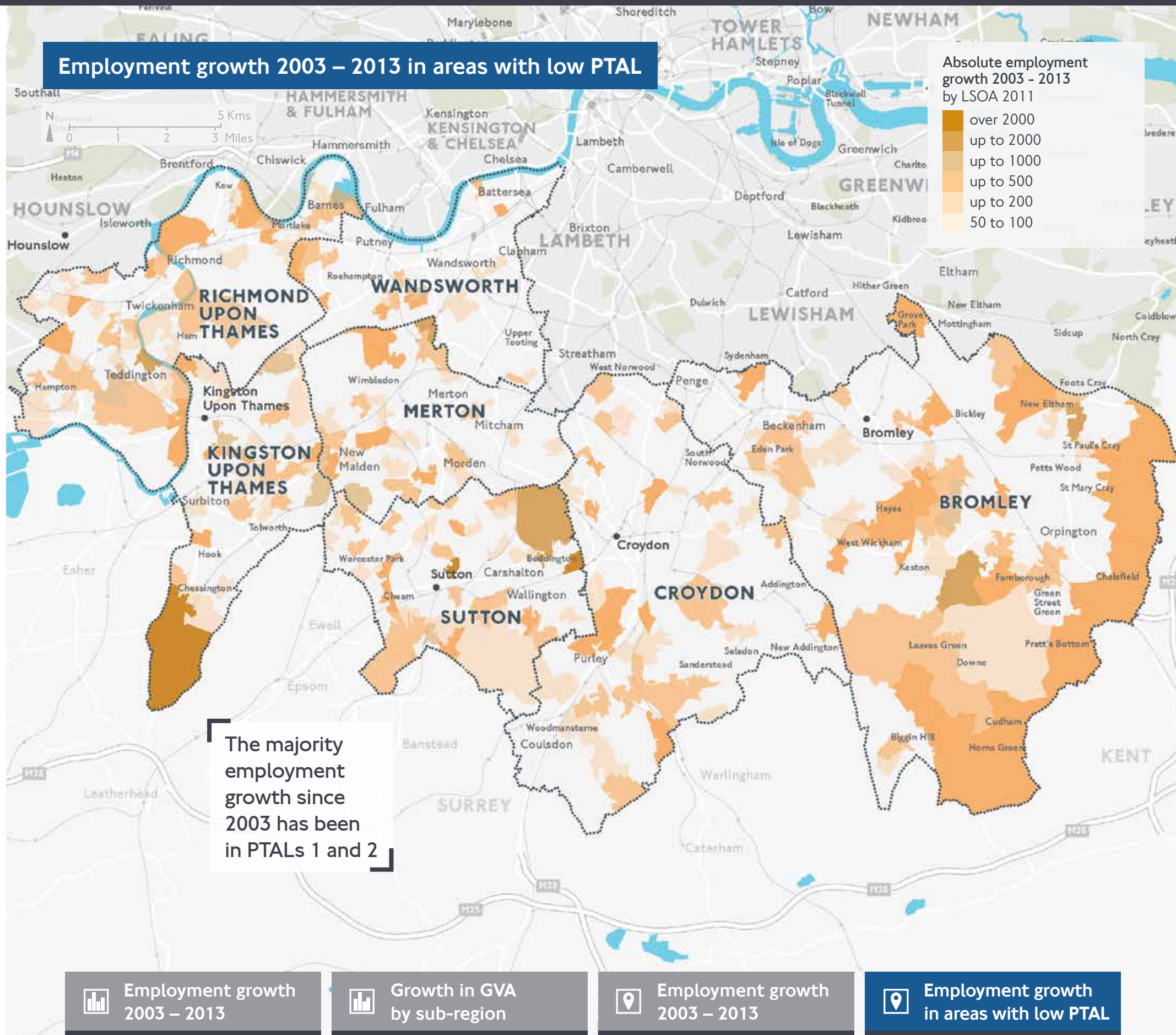
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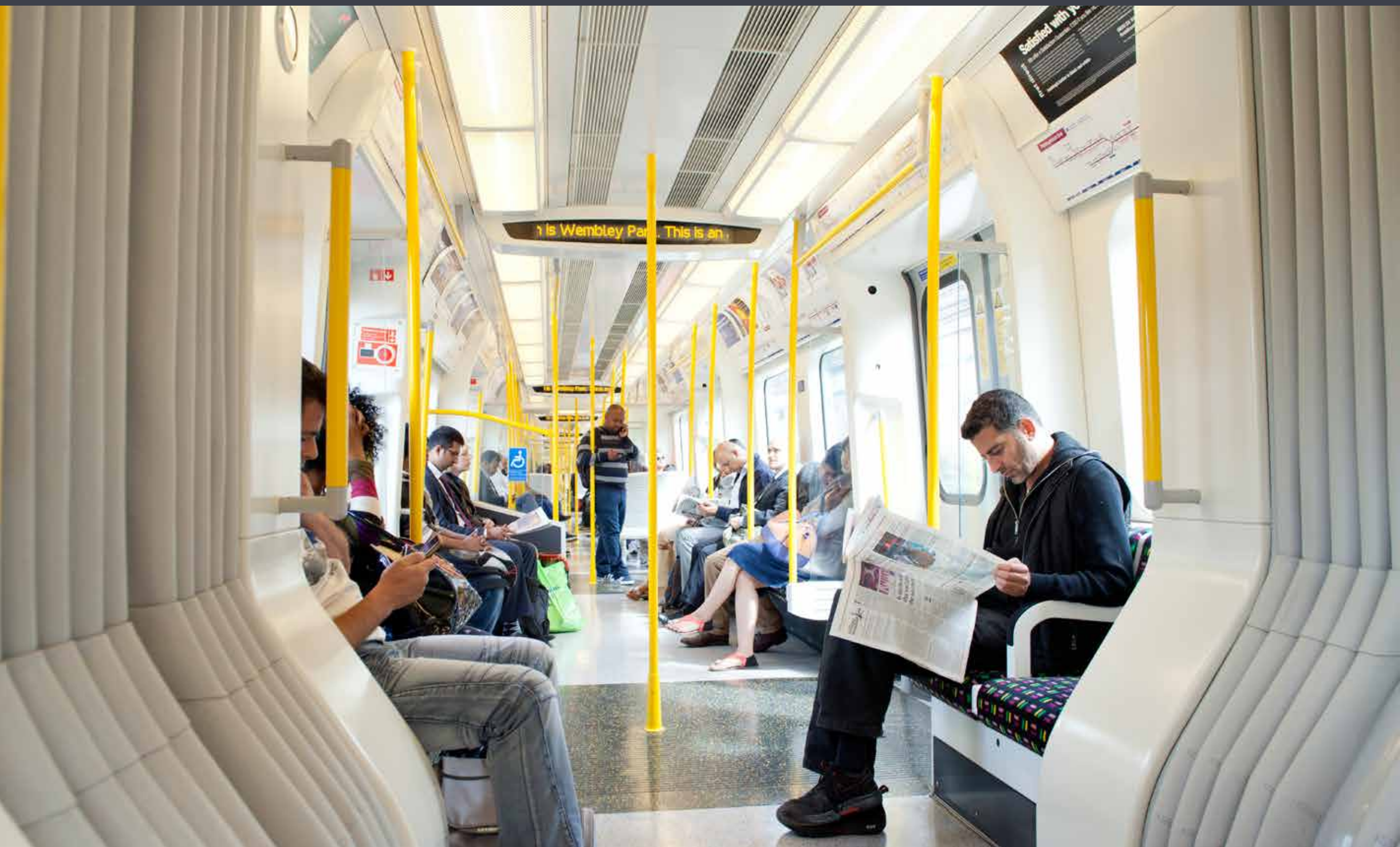
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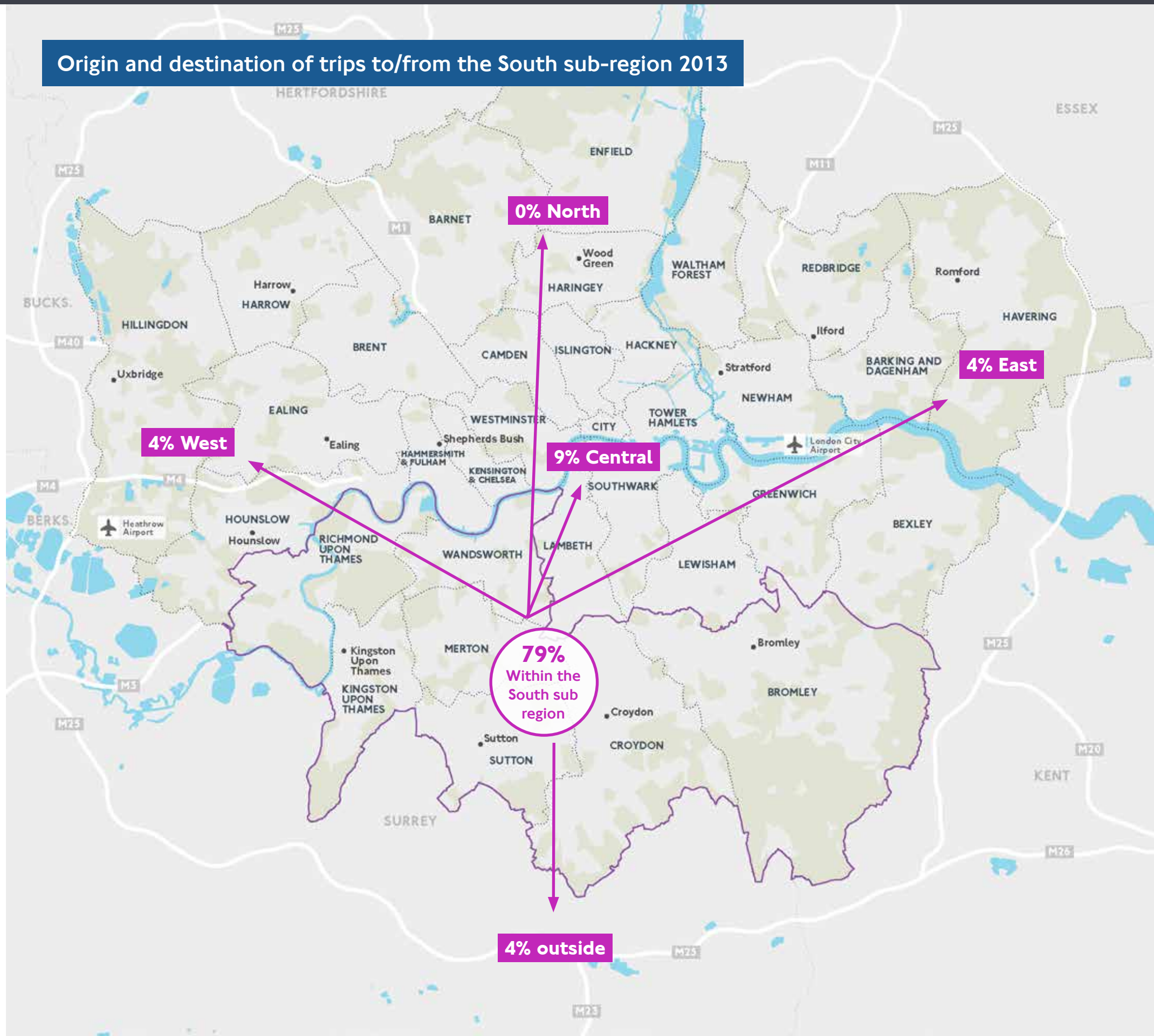
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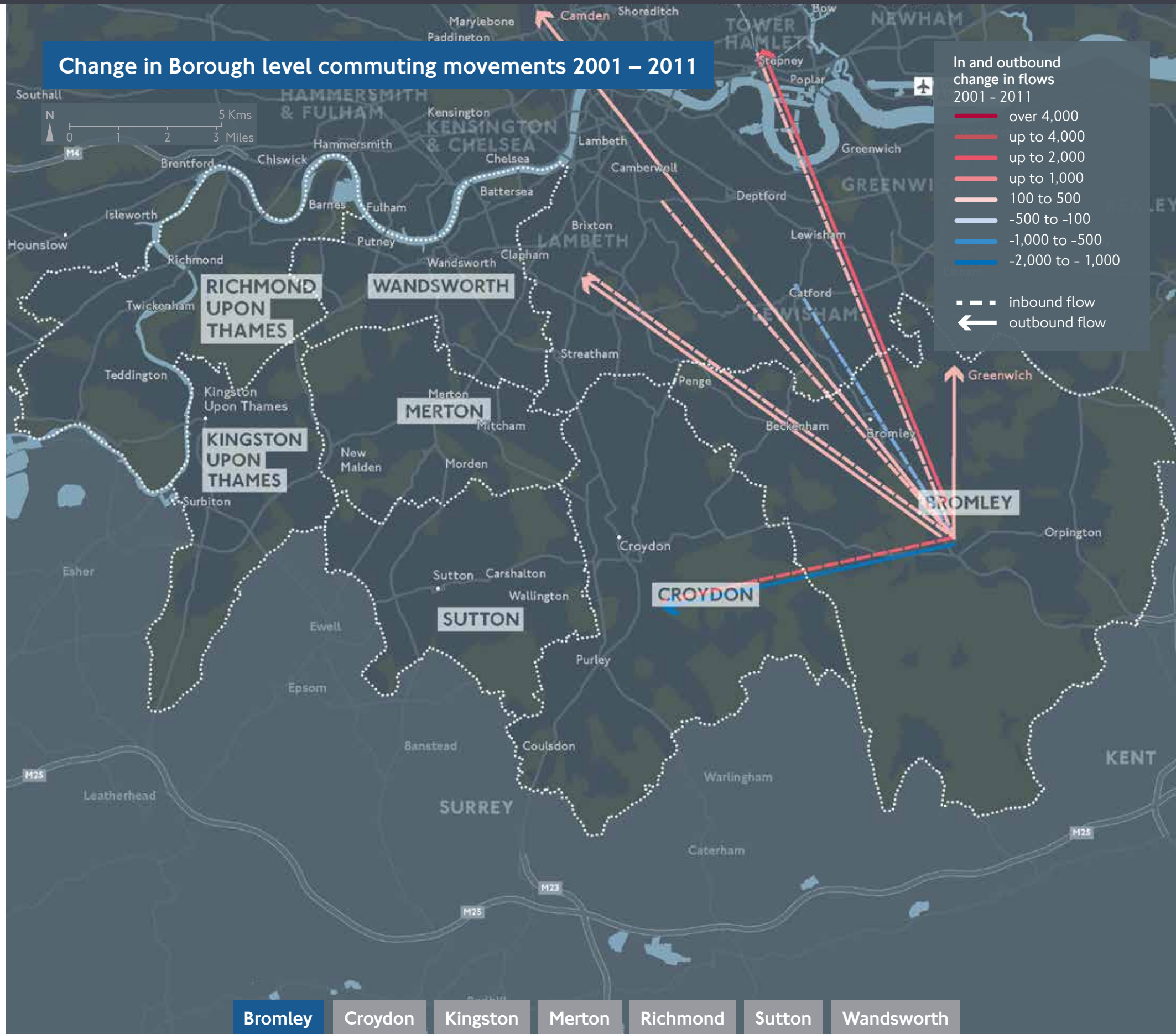
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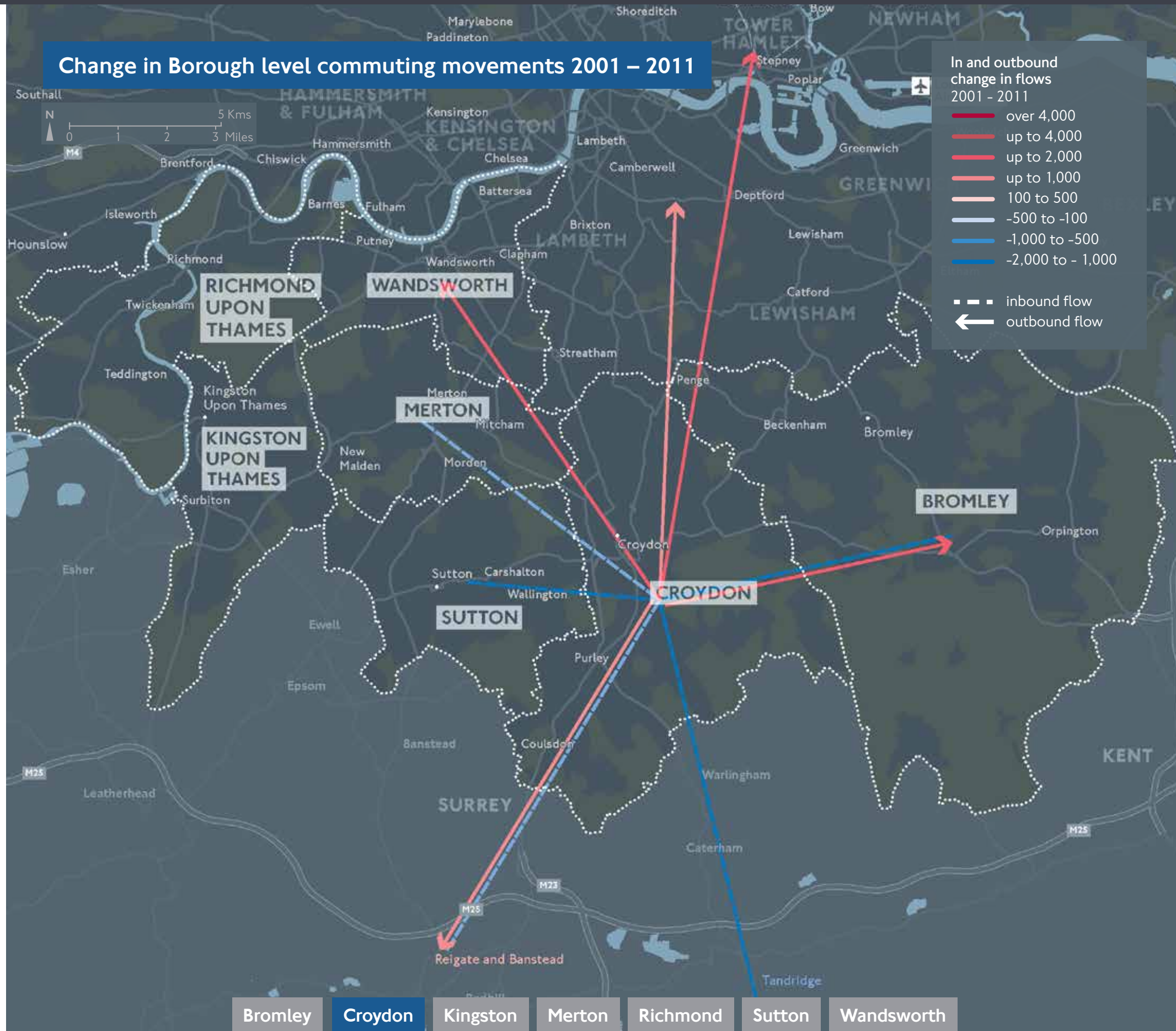
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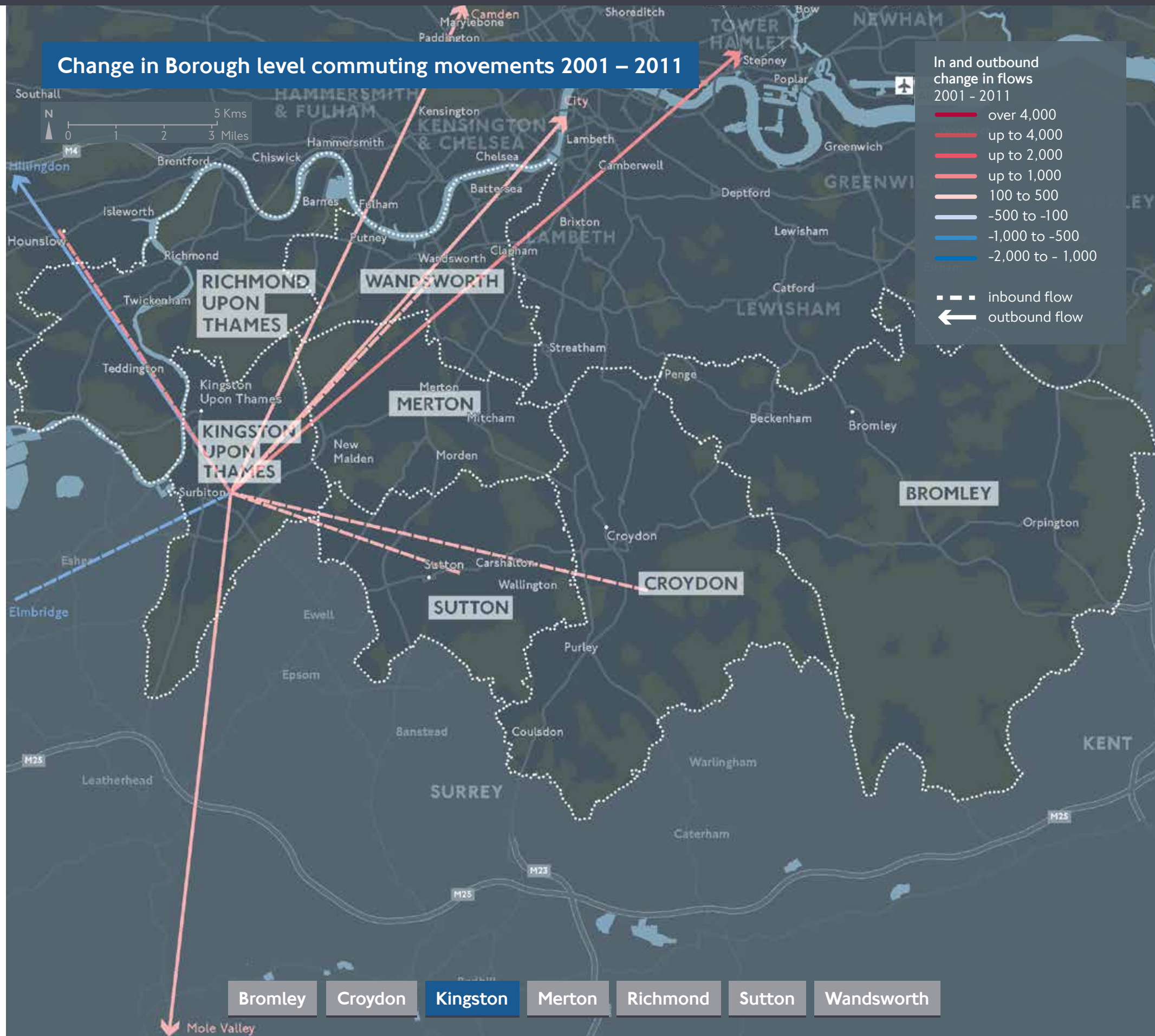
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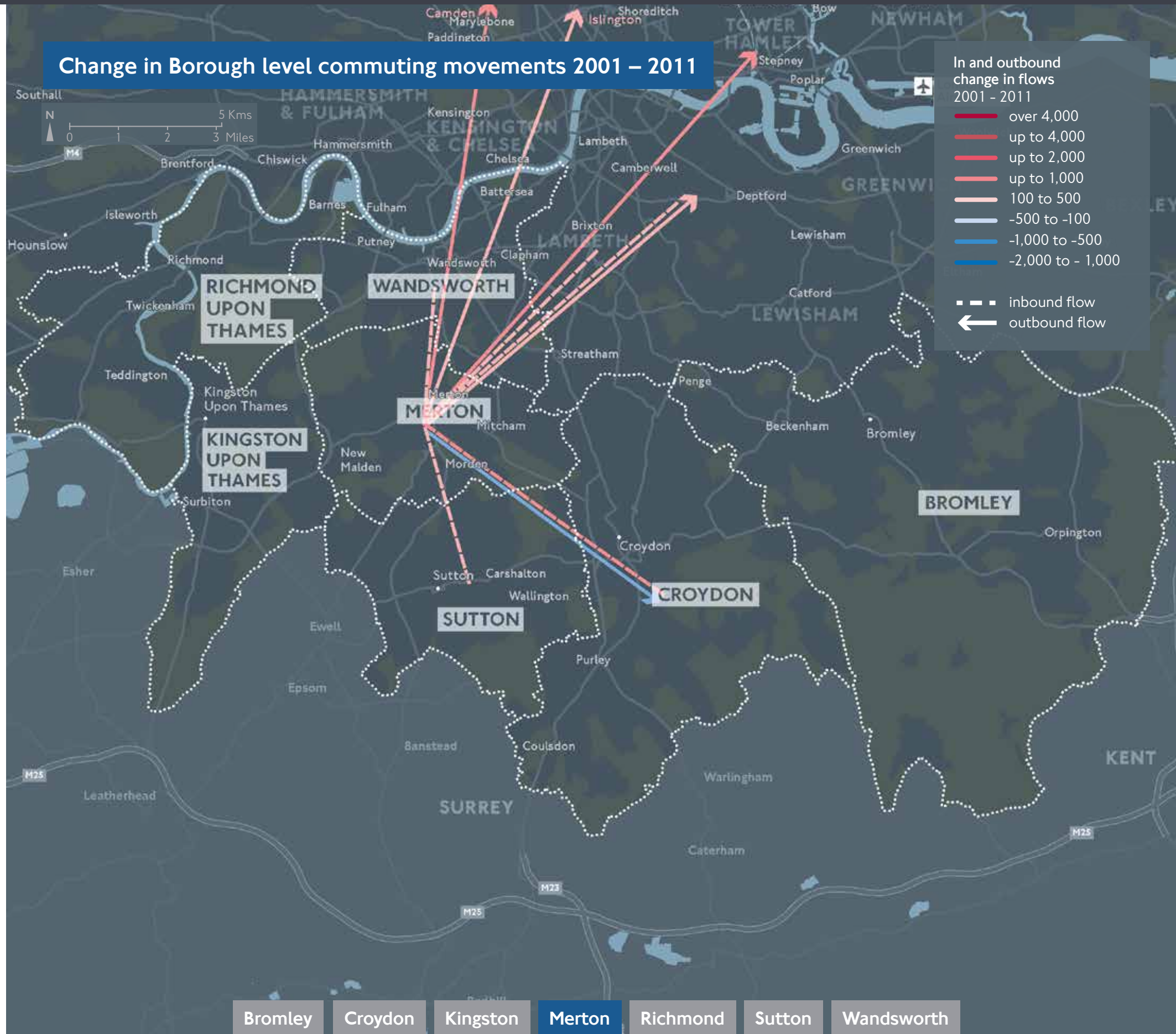
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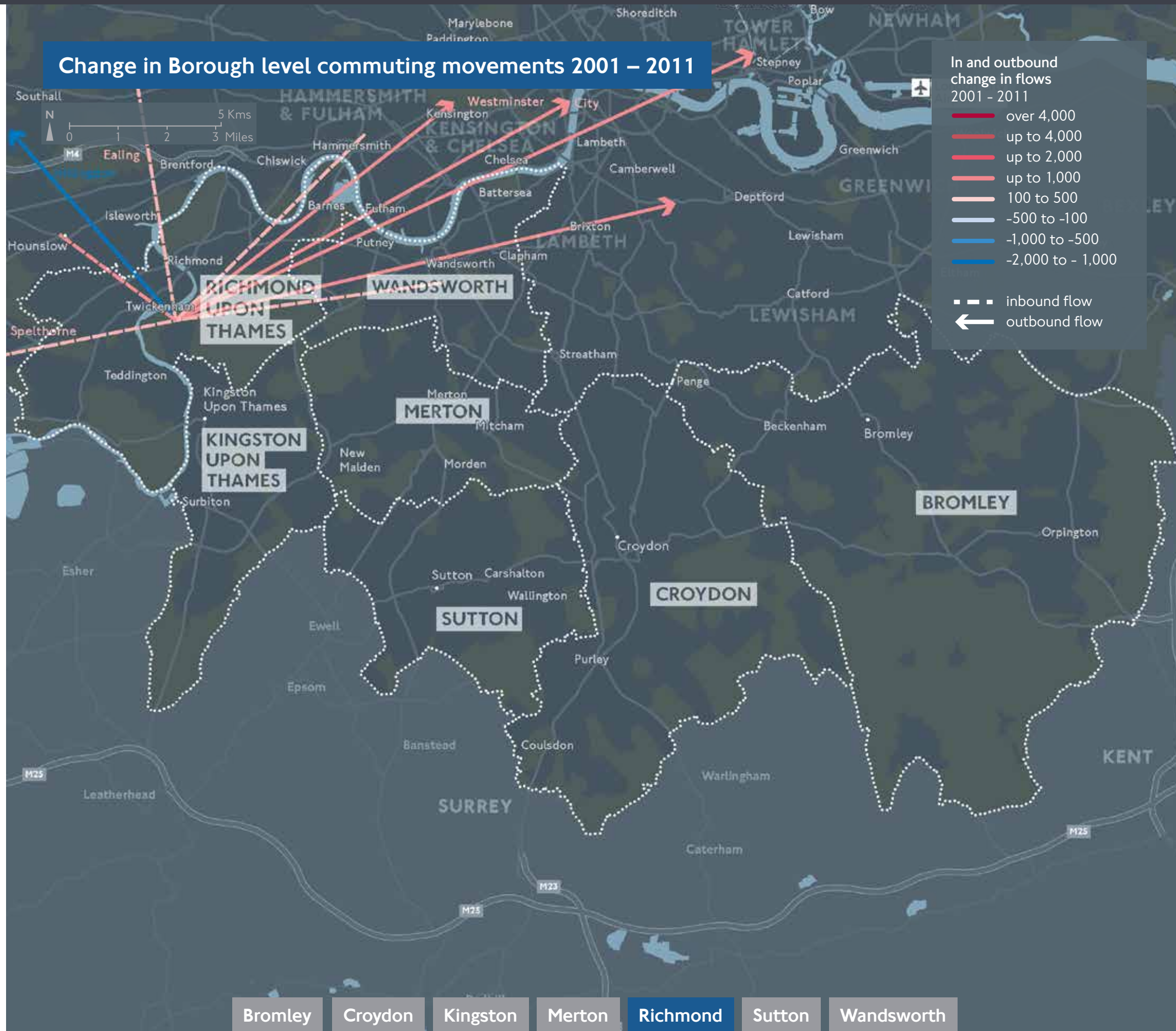
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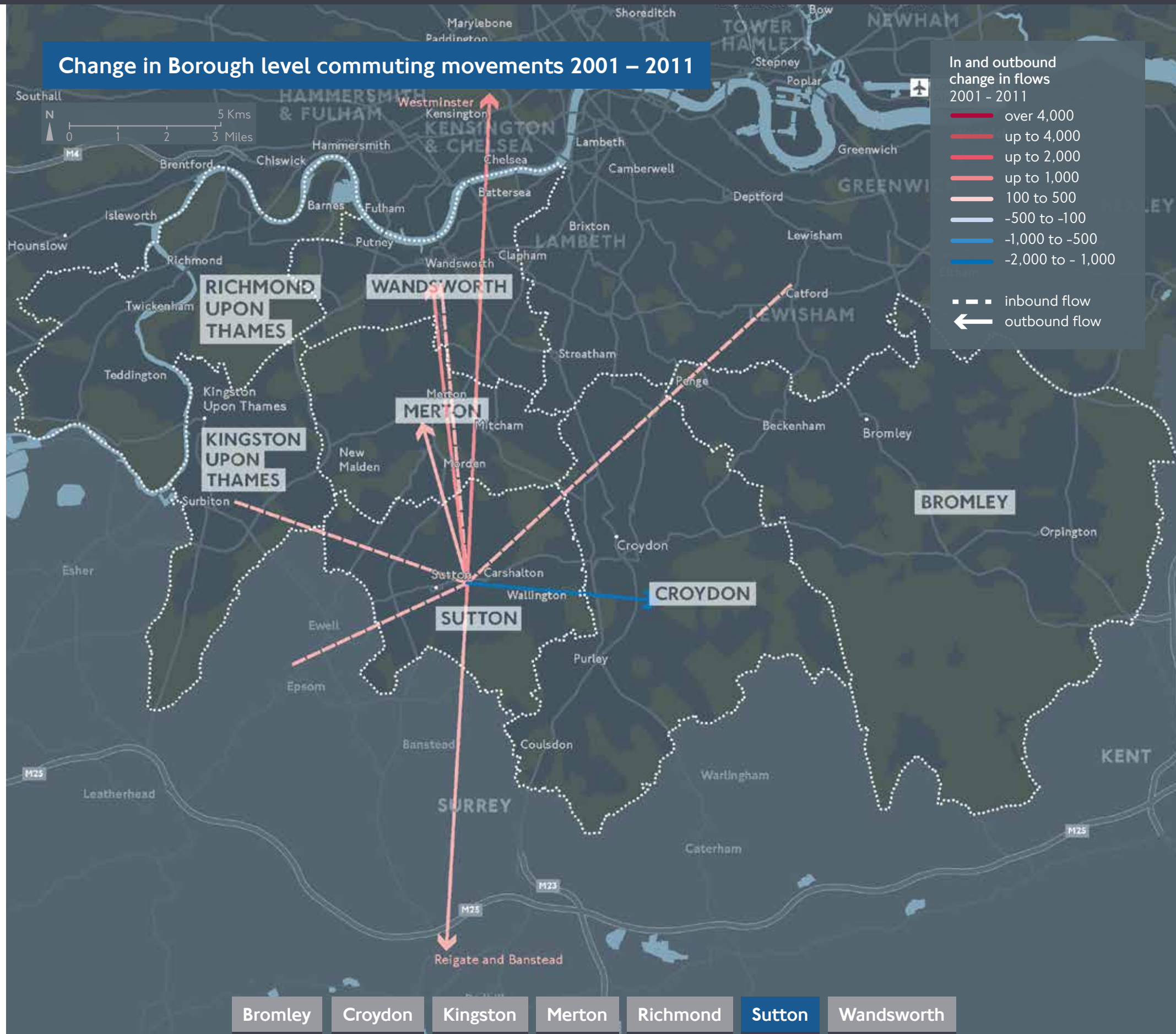
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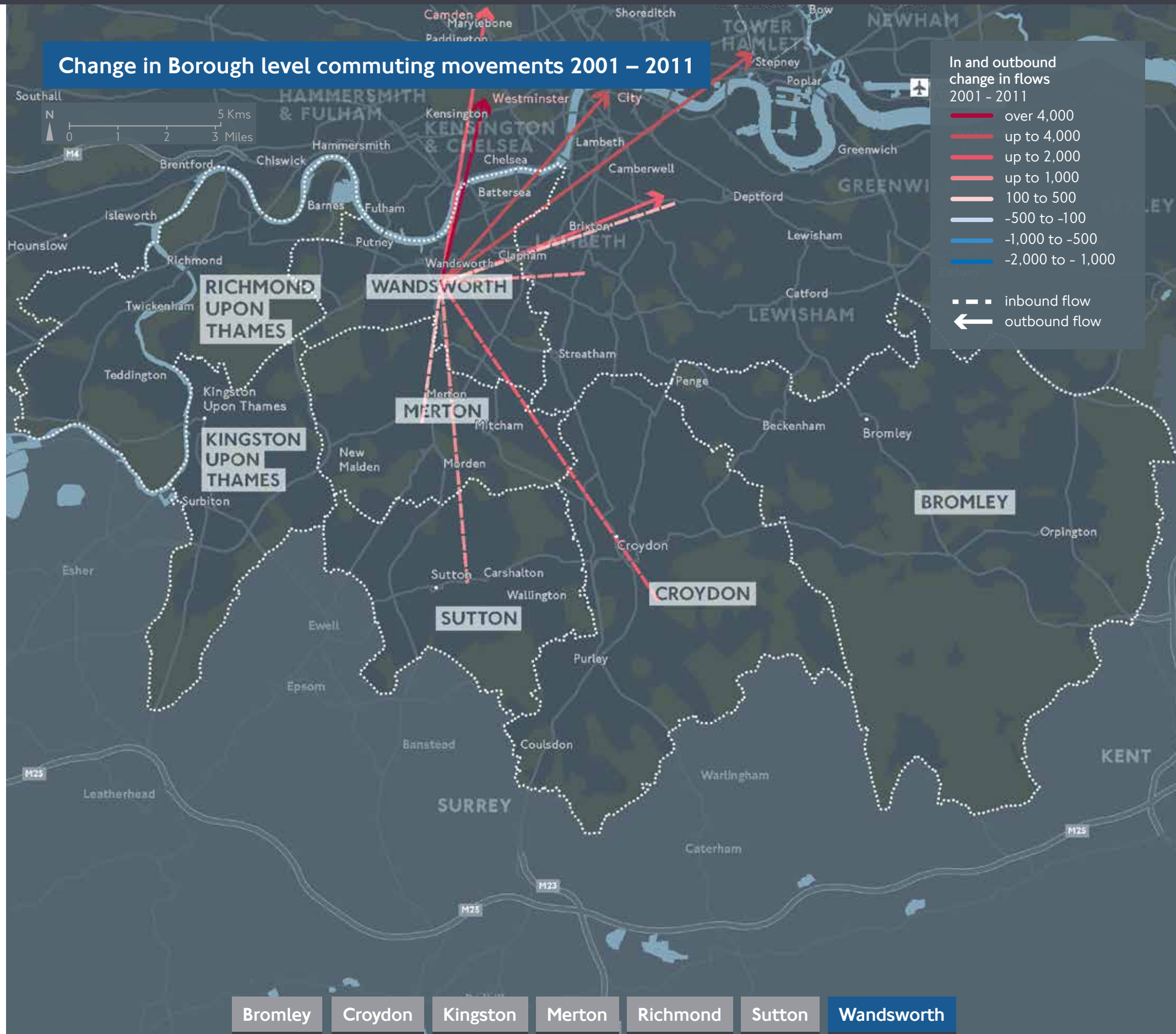
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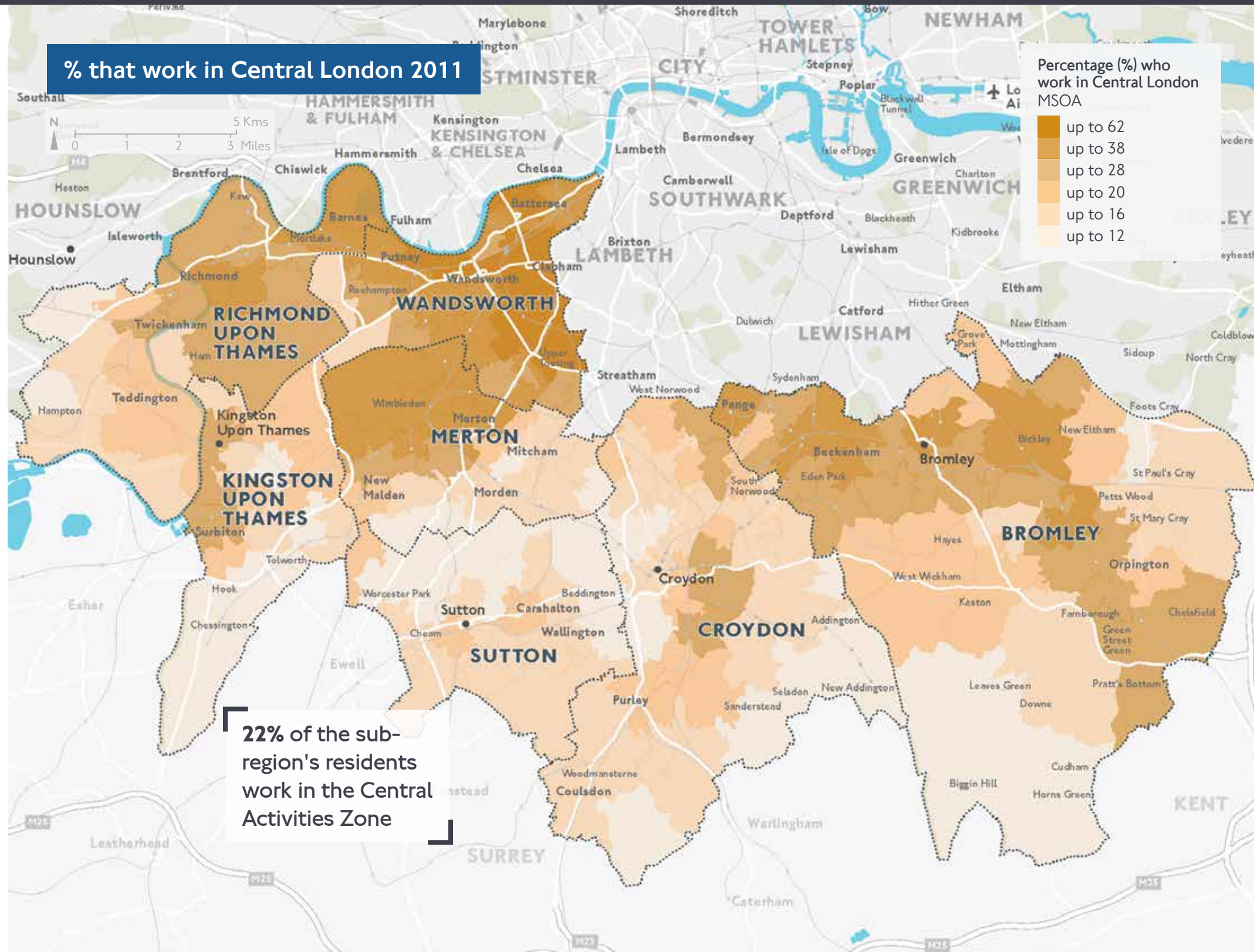
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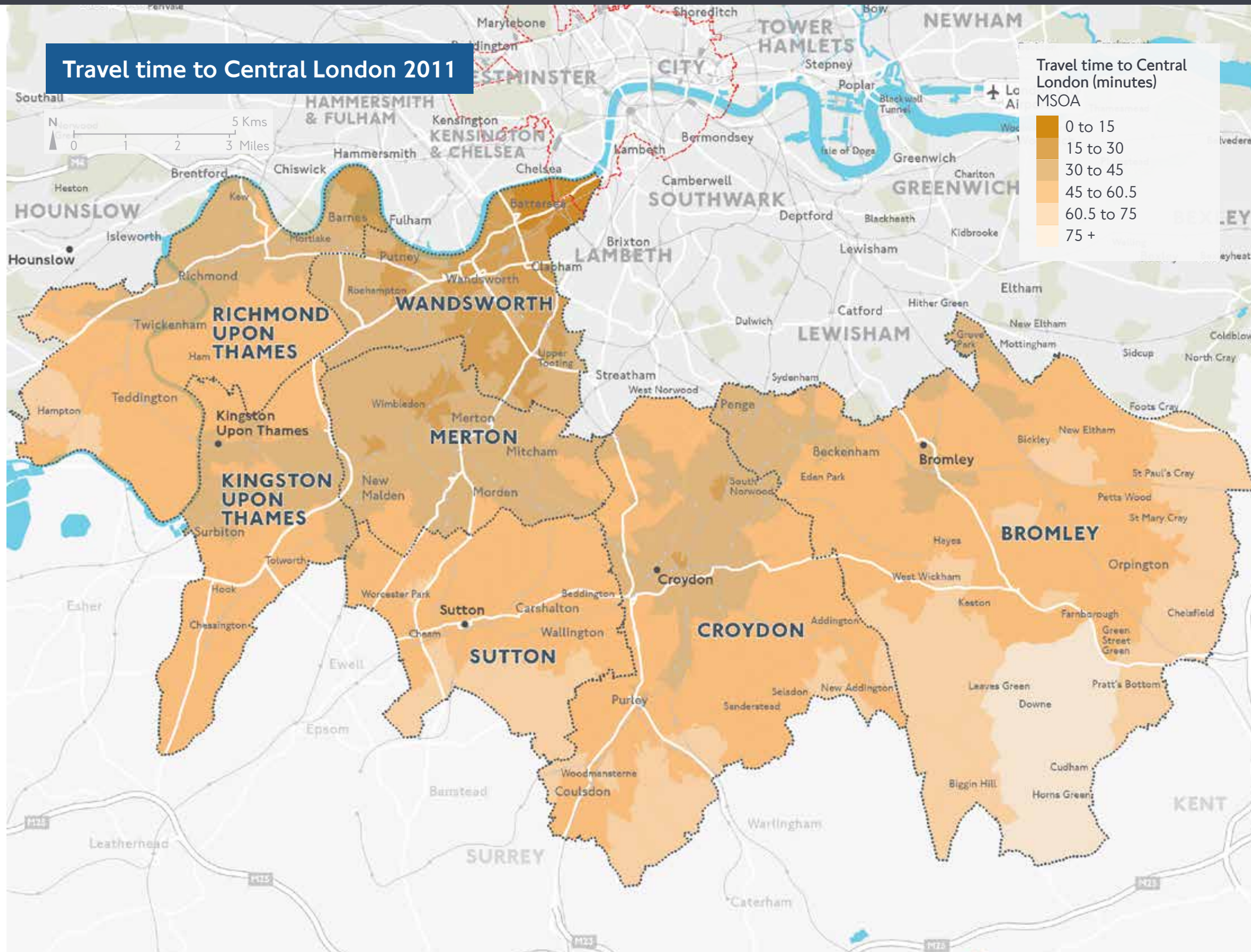
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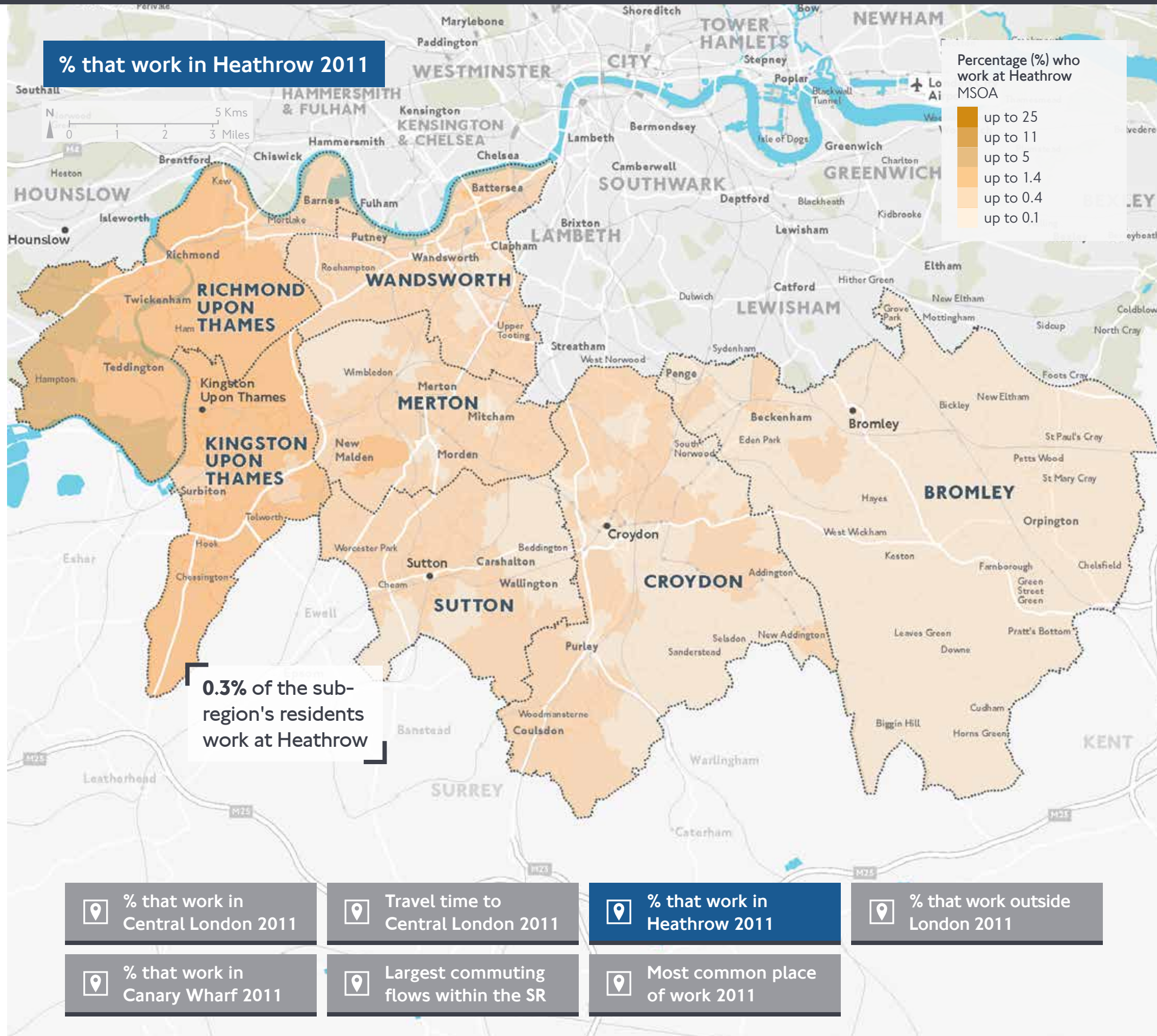
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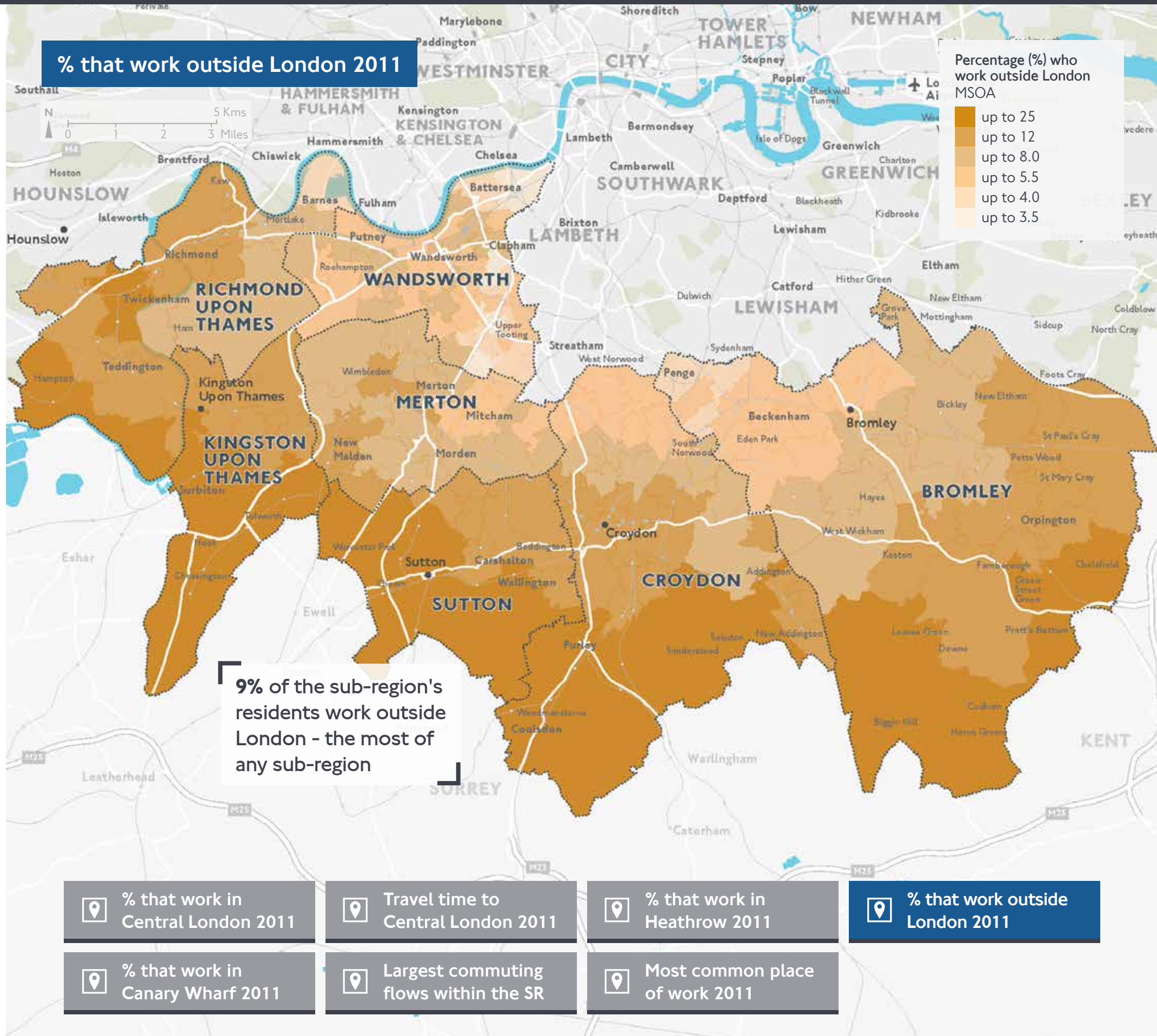
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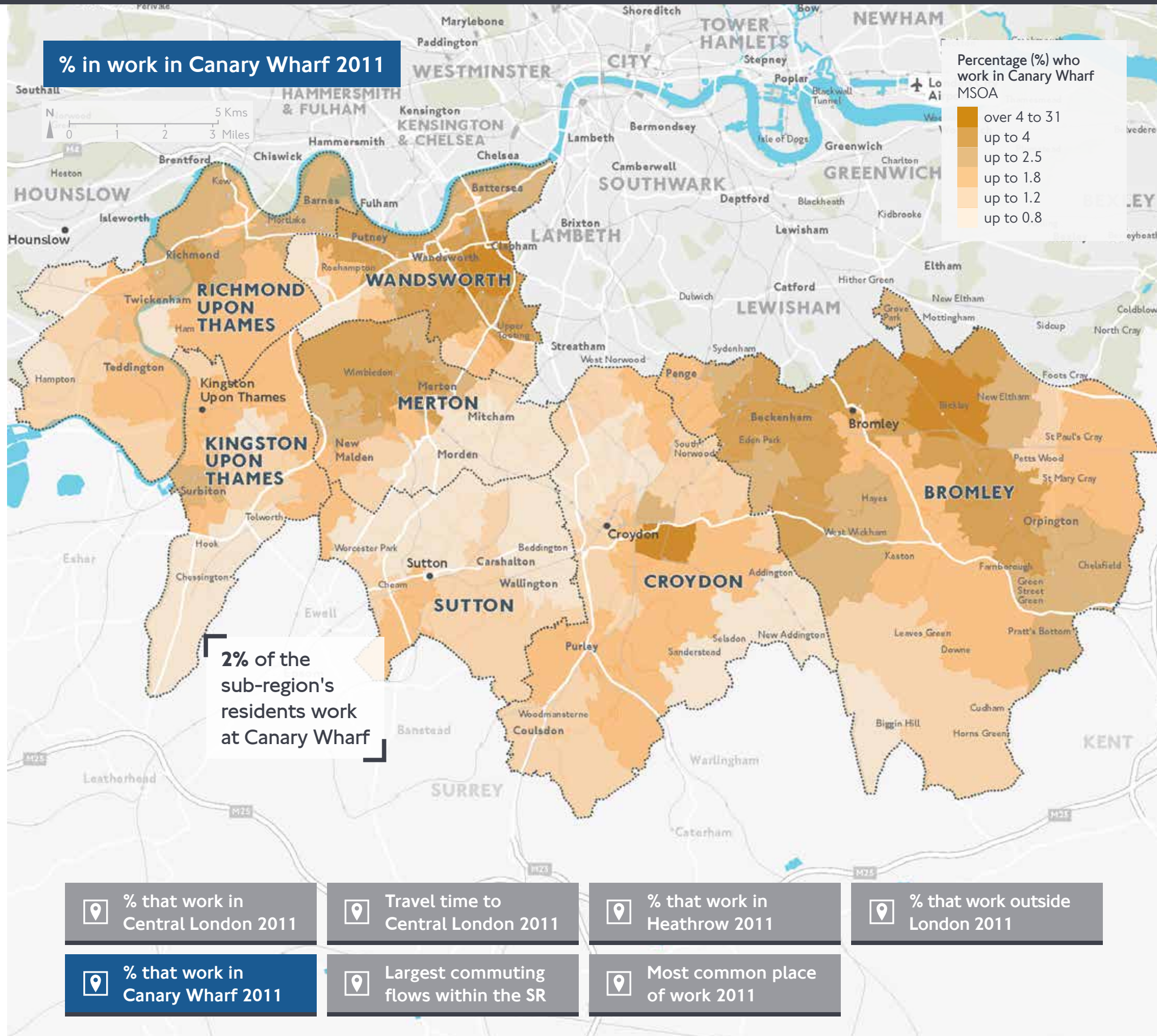
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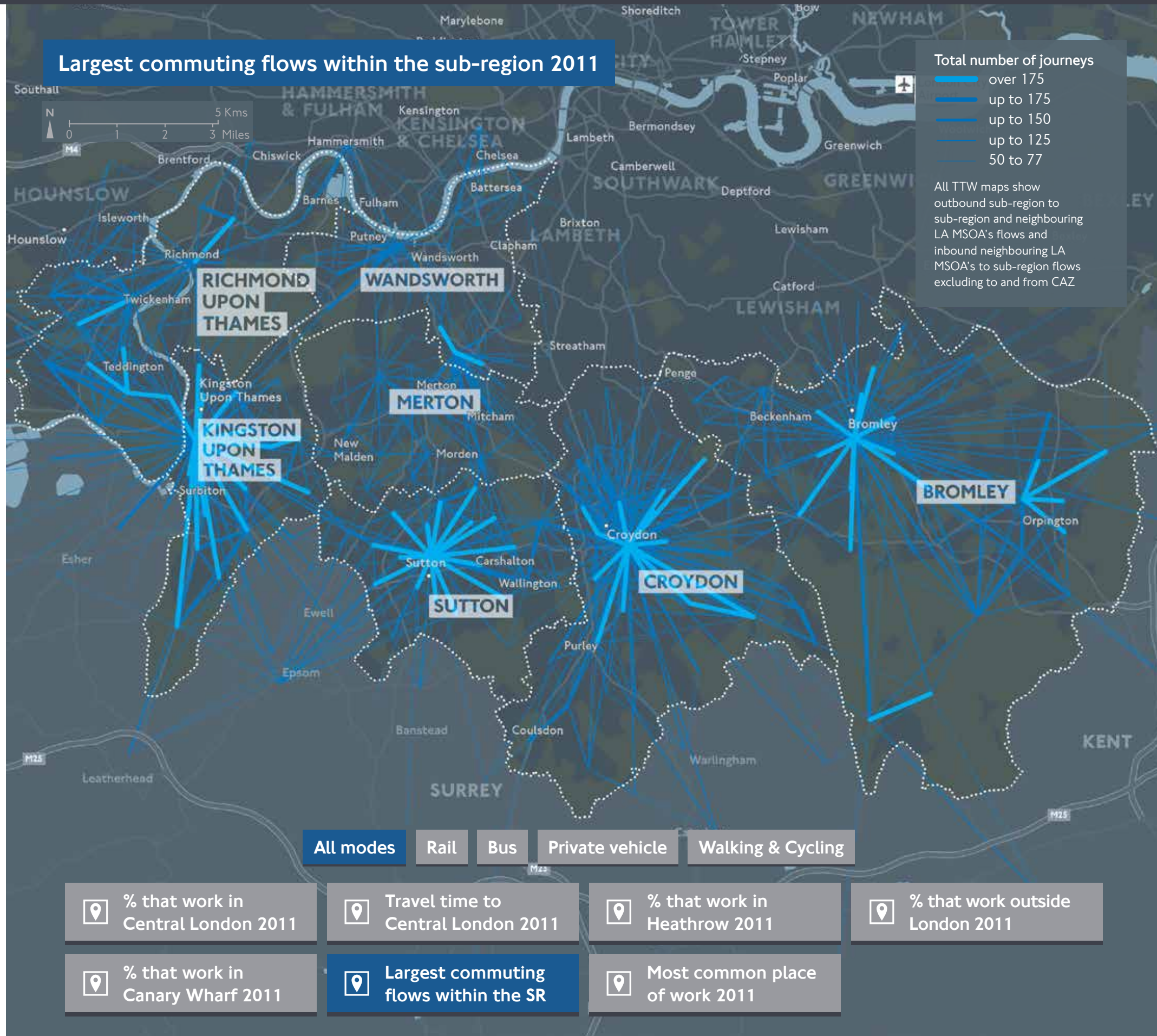
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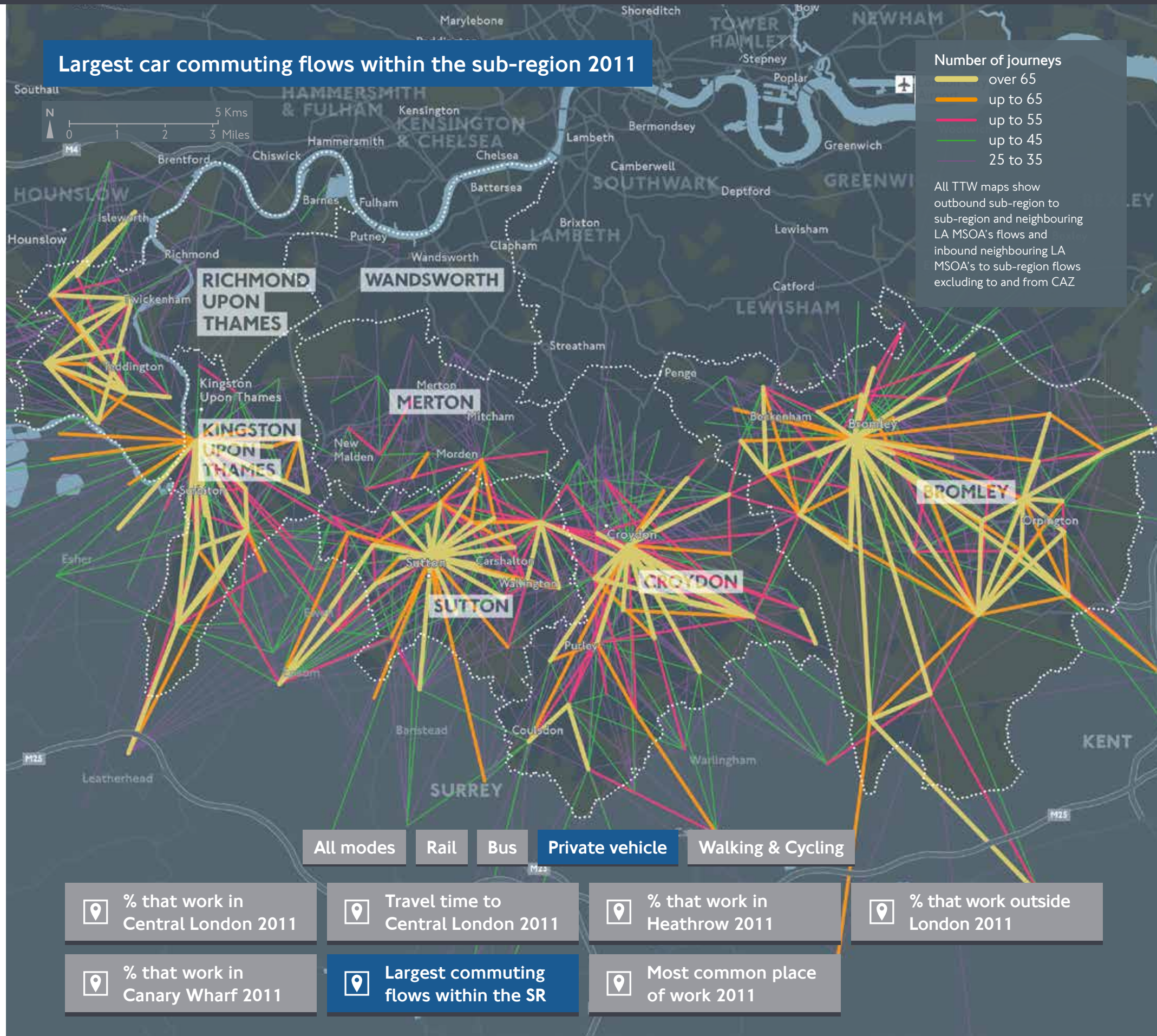
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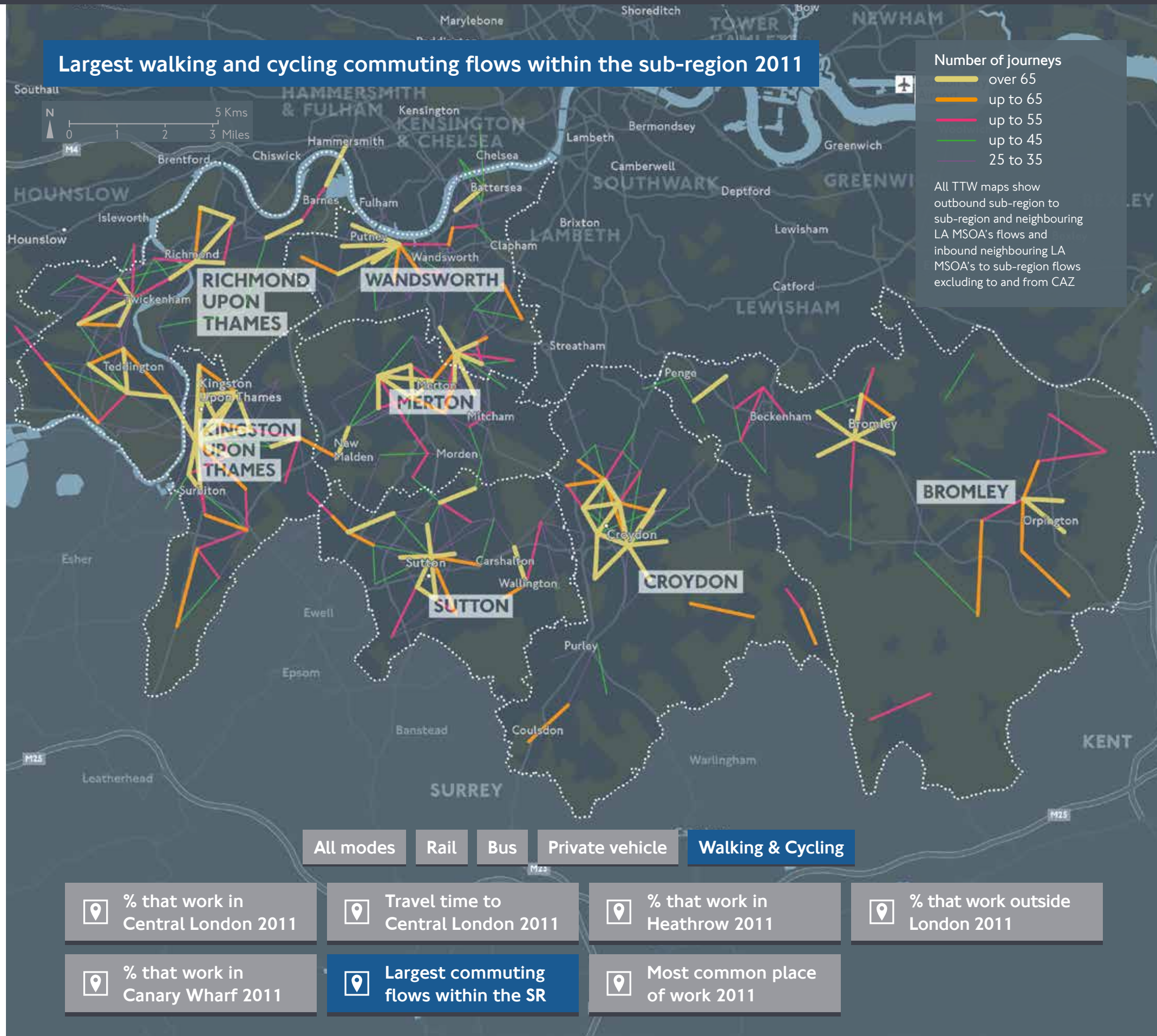
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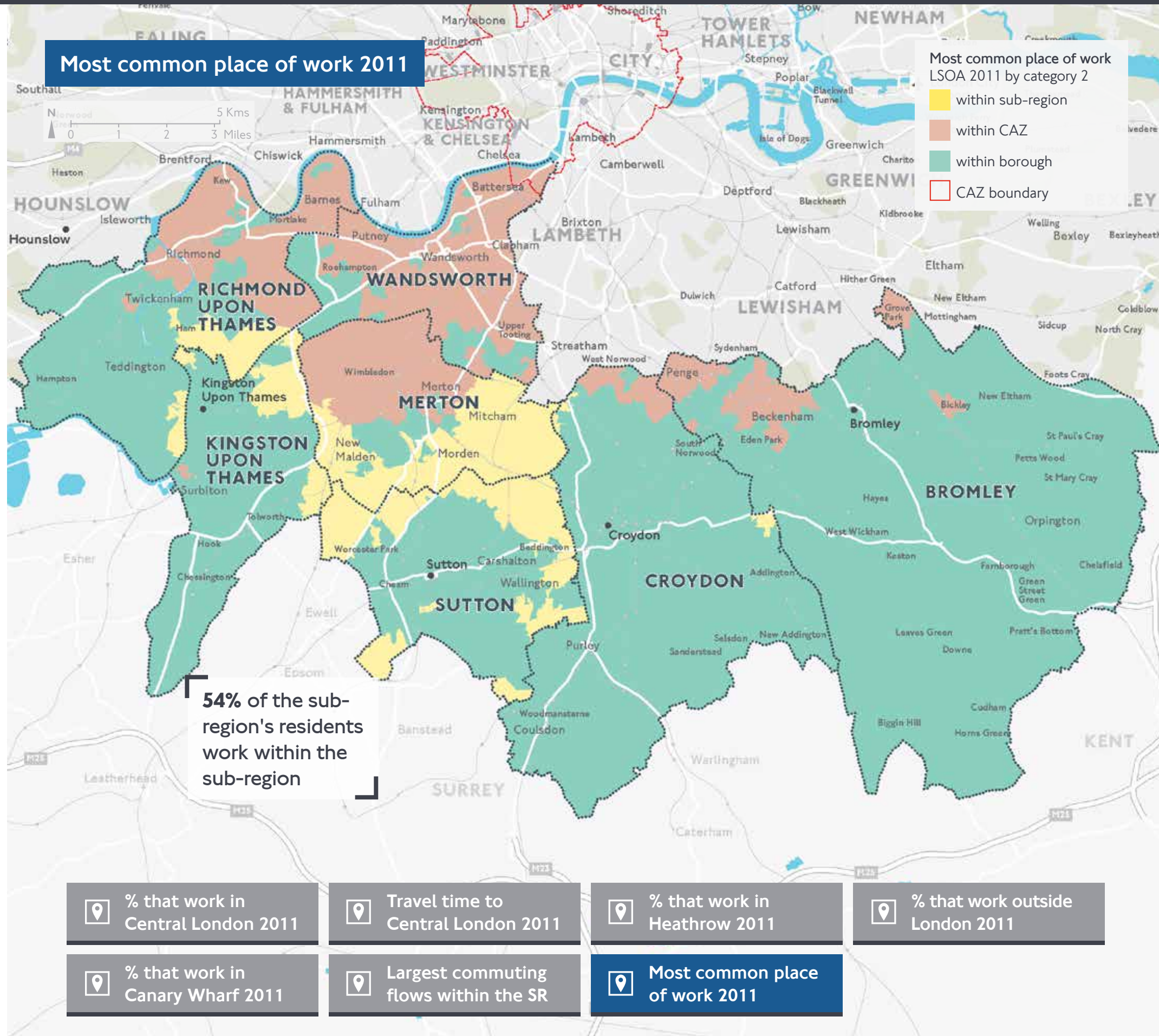
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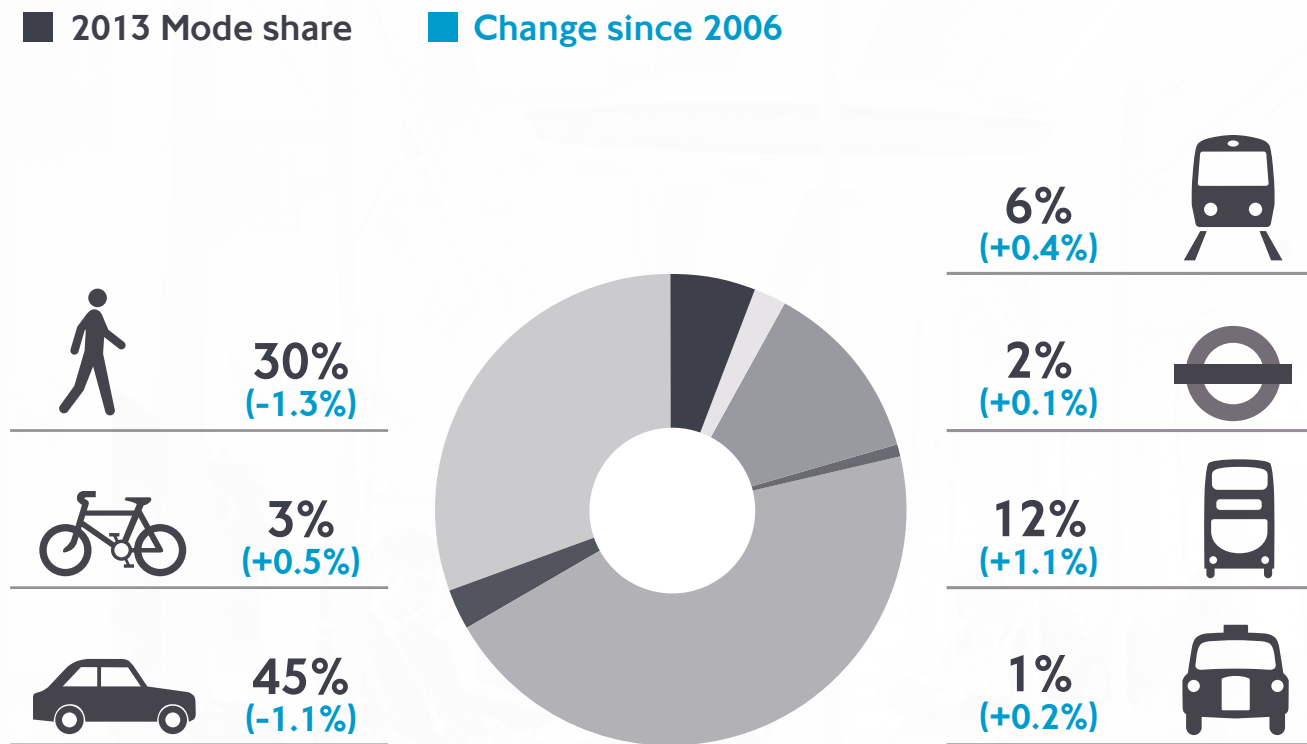
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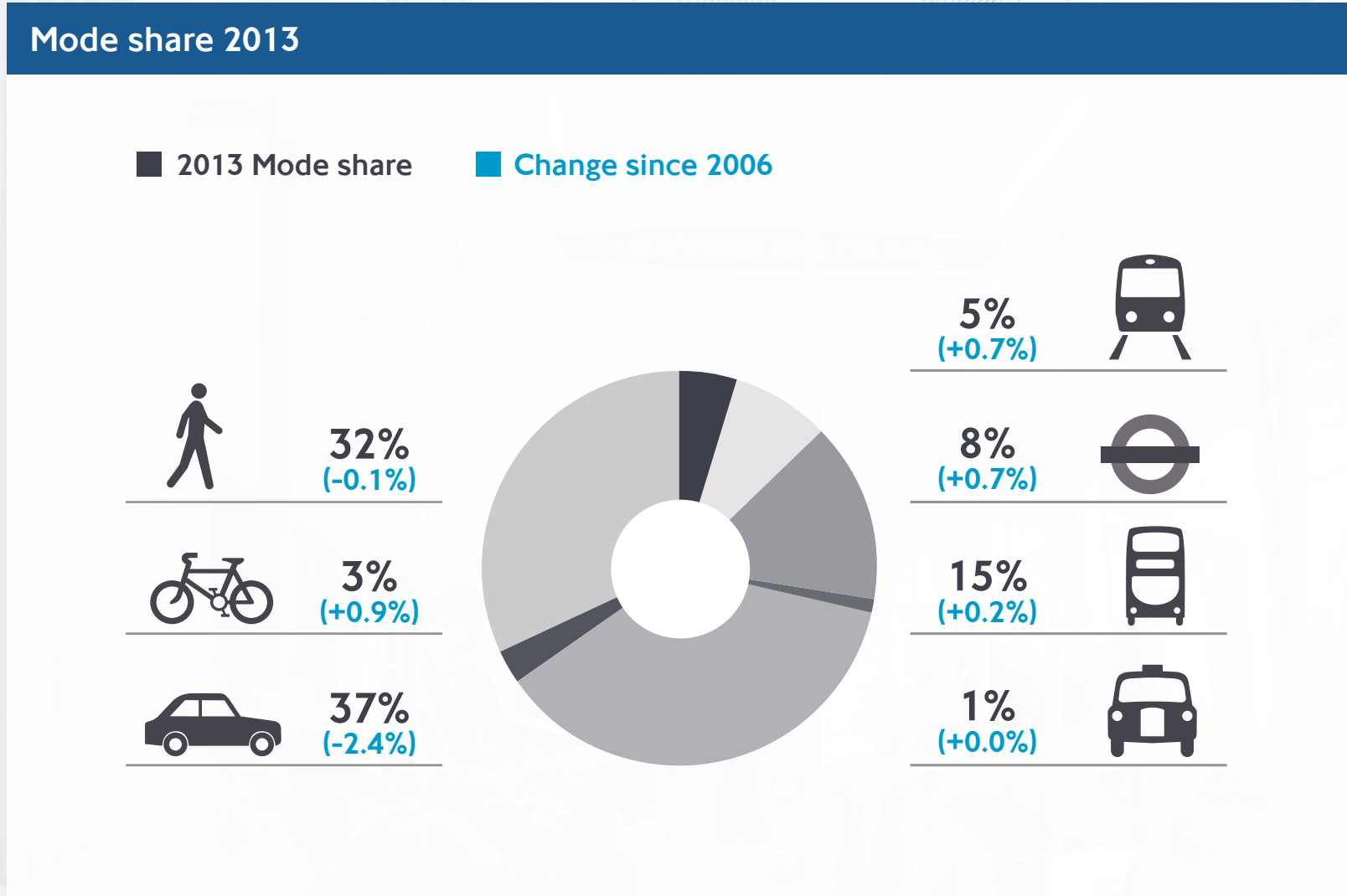


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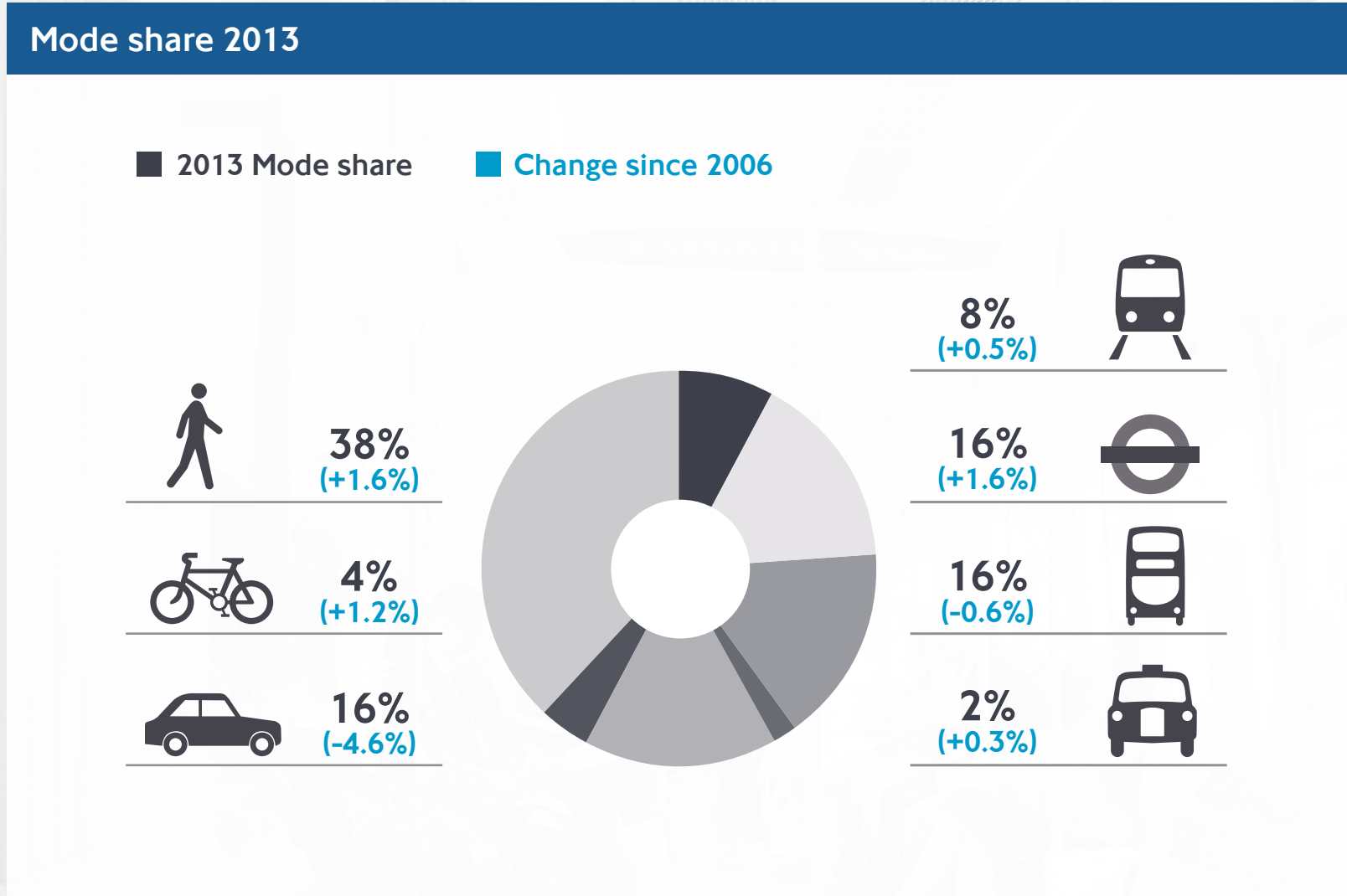


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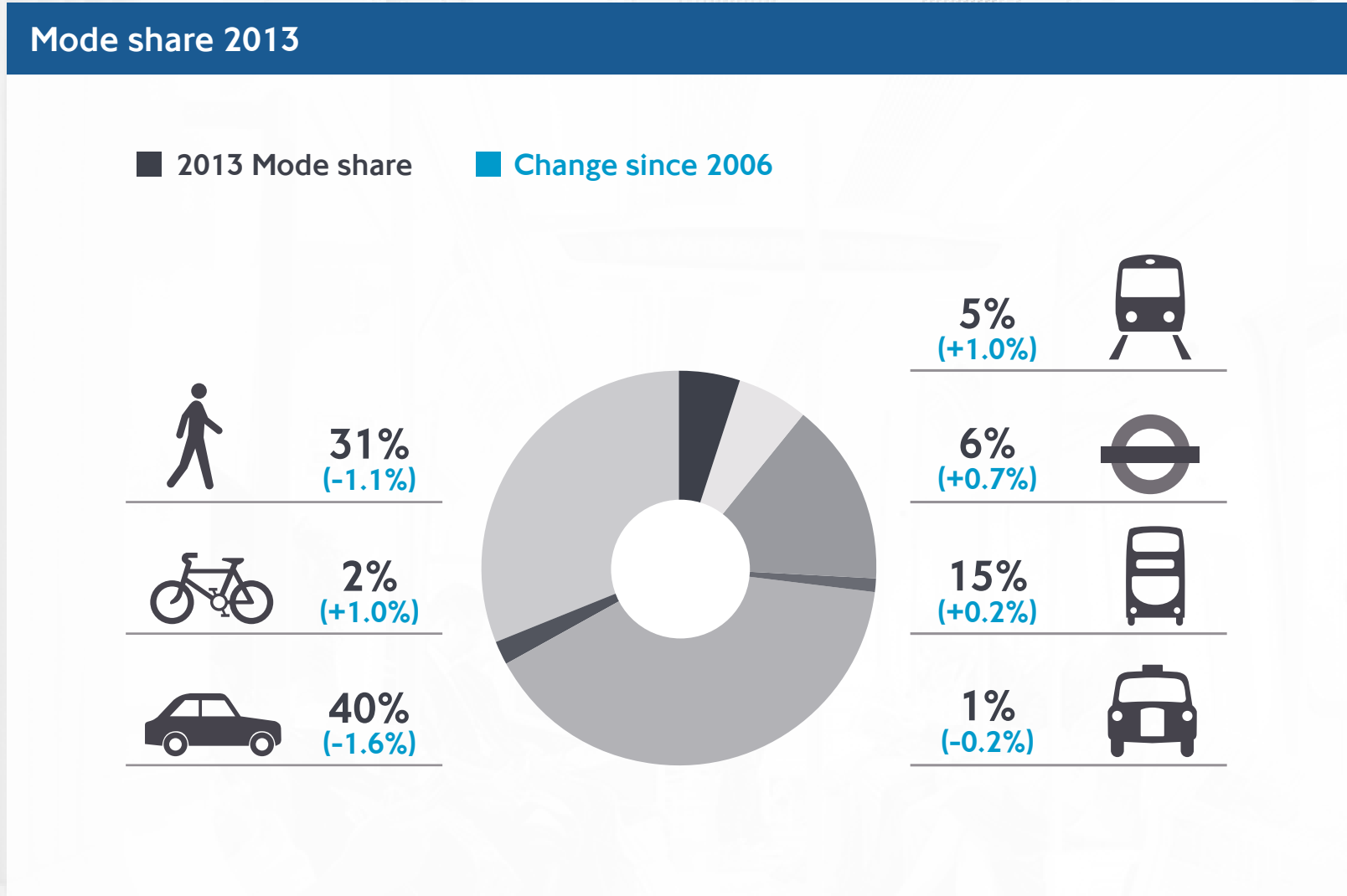


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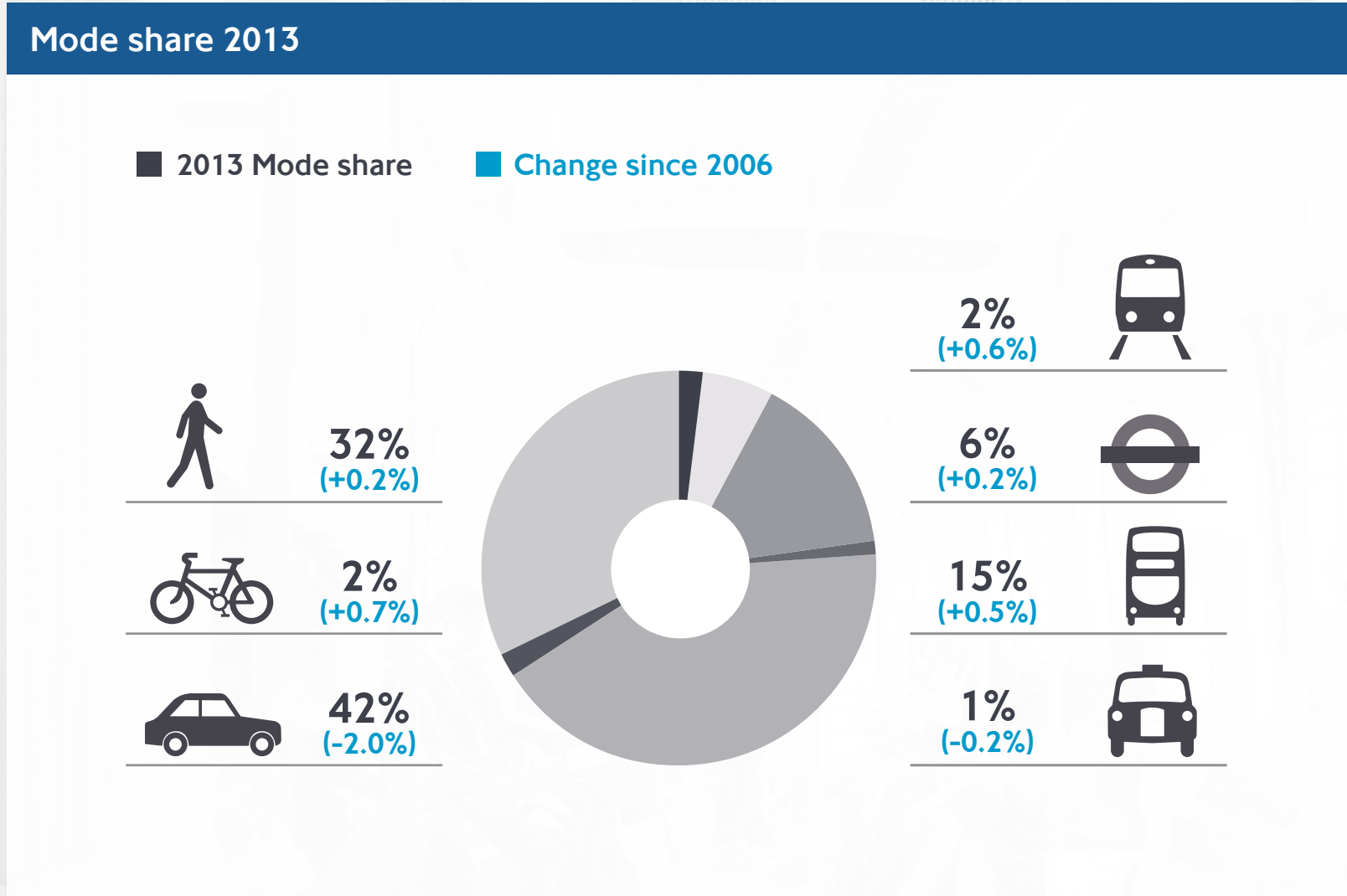


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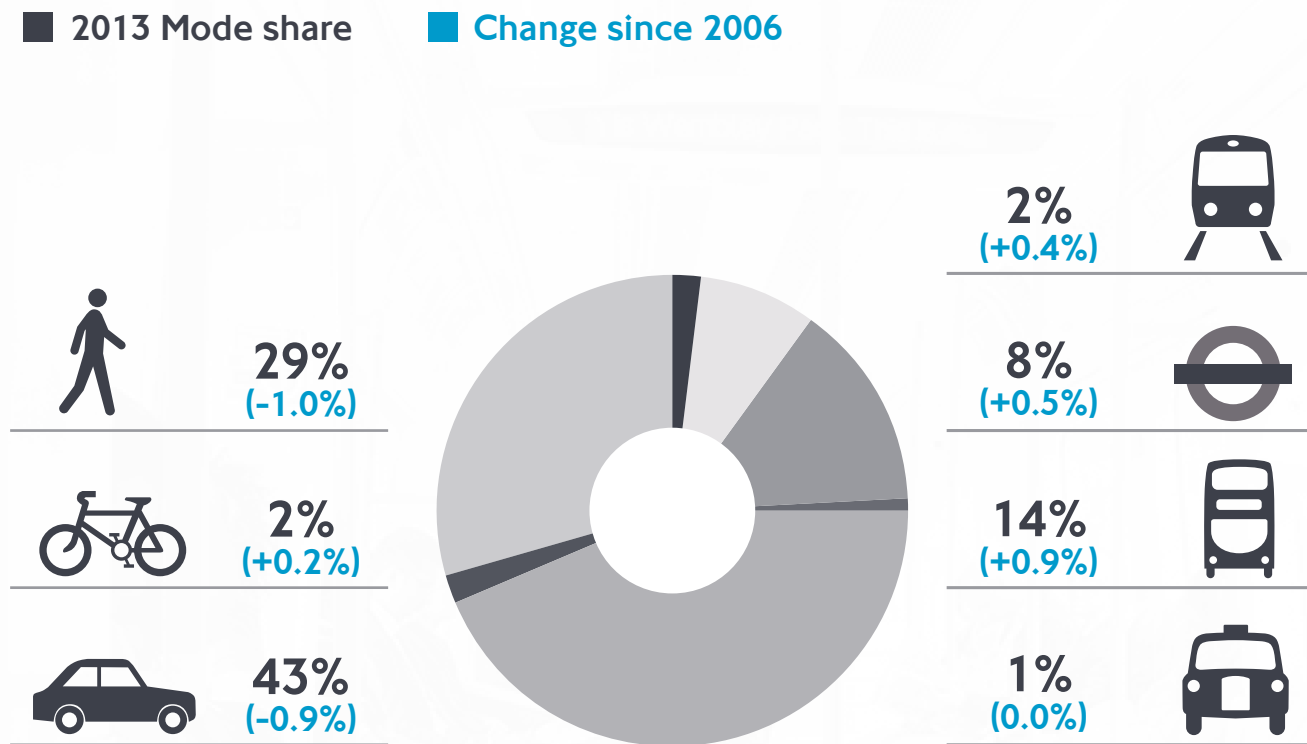
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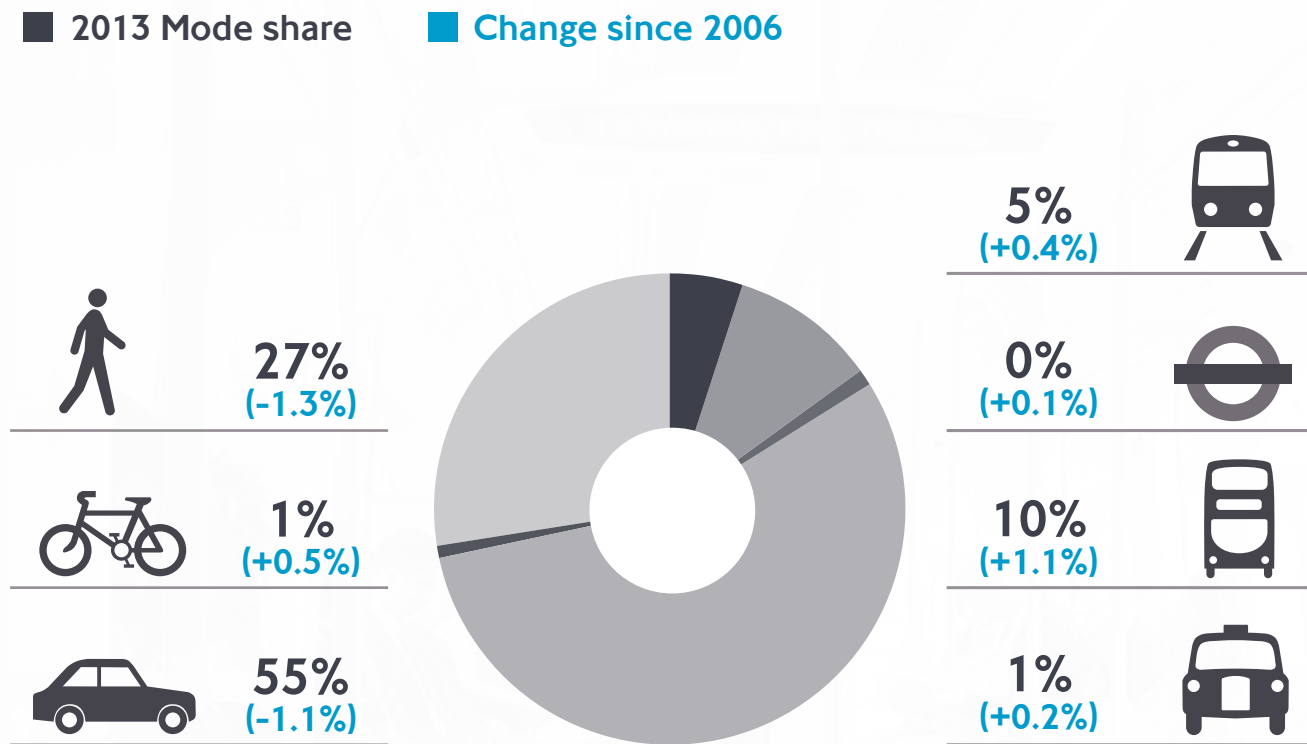
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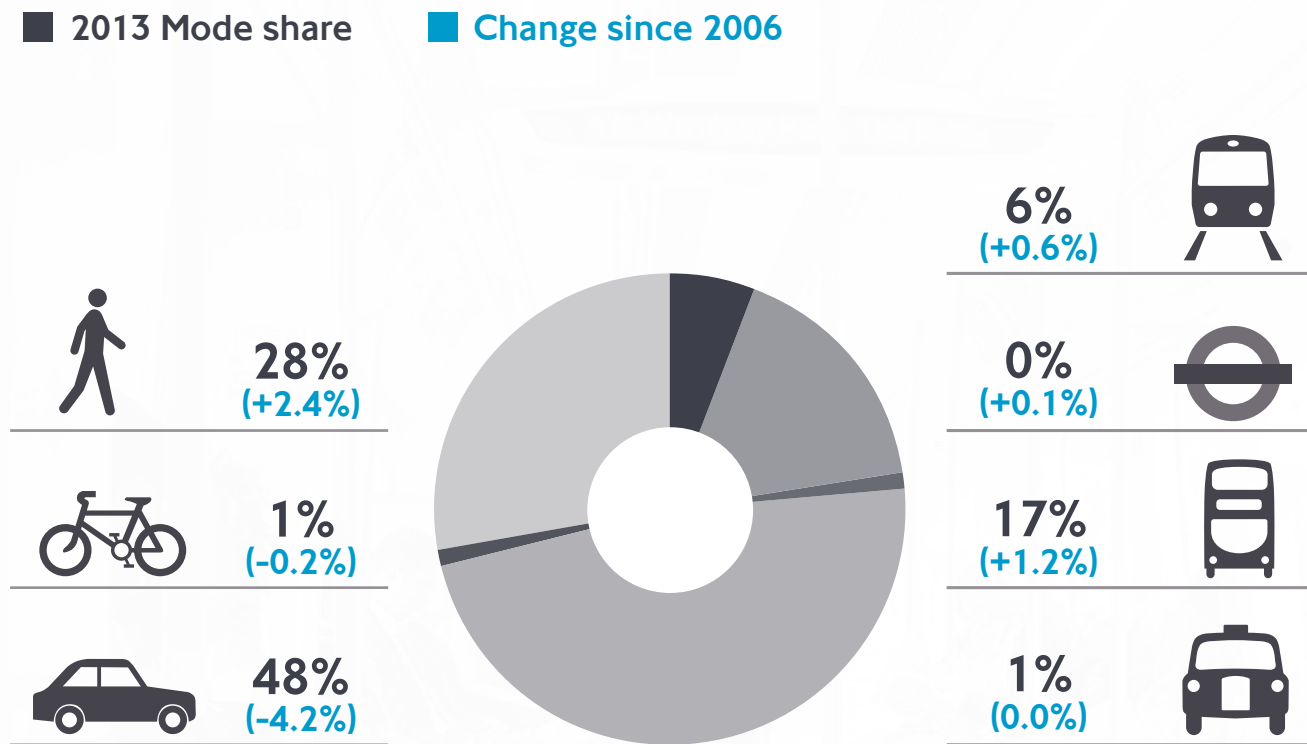
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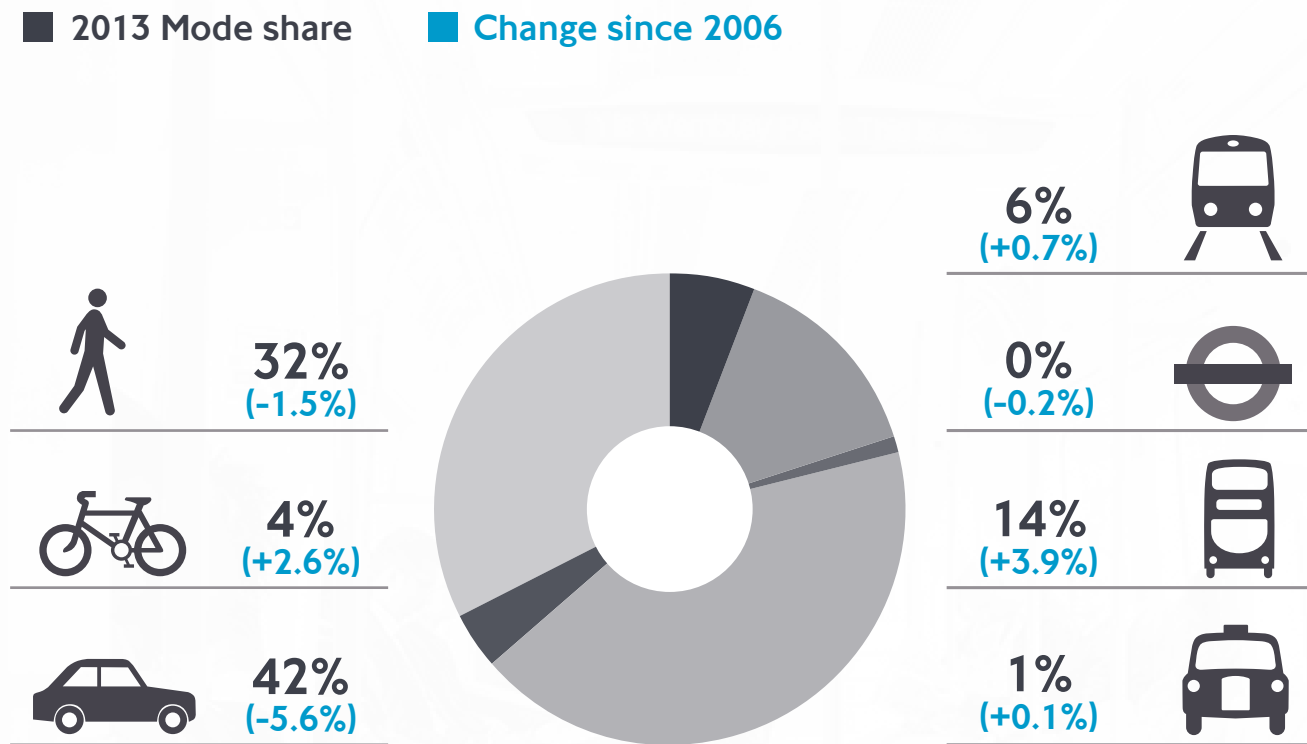
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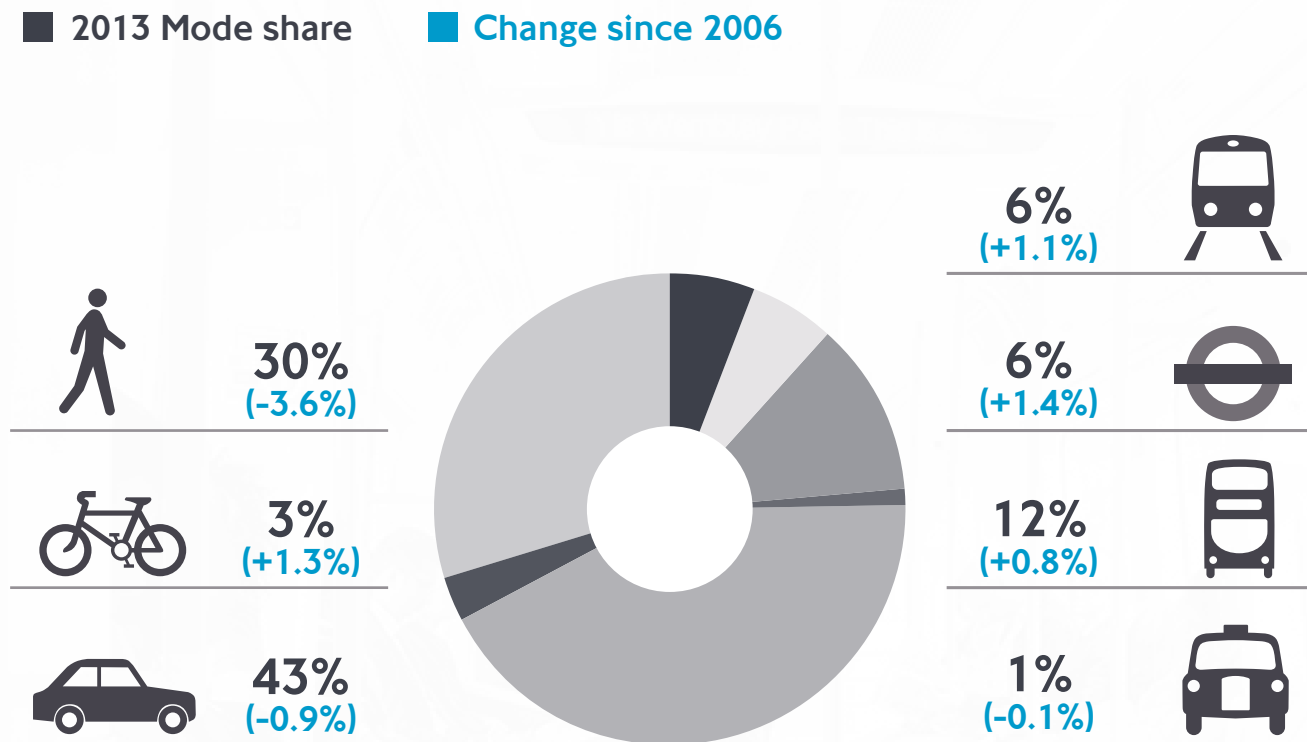
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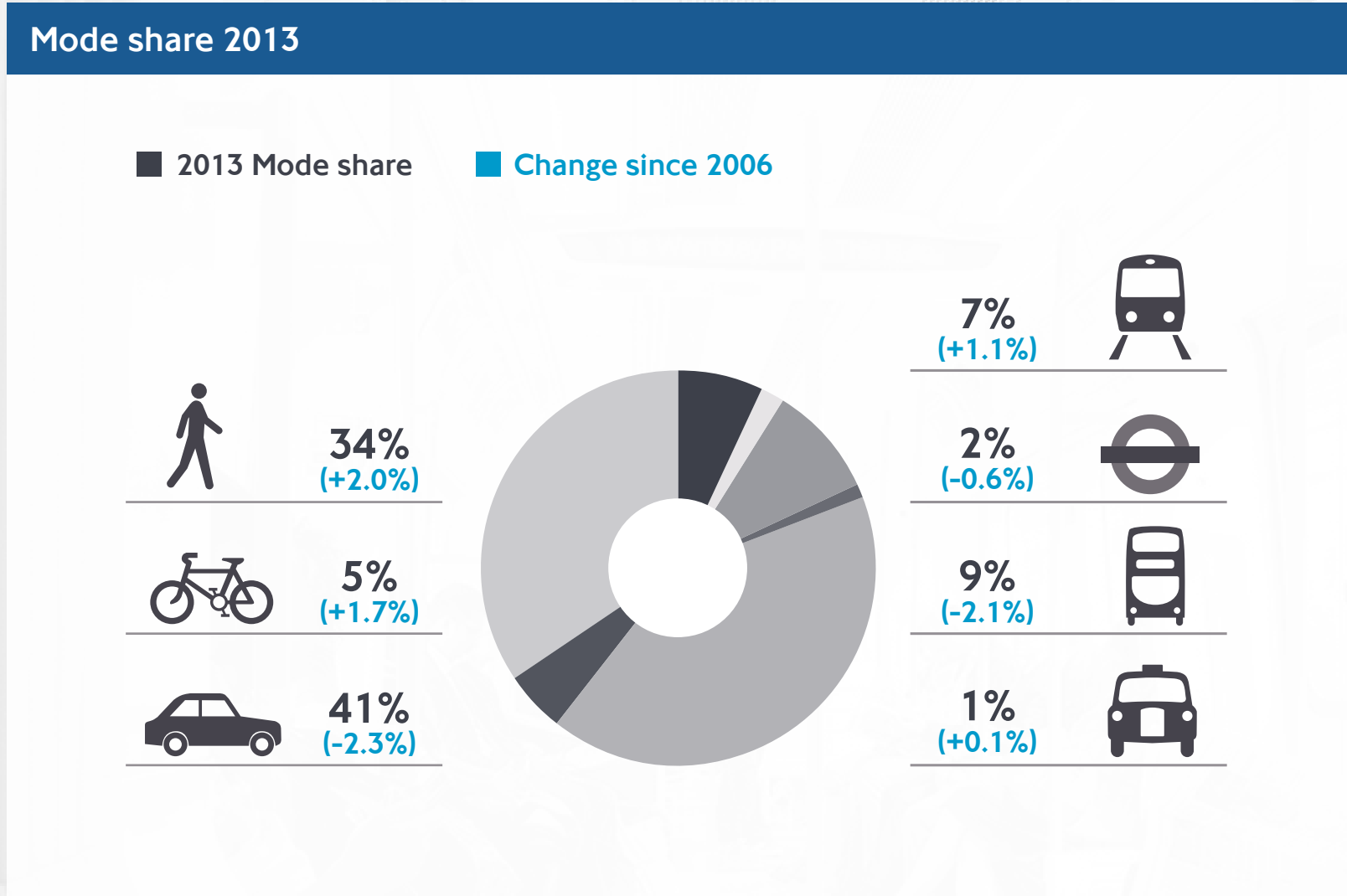


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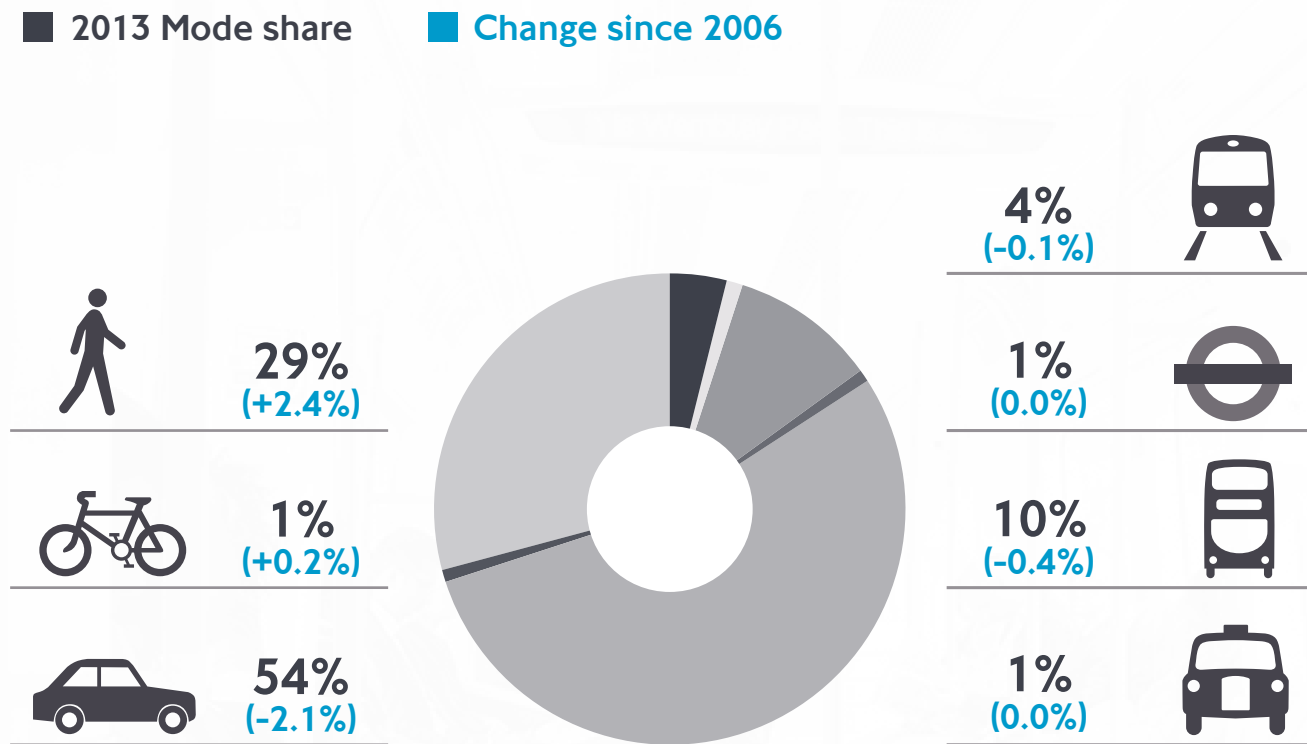
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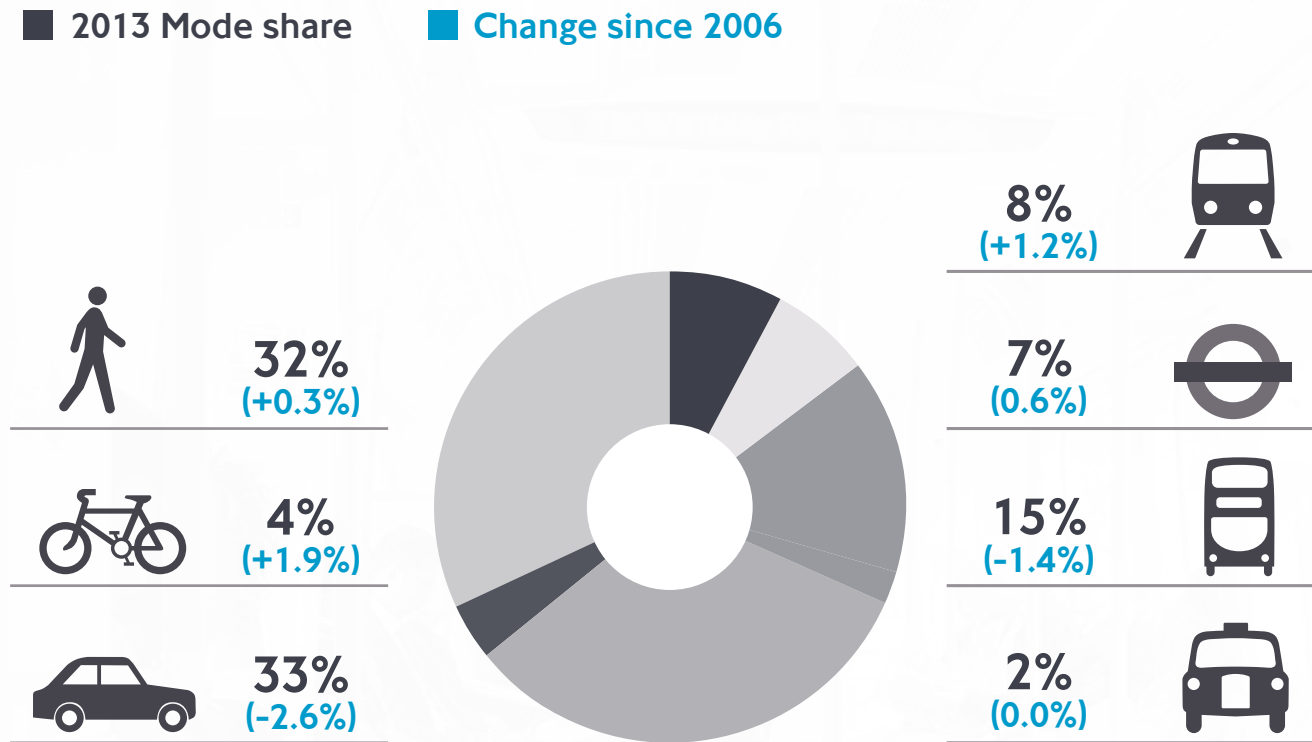
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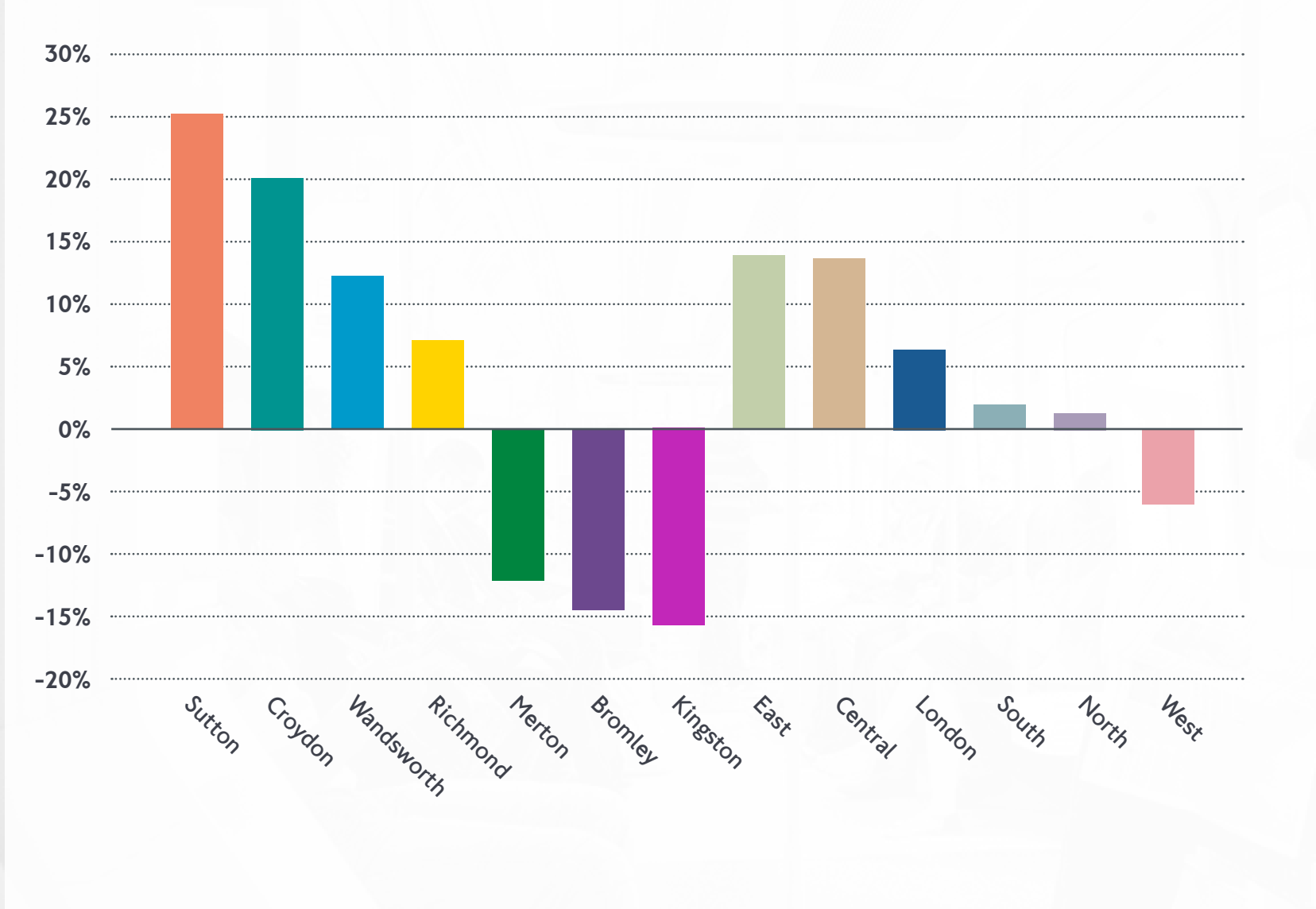
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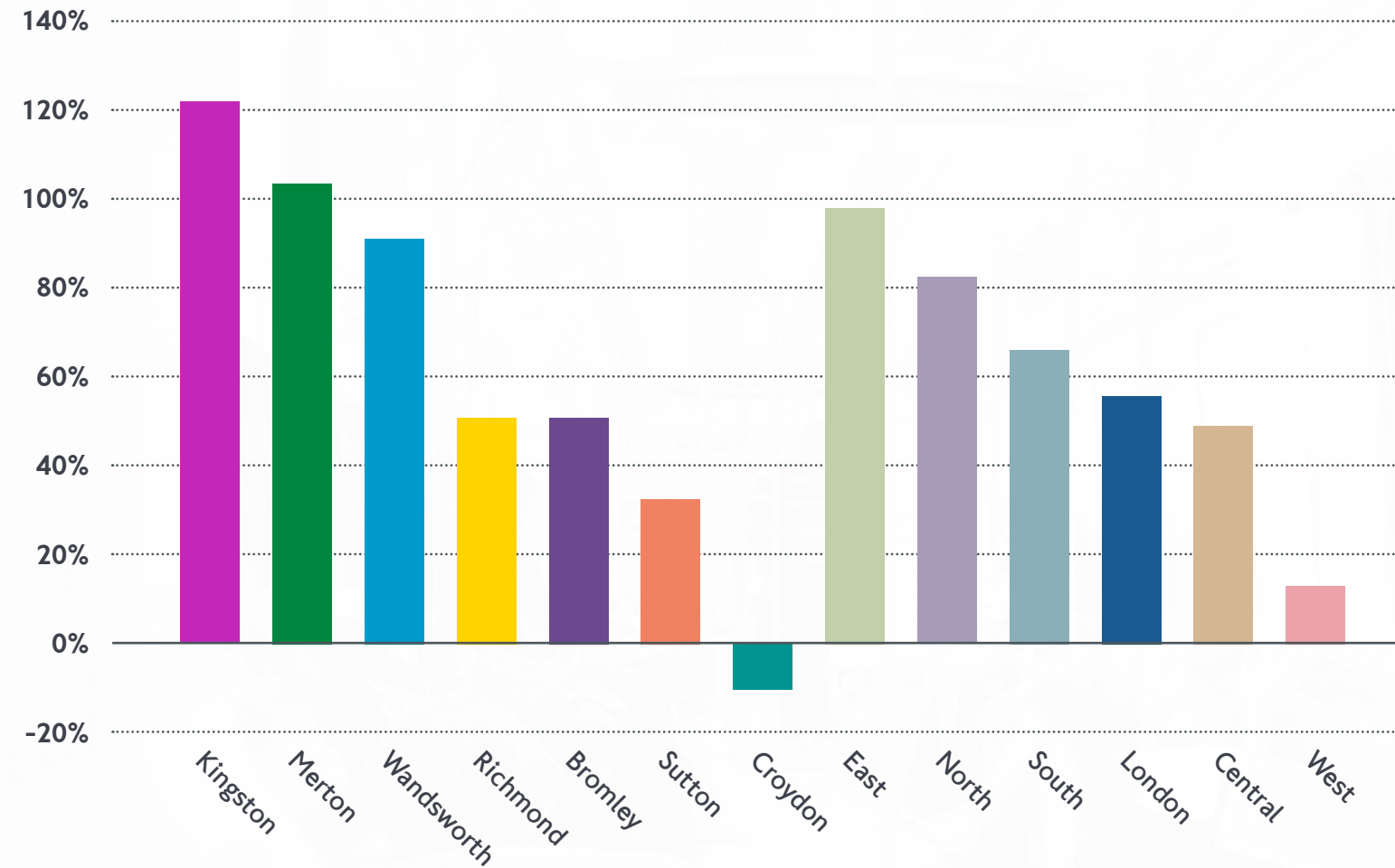
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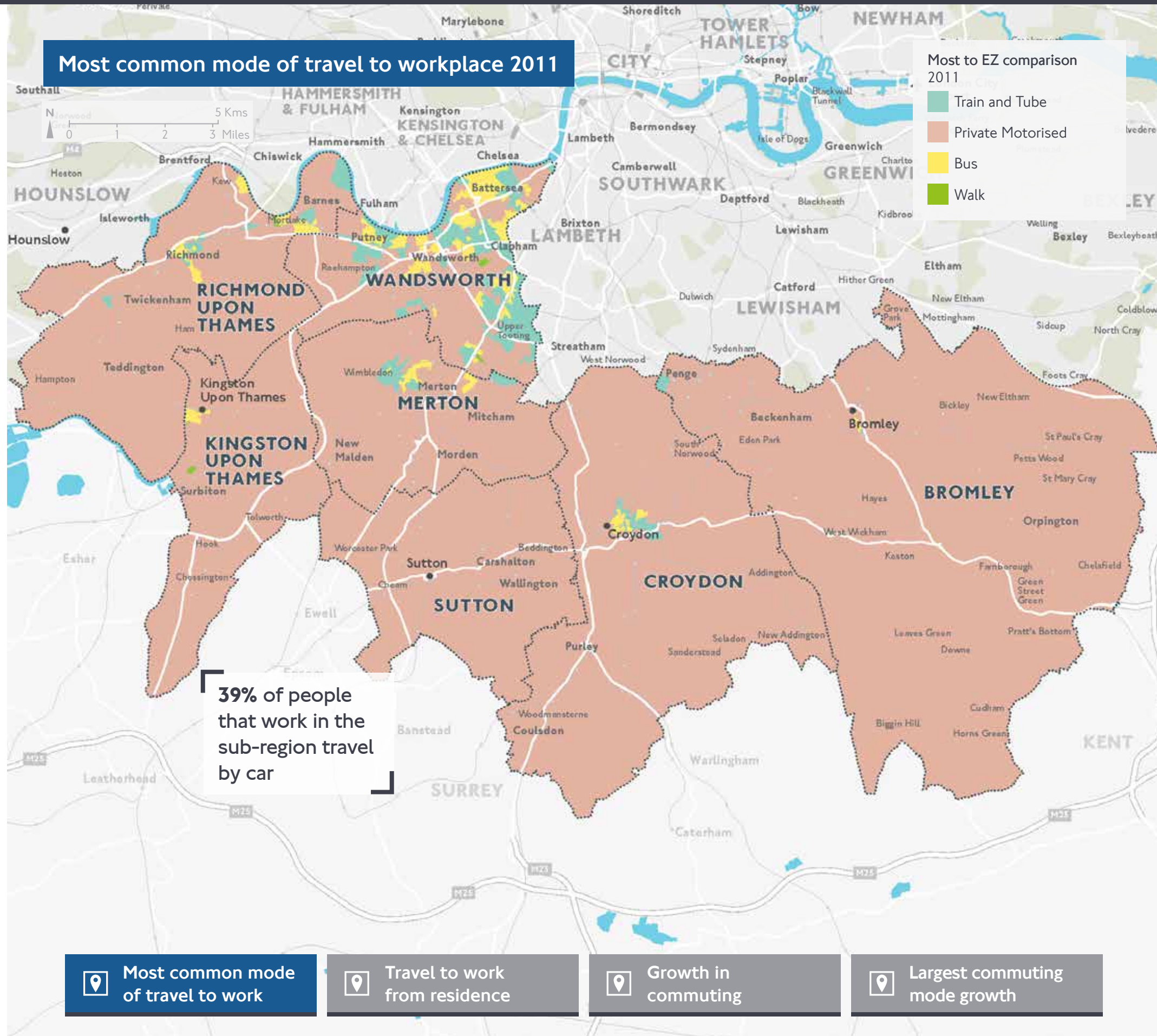


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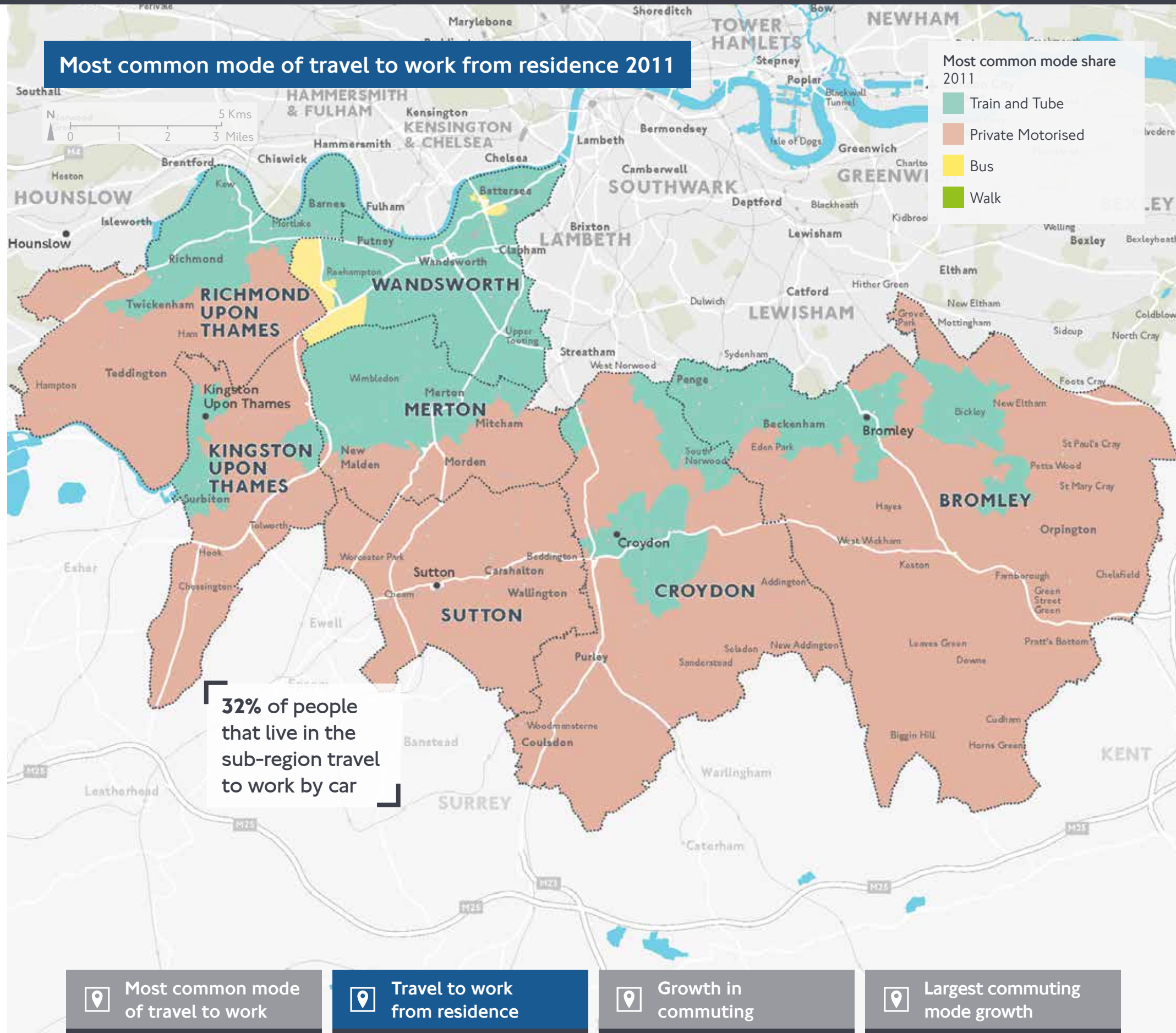


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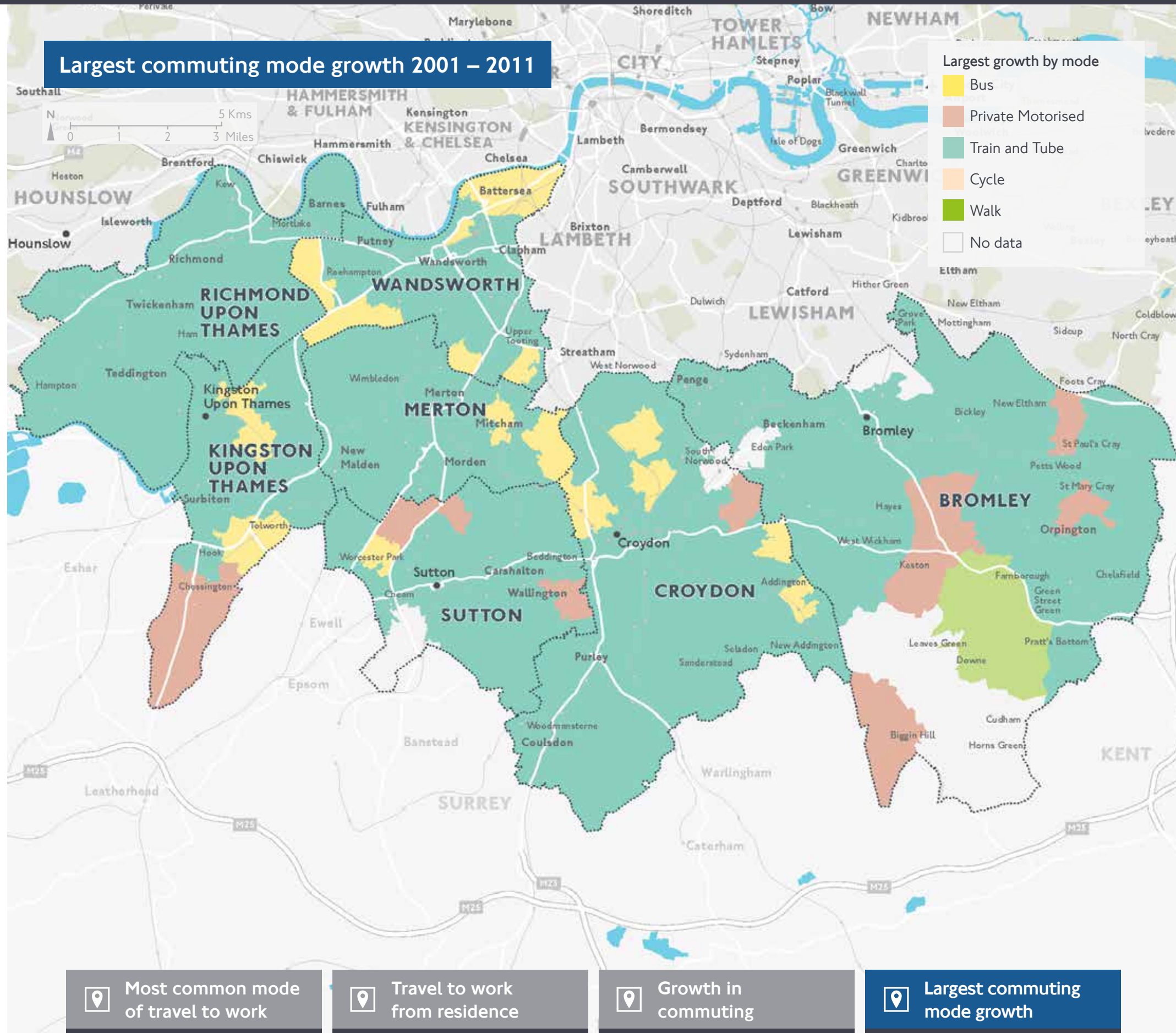
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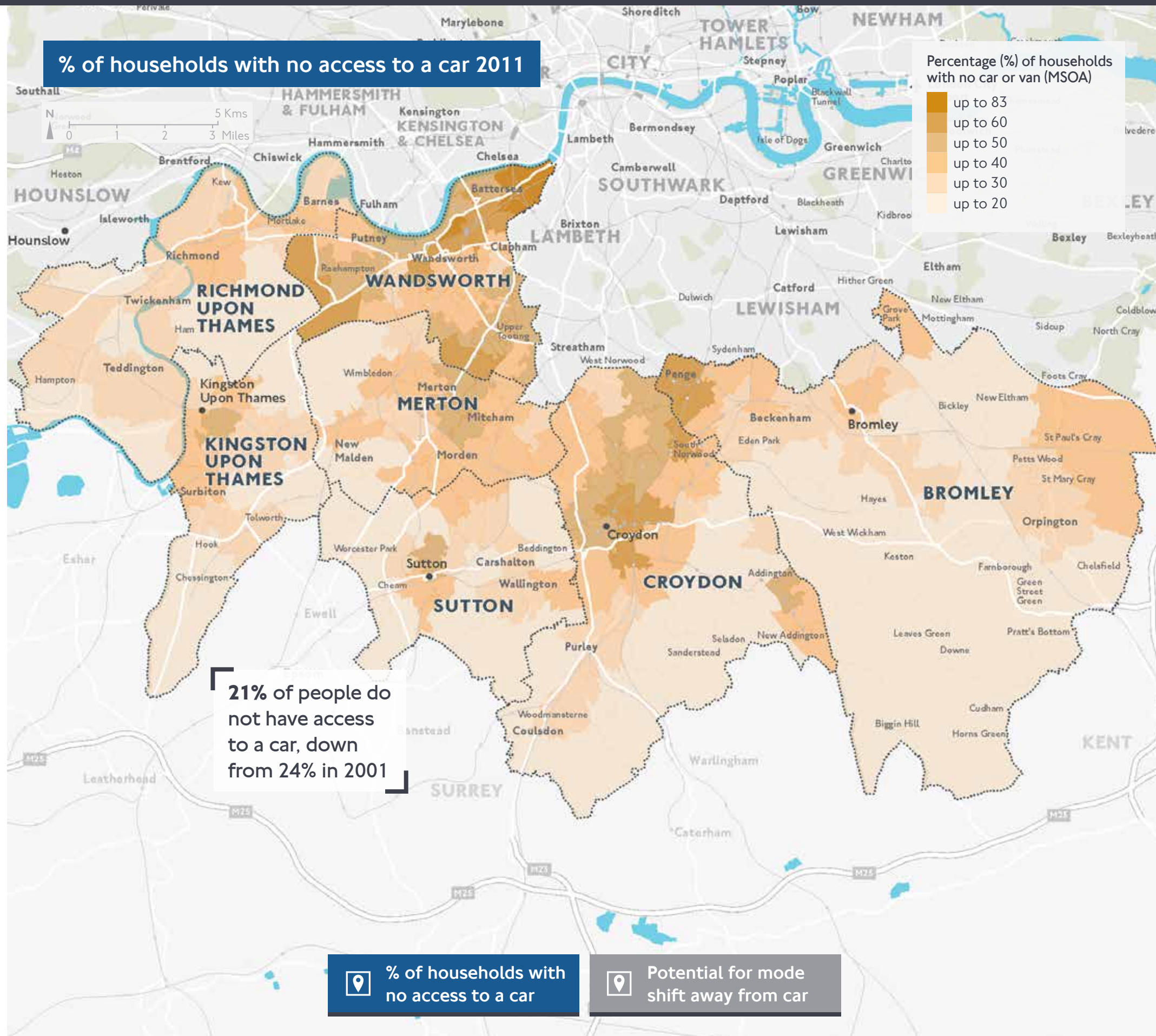
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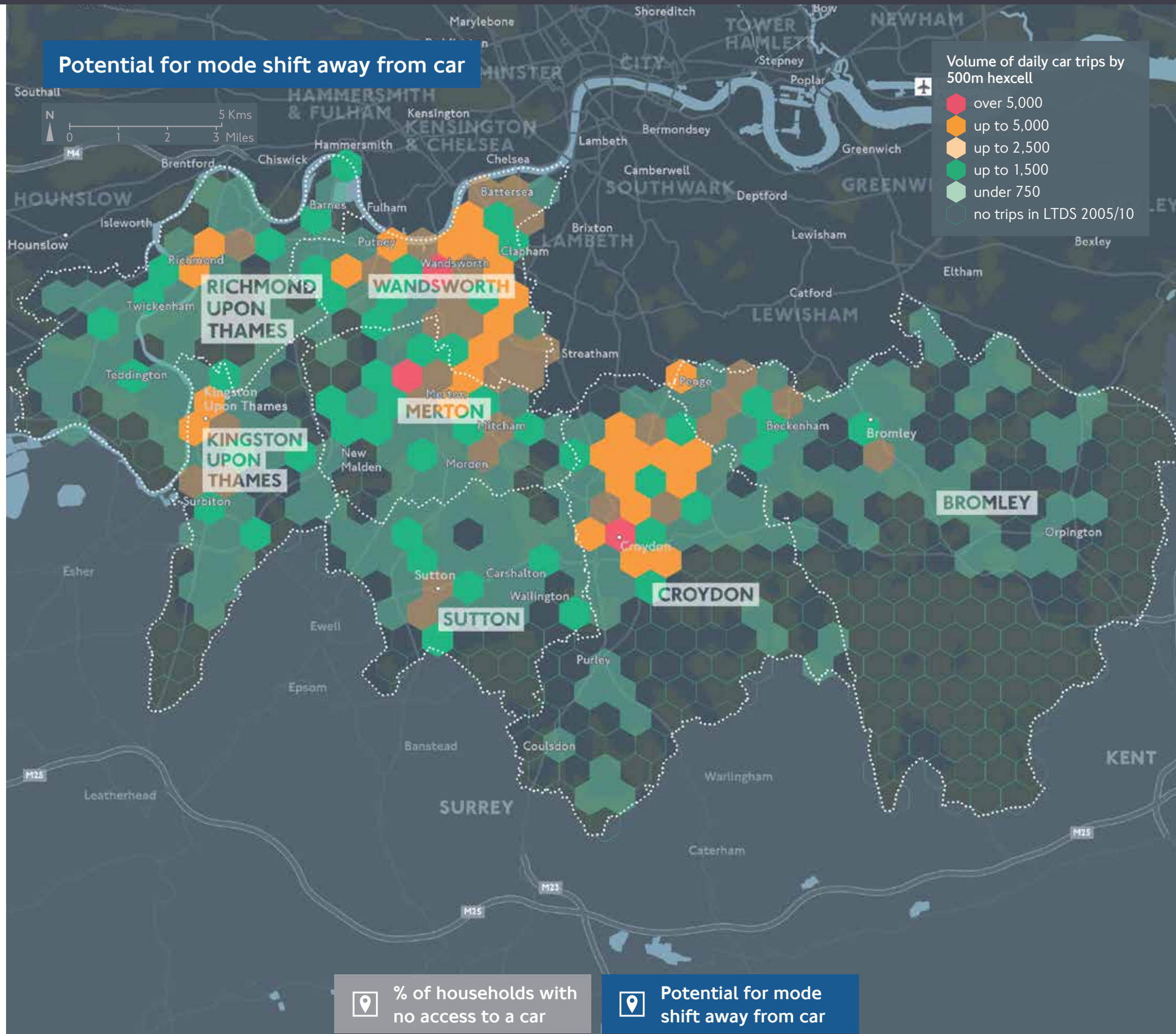
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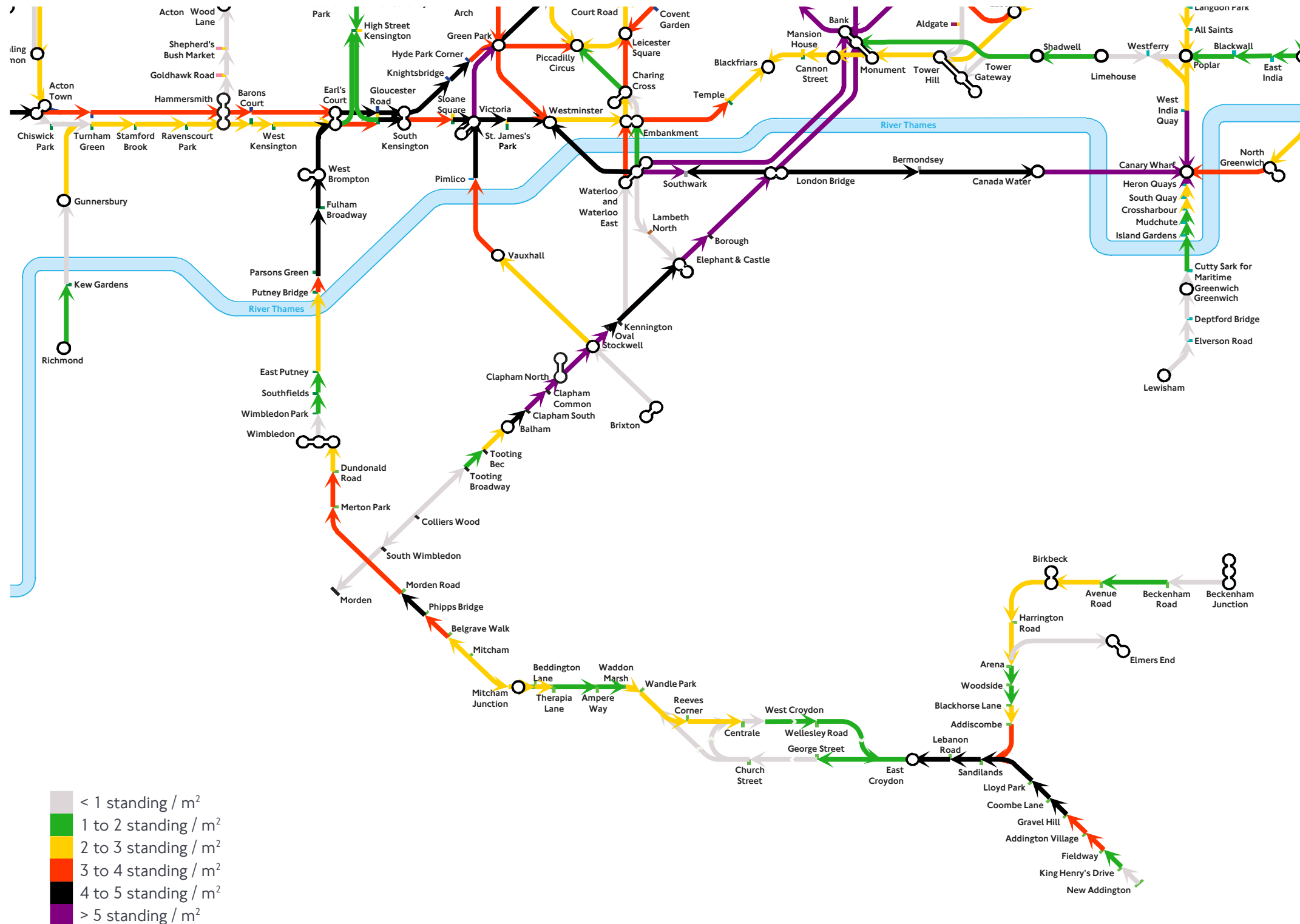


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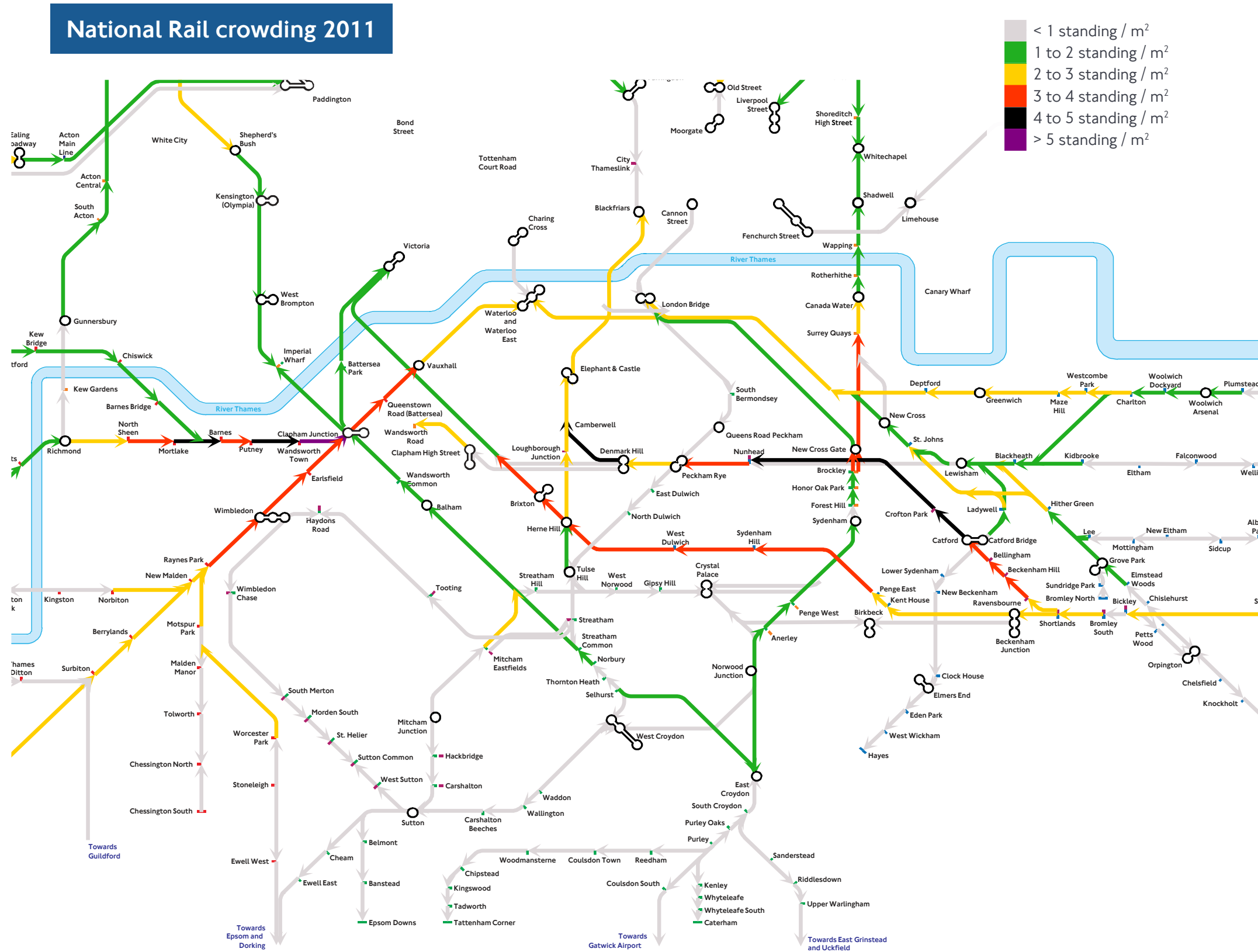
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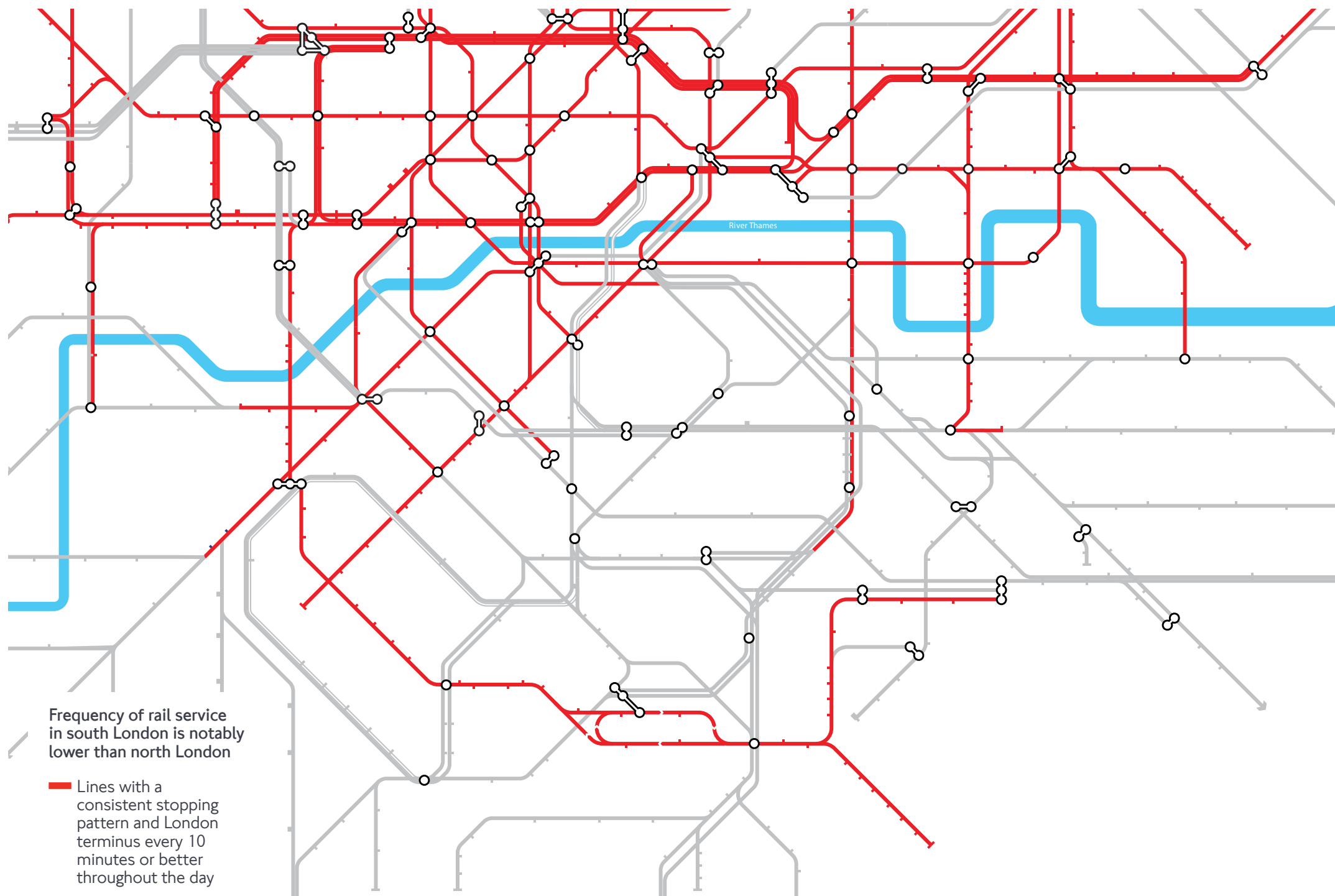
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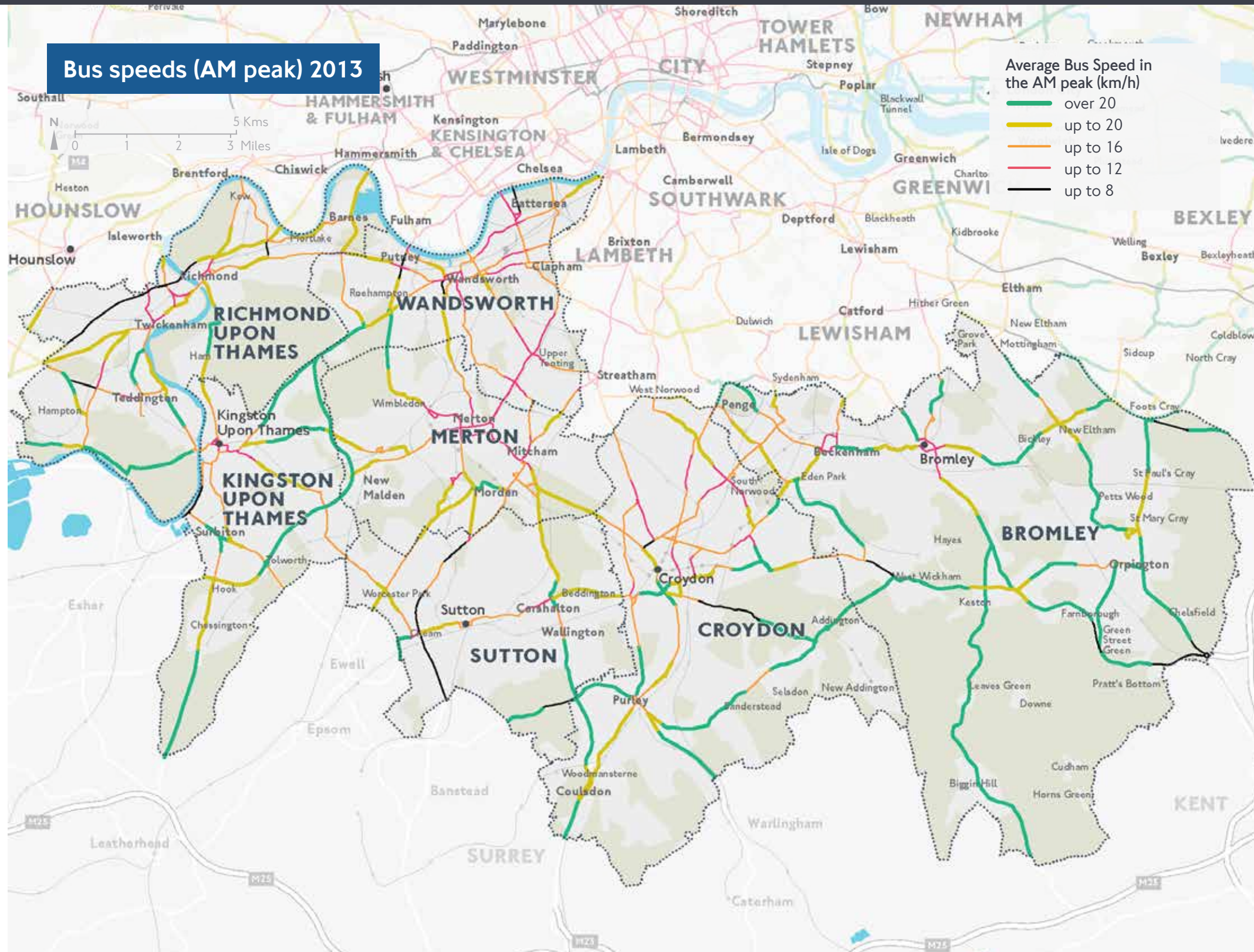
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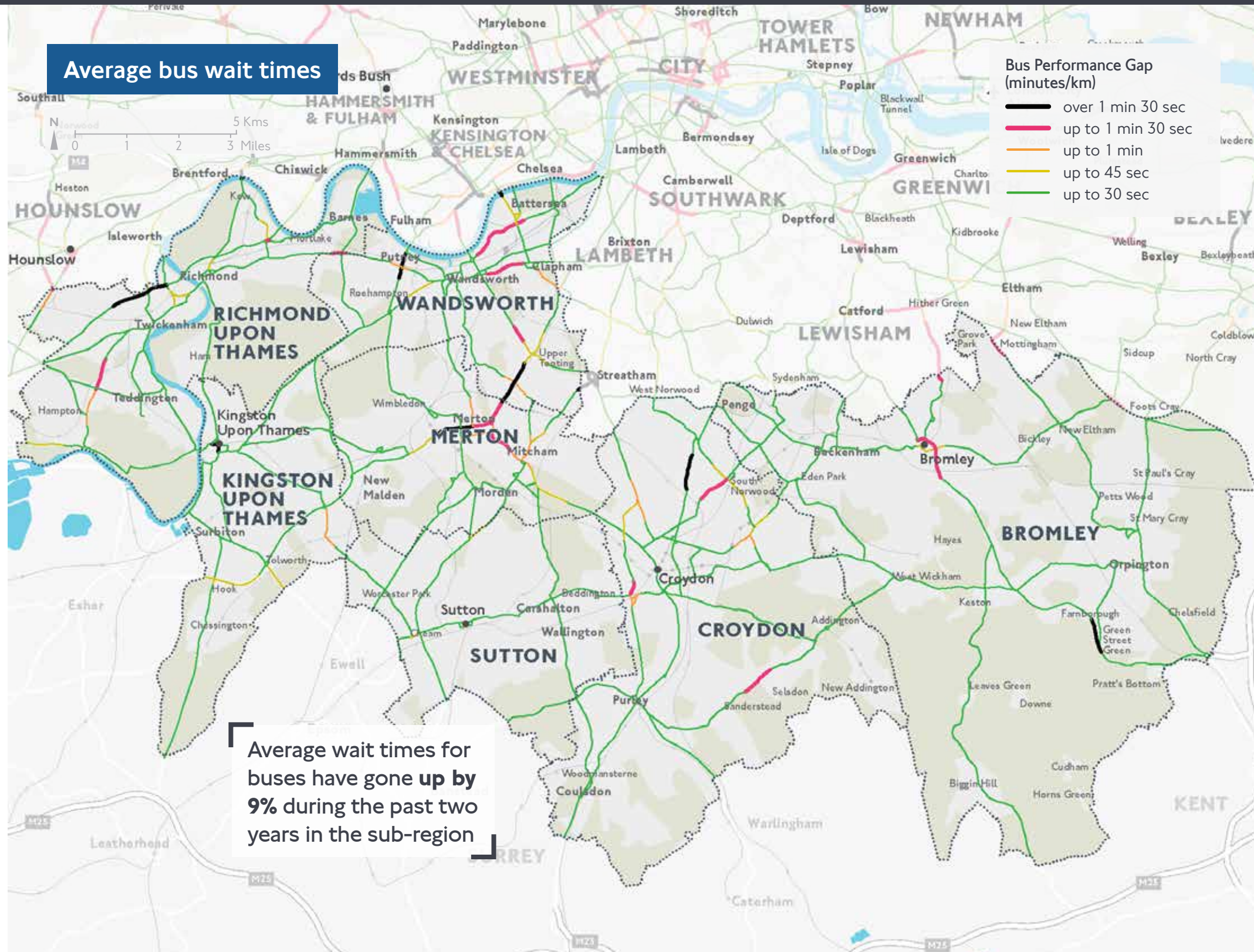
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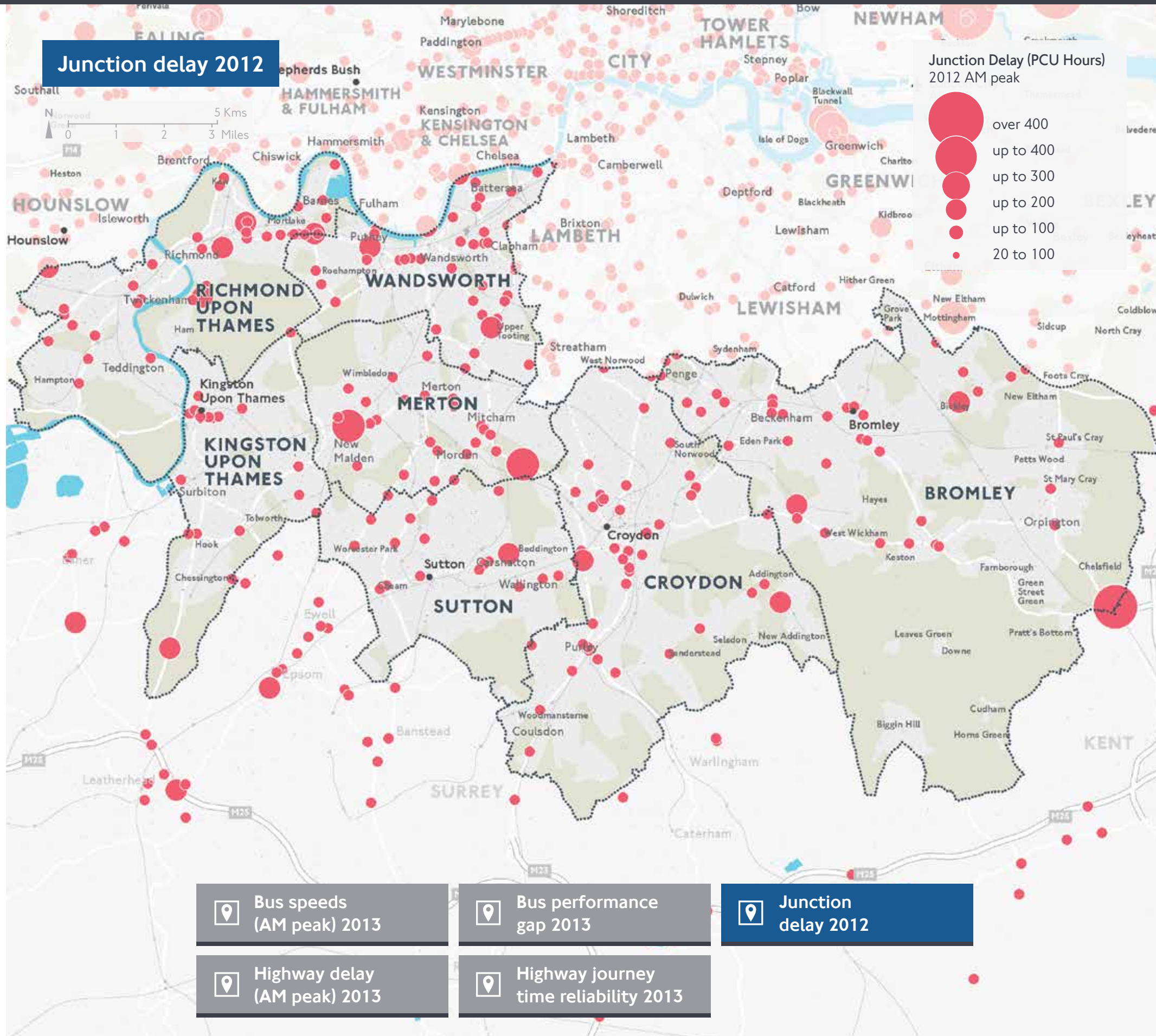
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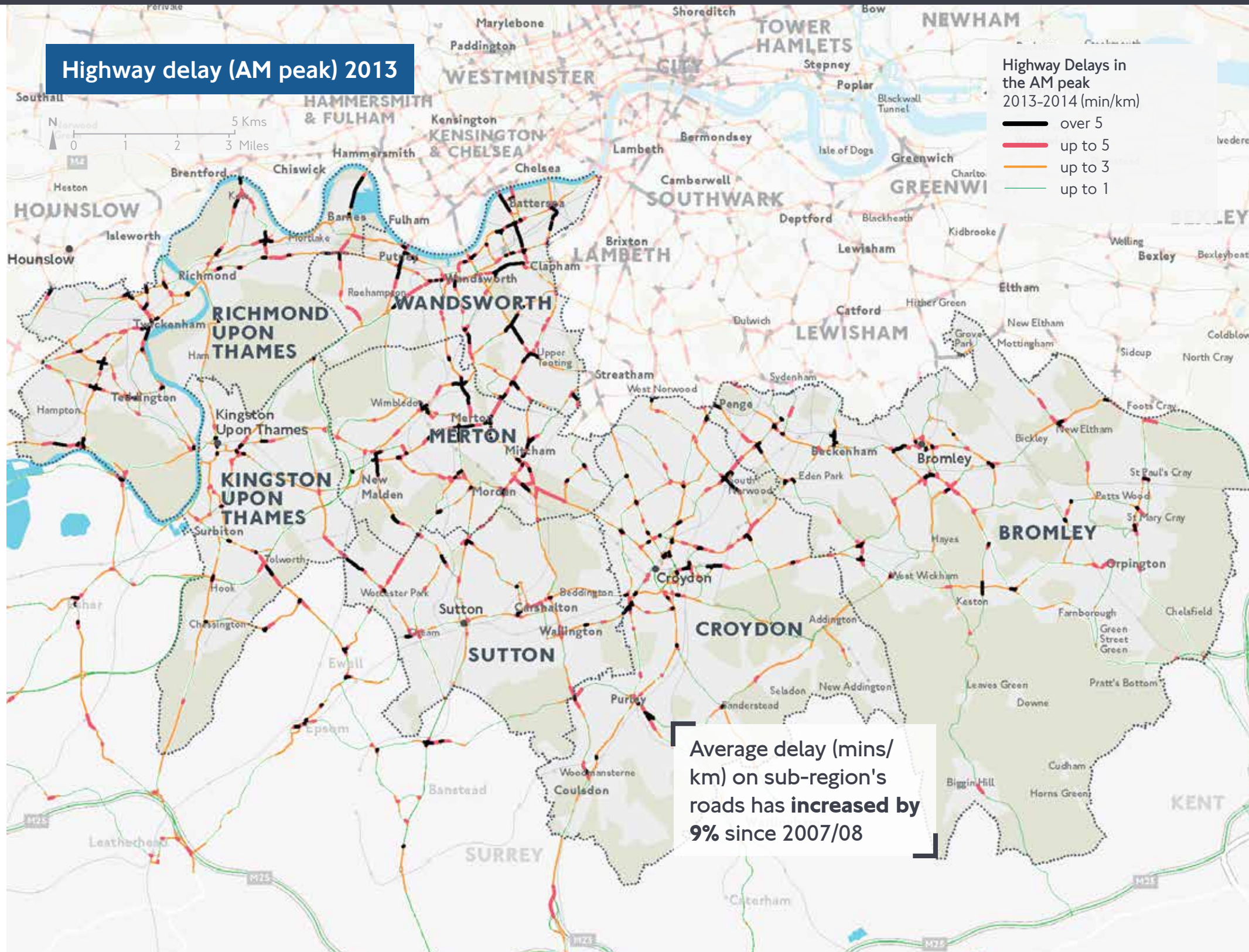


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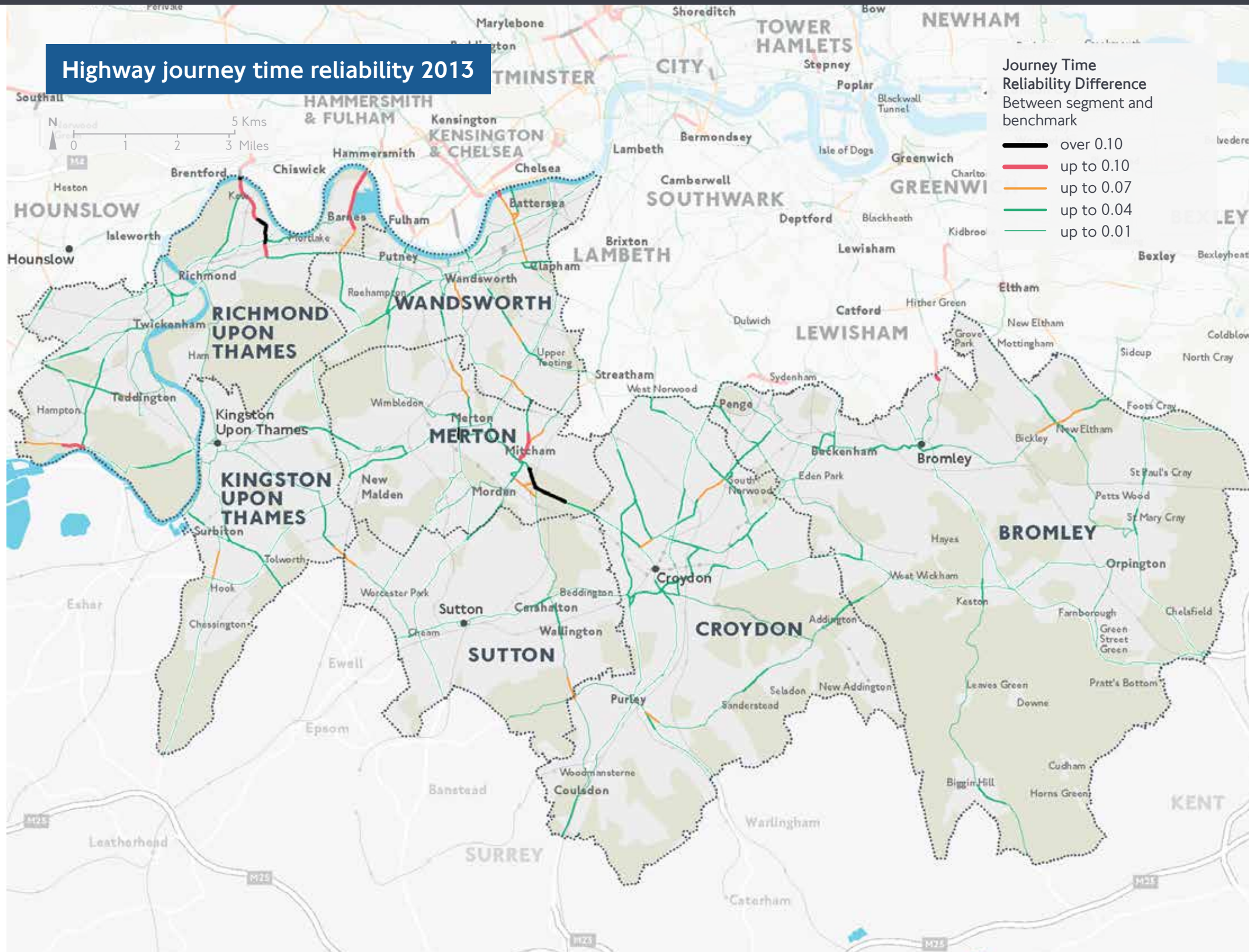
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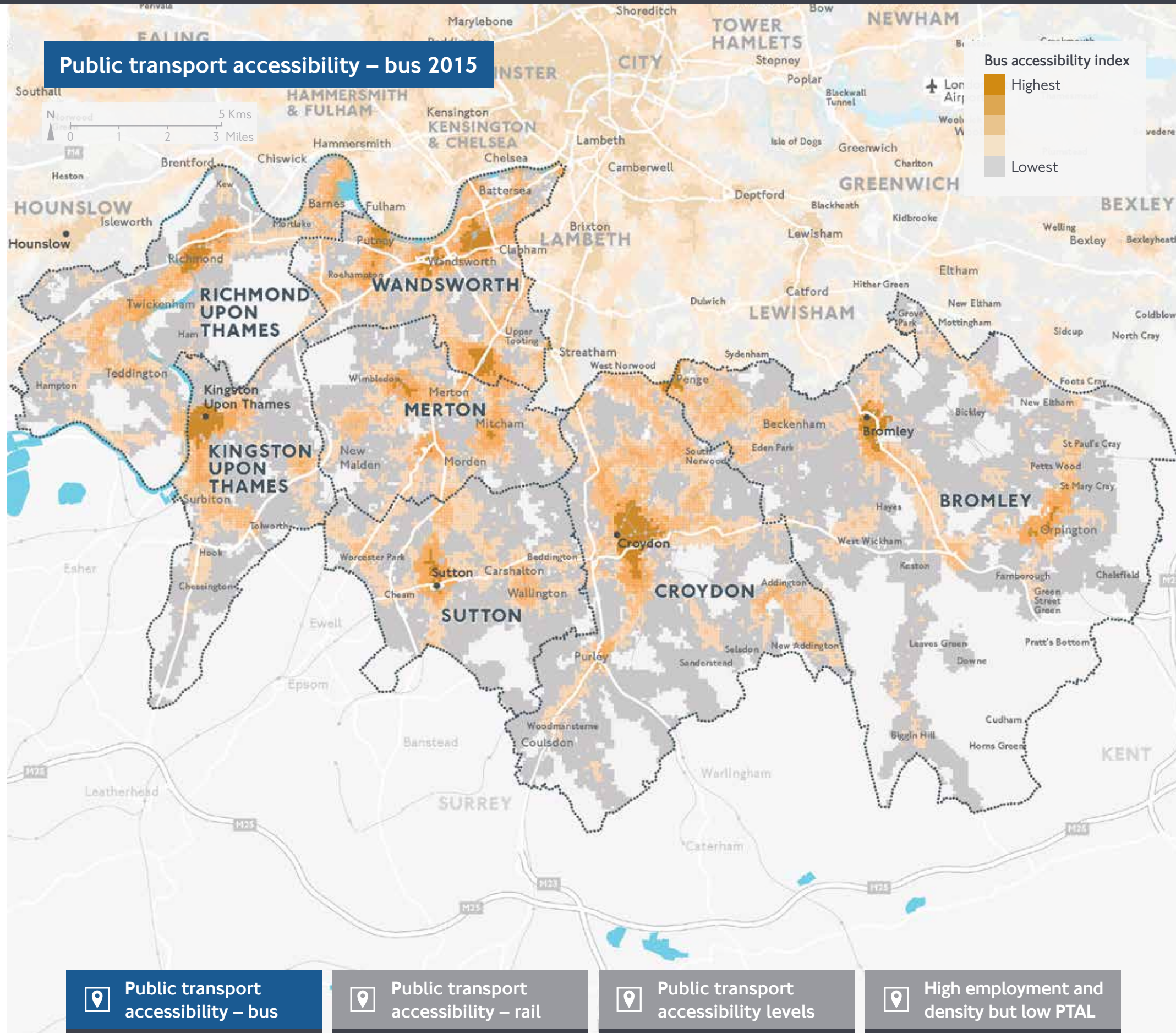
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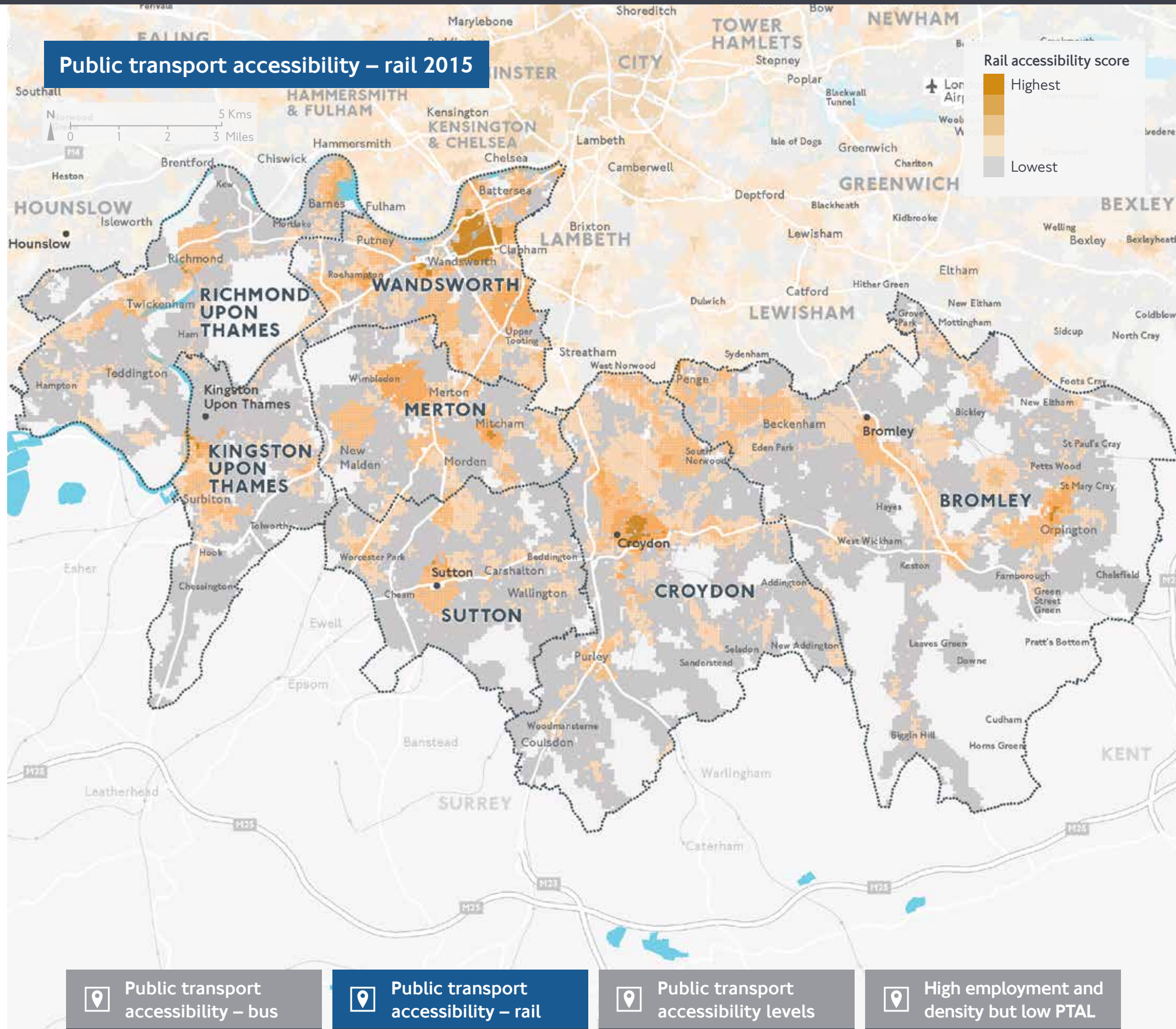
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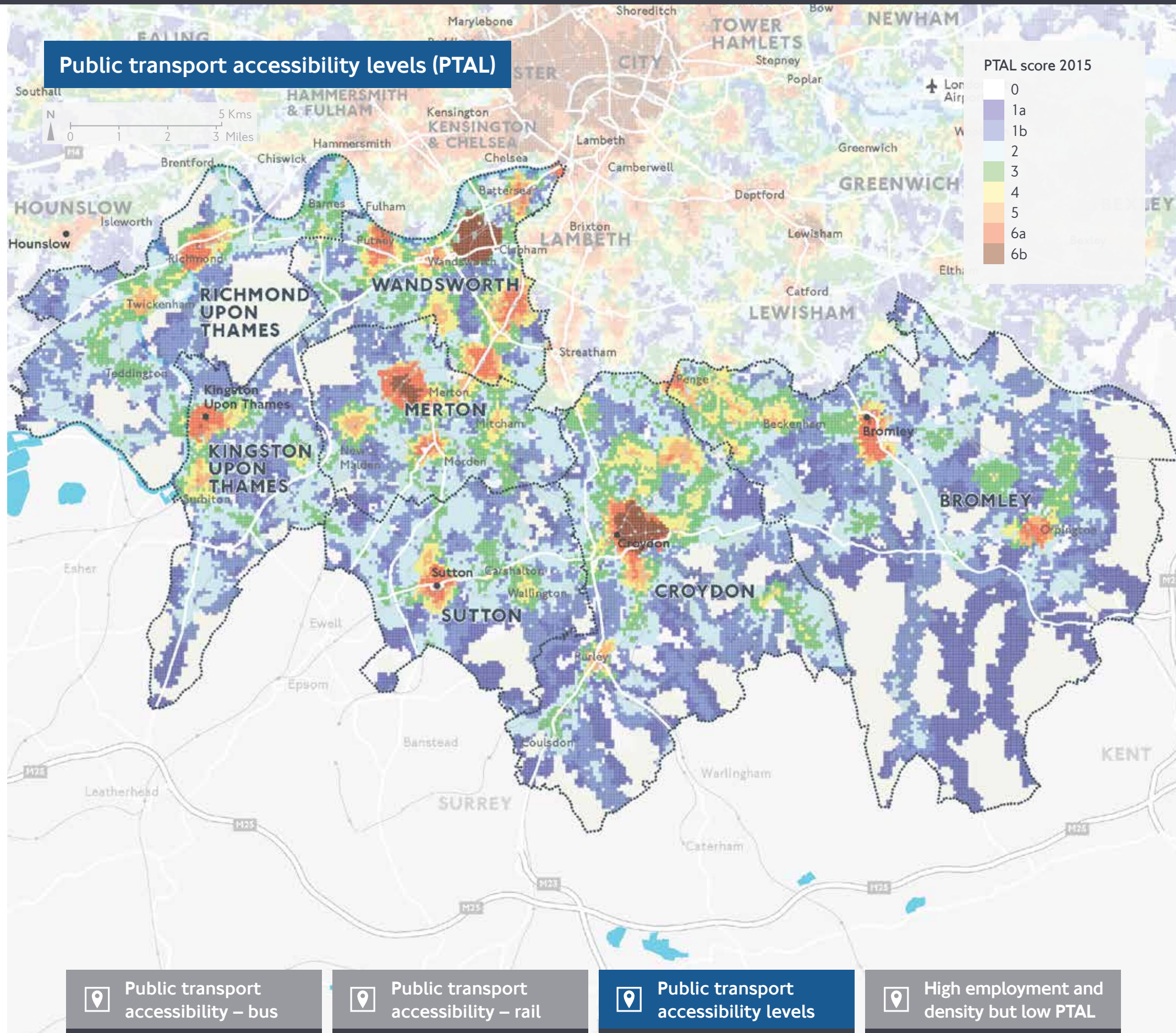
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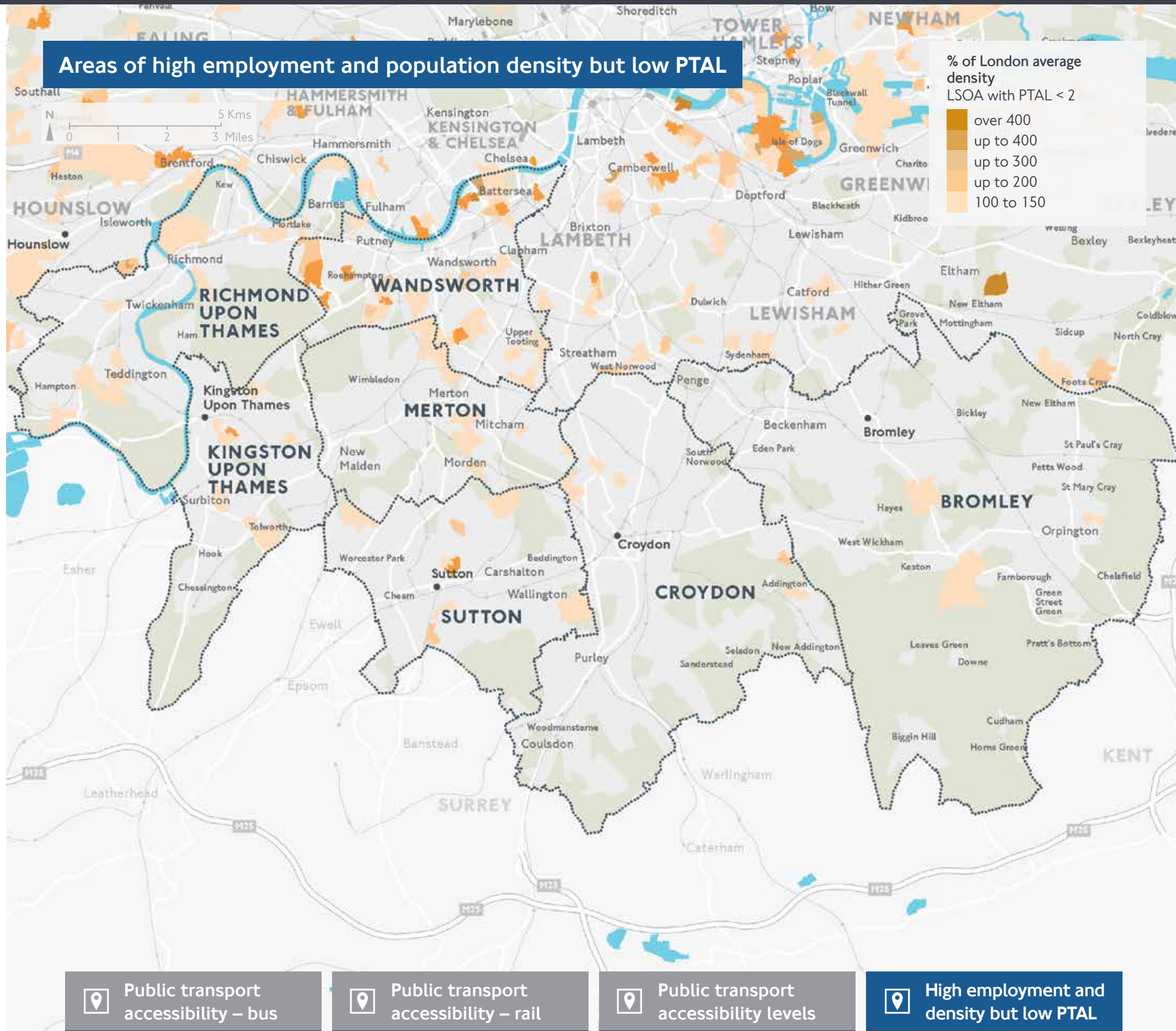
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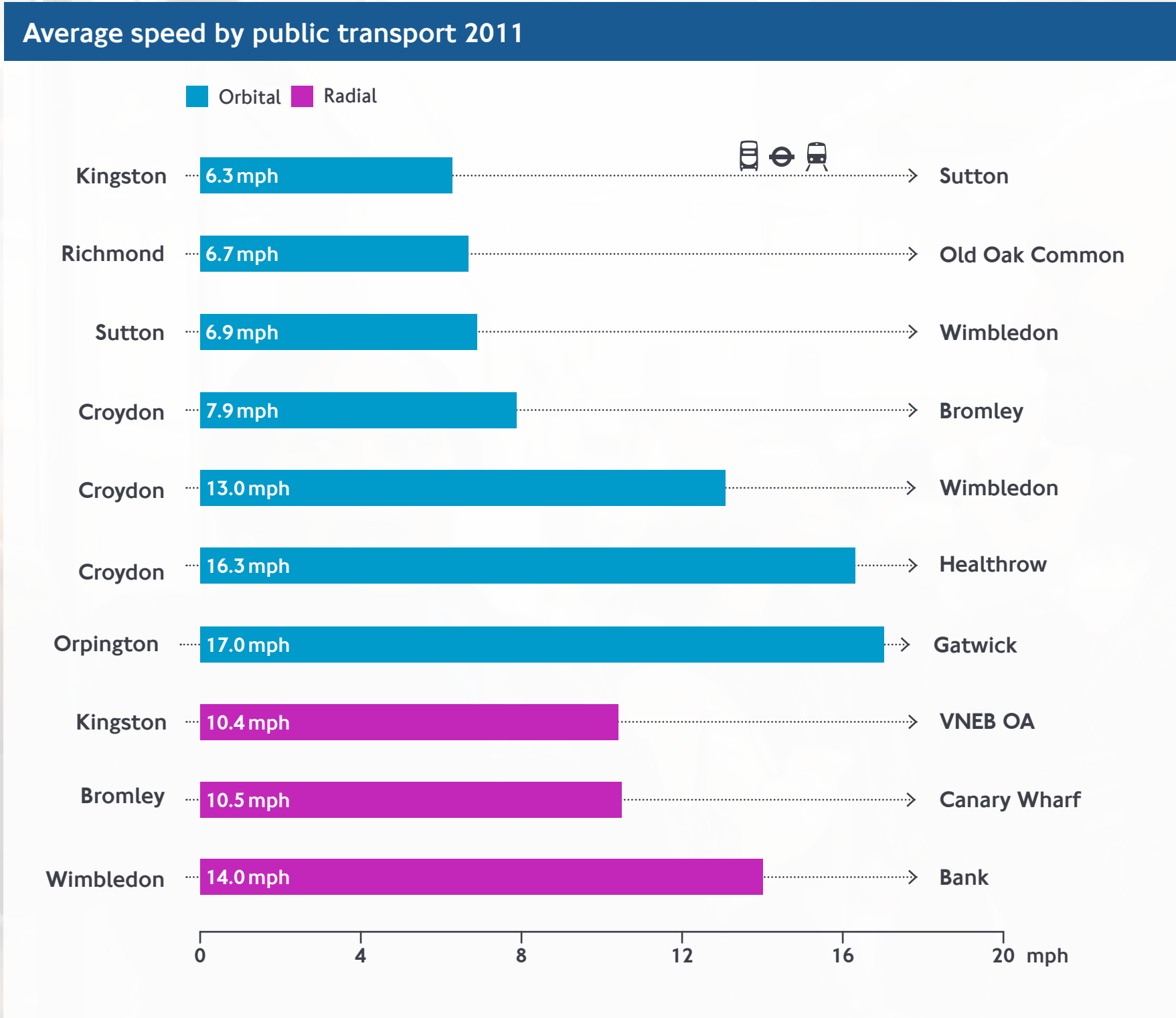


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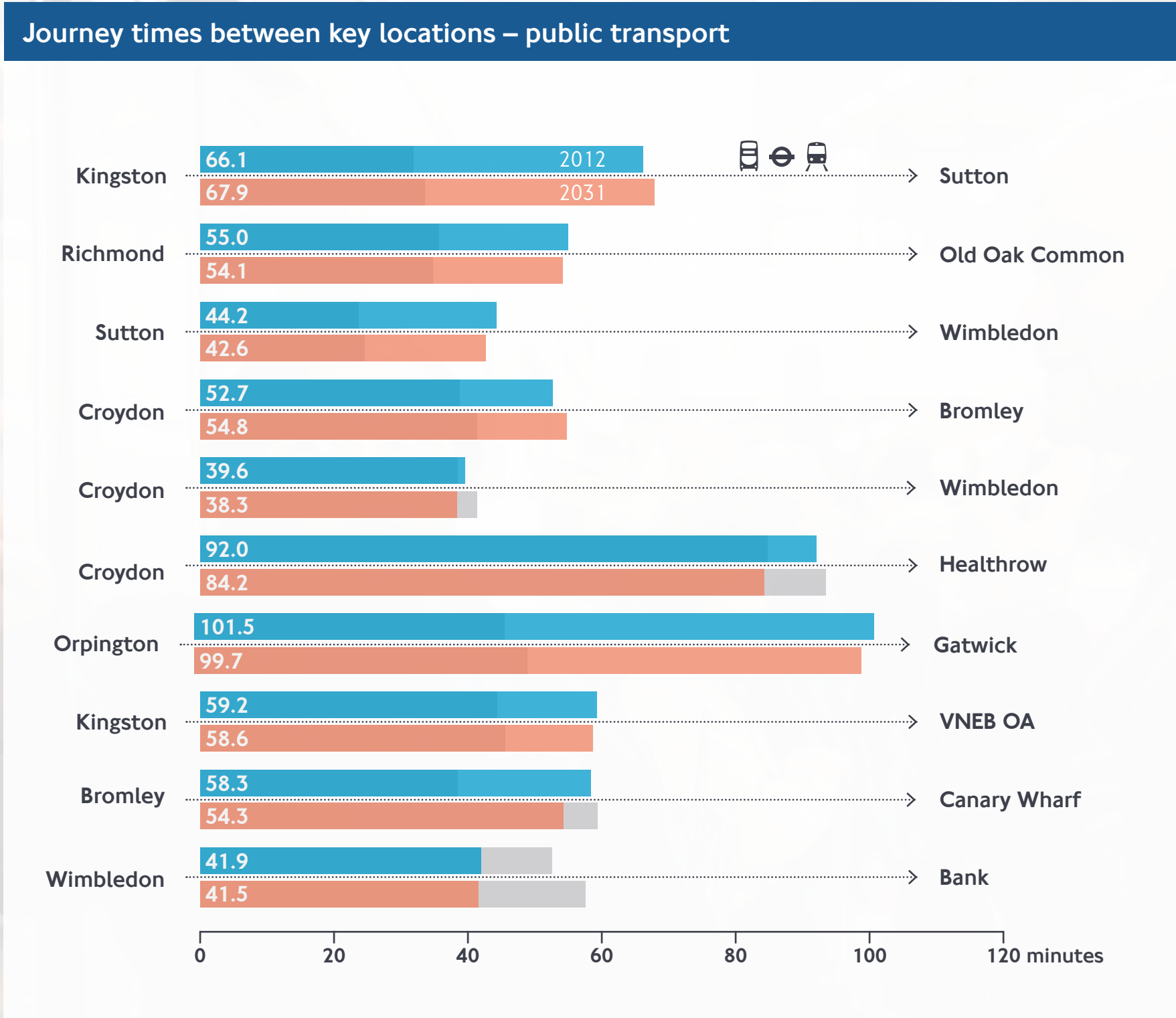
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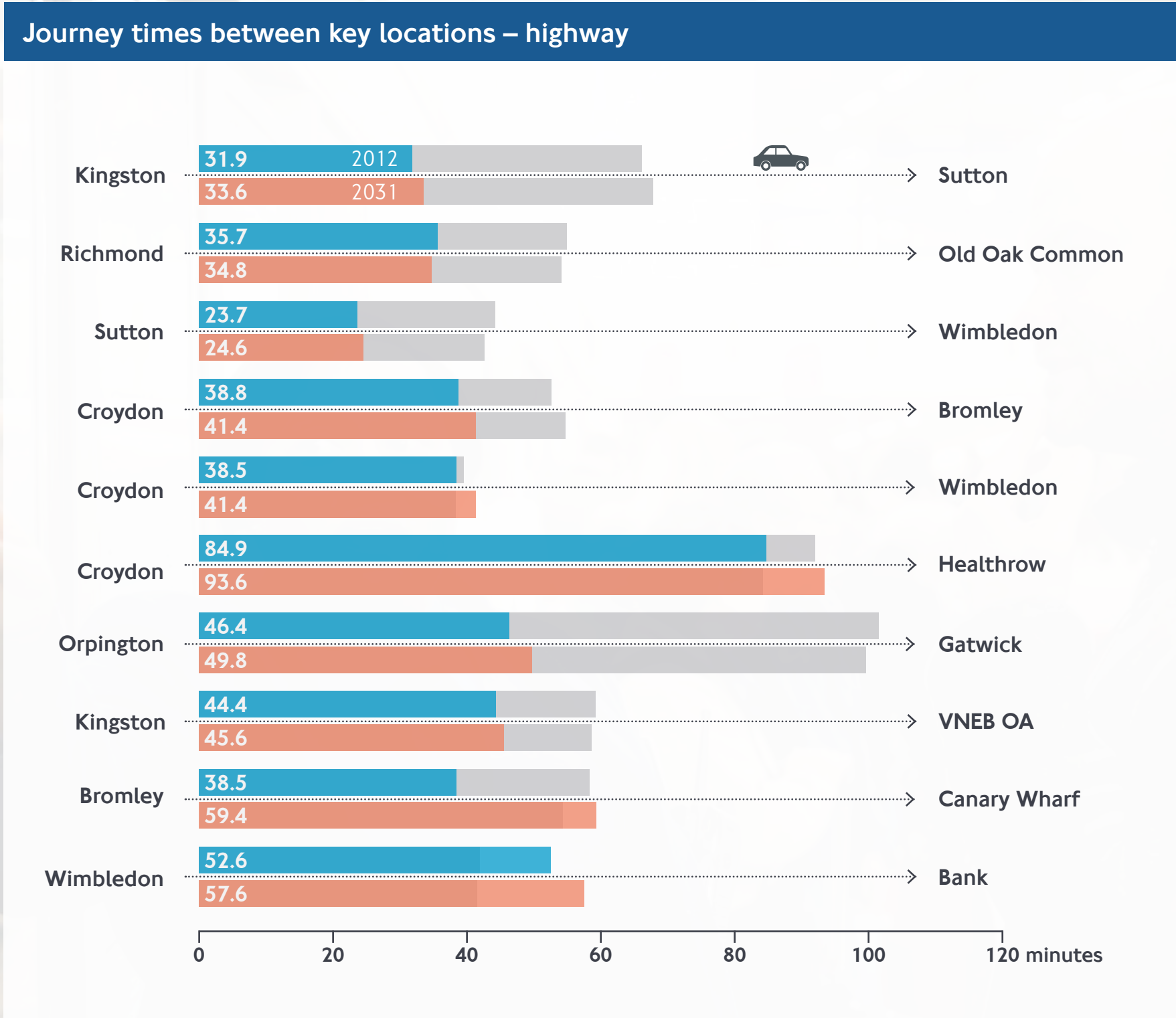
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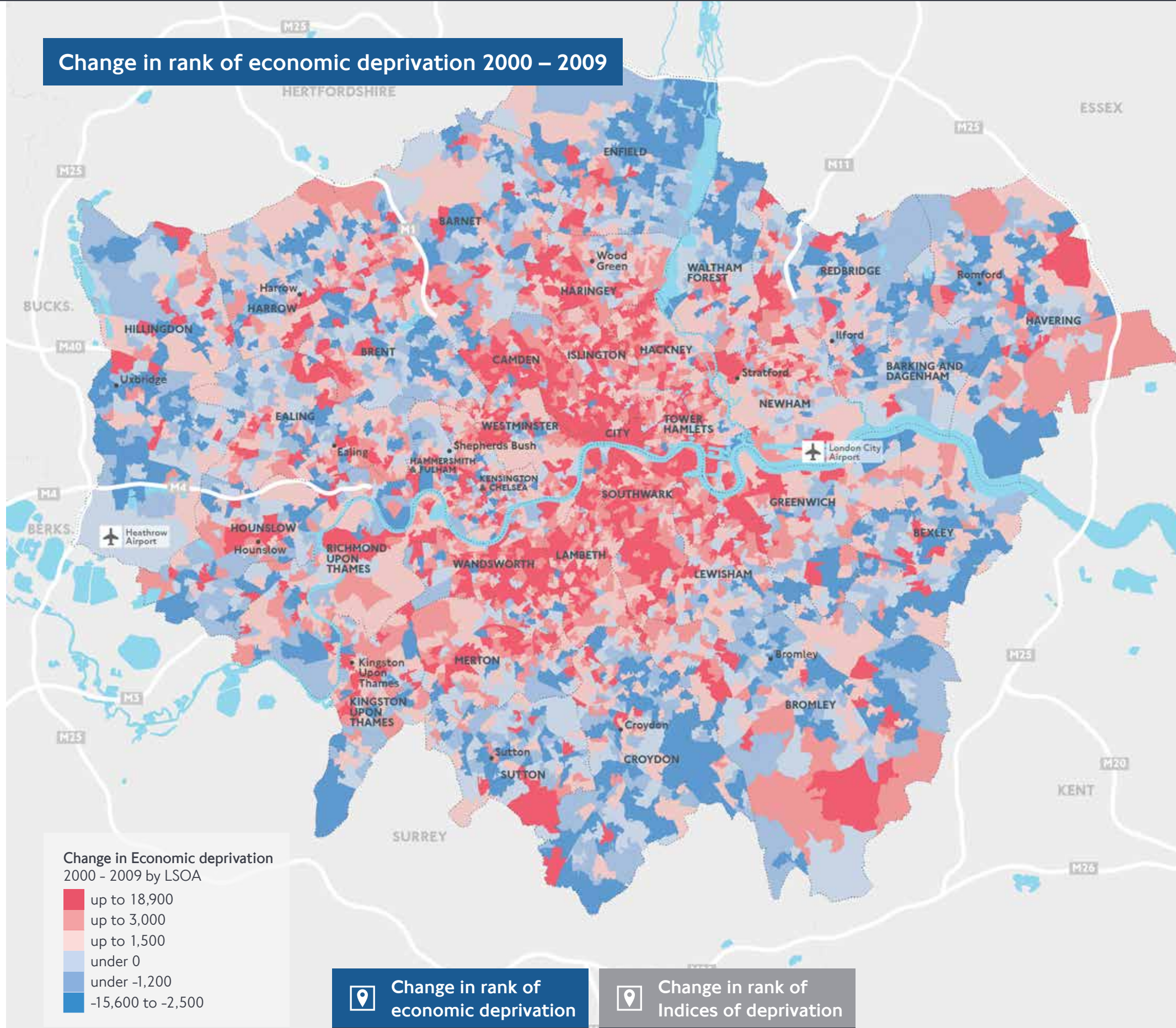


Outer London has seen an increase in relative deprivation

The pattern of deprivation in London is changing, with Inner London becoming less deprived and Outer London becoming more deprived in relative terms. The reasons for this are complex, but include an influx of well qualified, high earning people into Inner London, as well as housing affordability pressures pushing less affluent groups into Outer London.

Changing patterns of deprivation mean that much of Croydon and Sutton, as well as parts of Kingston and Bromley, have become relatively more deprived.

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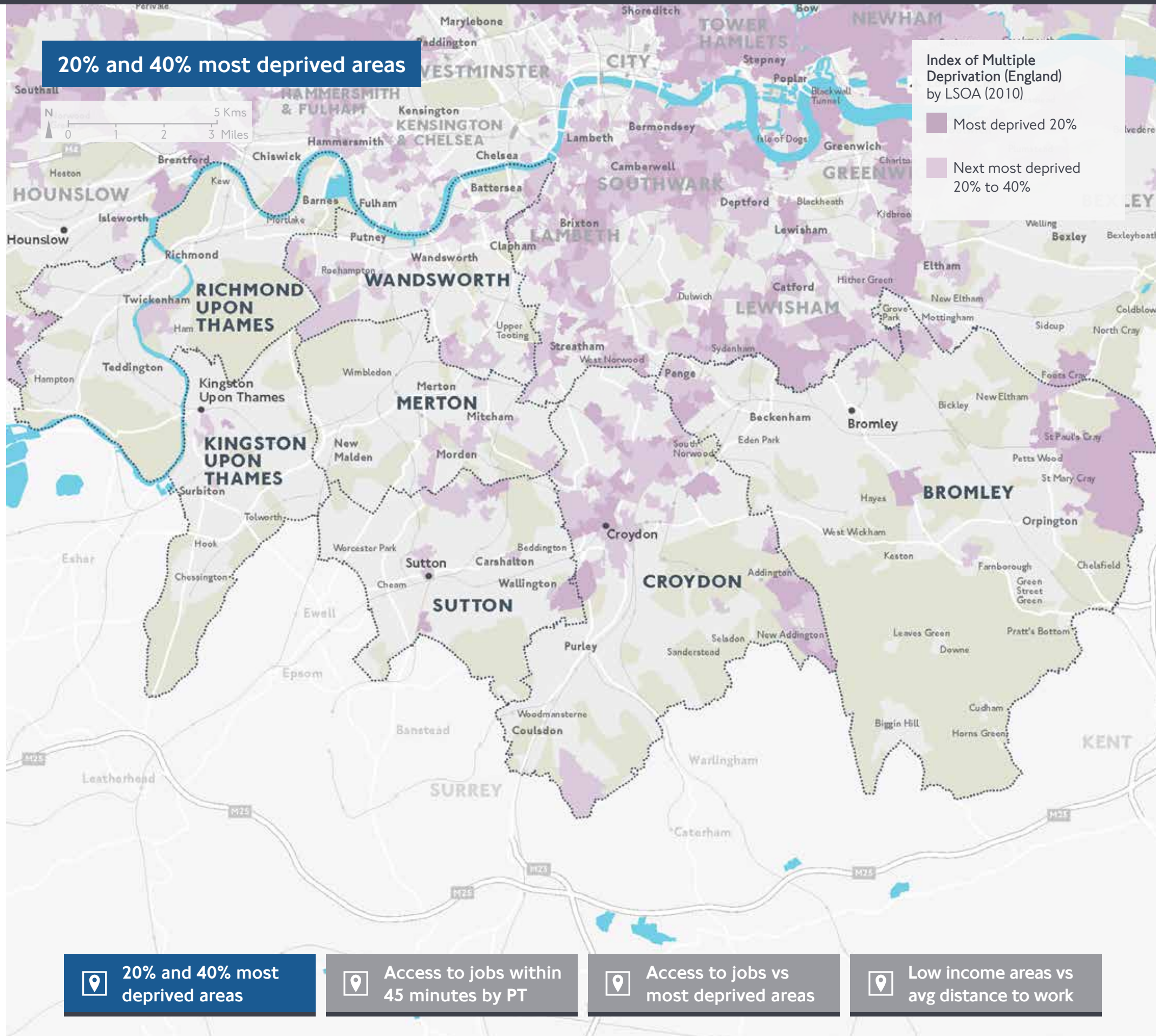


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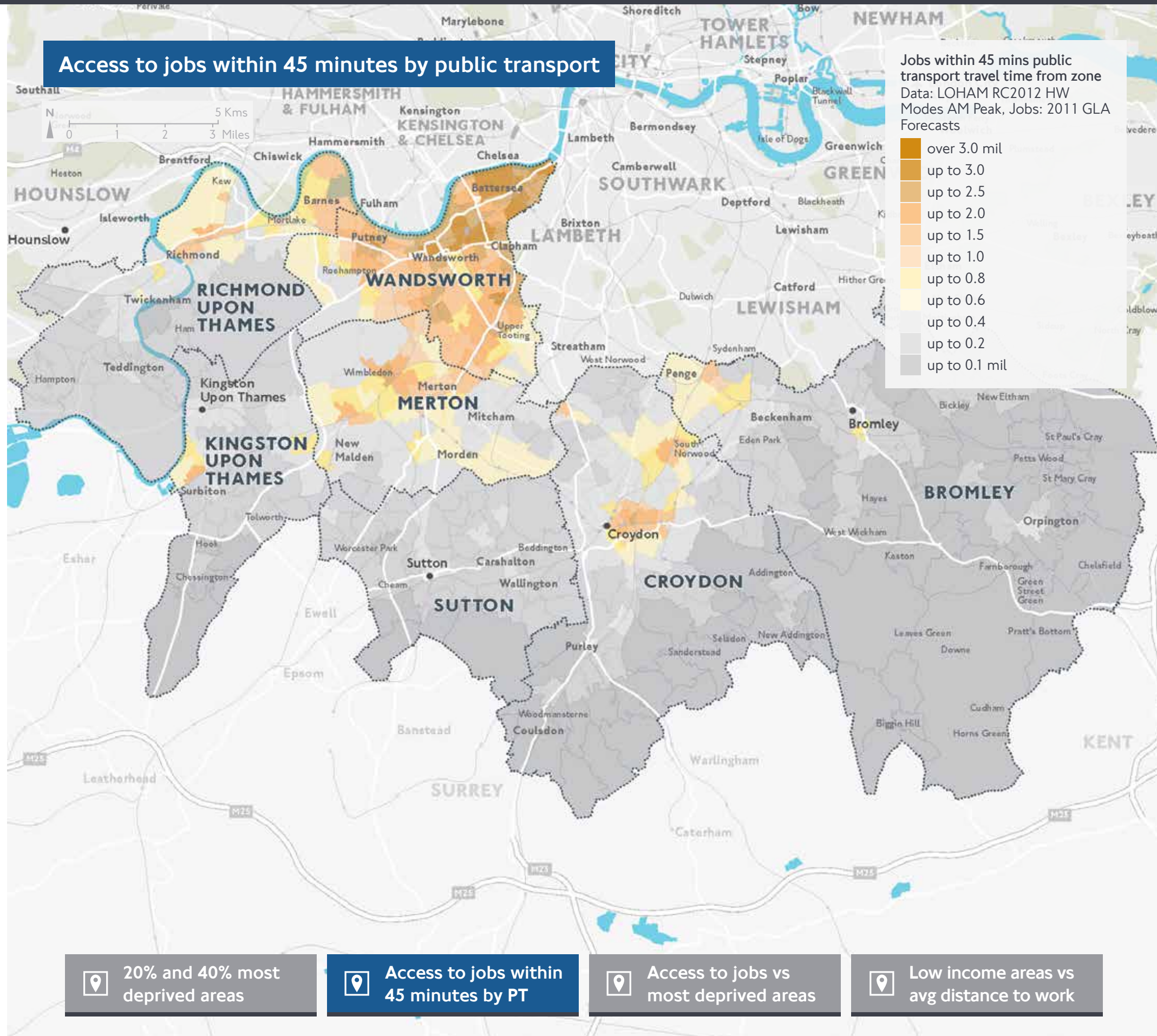


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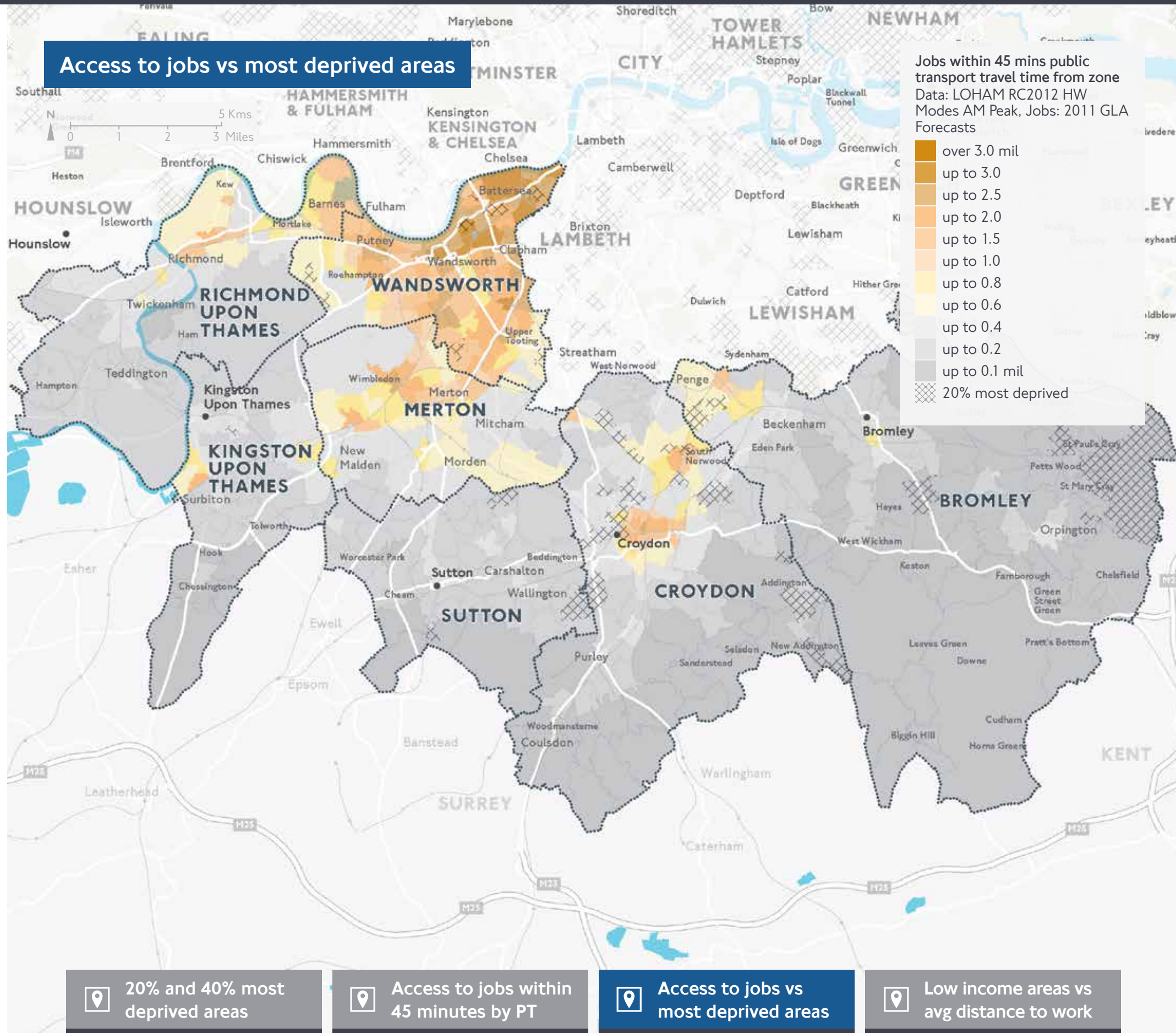


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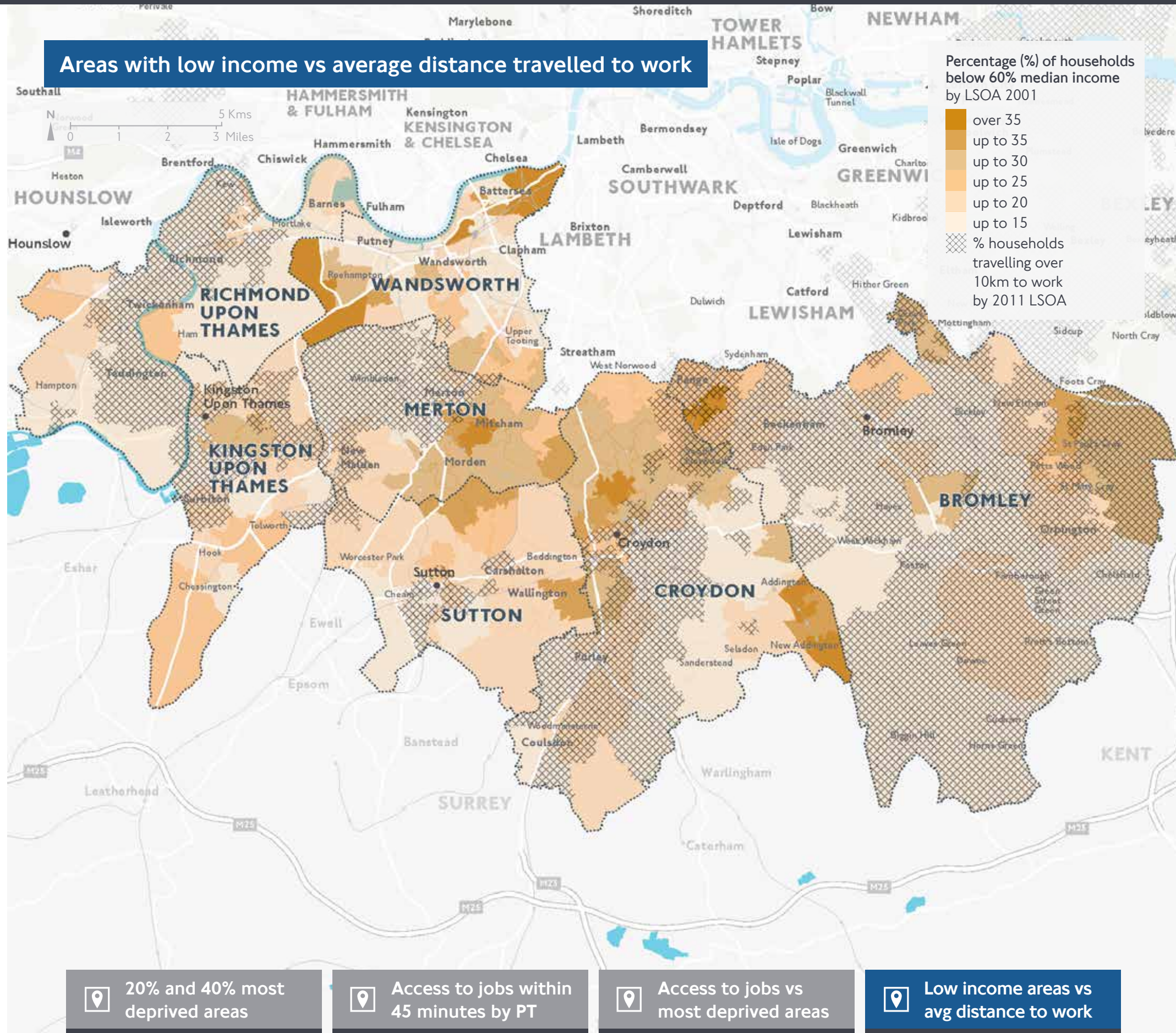


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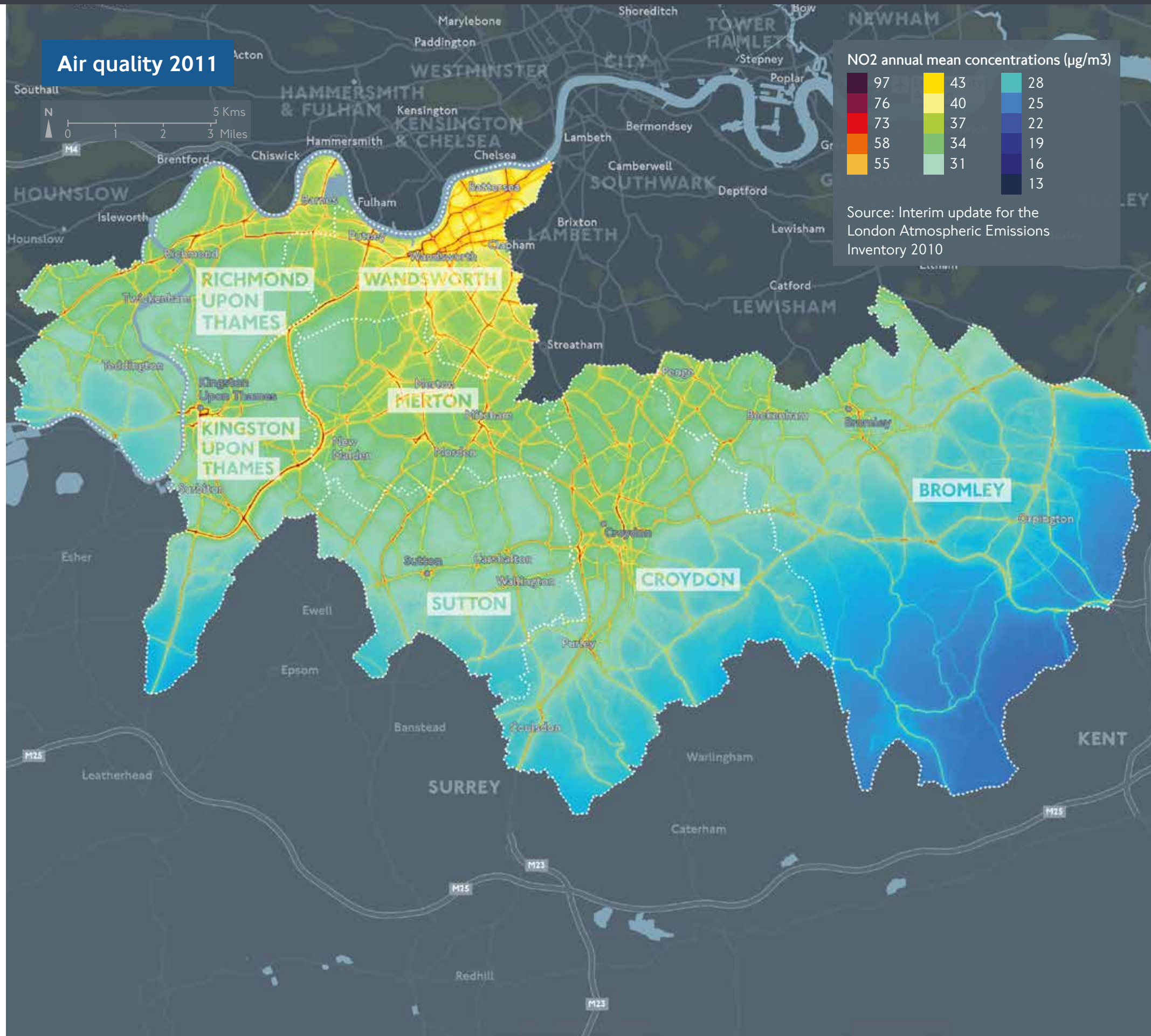
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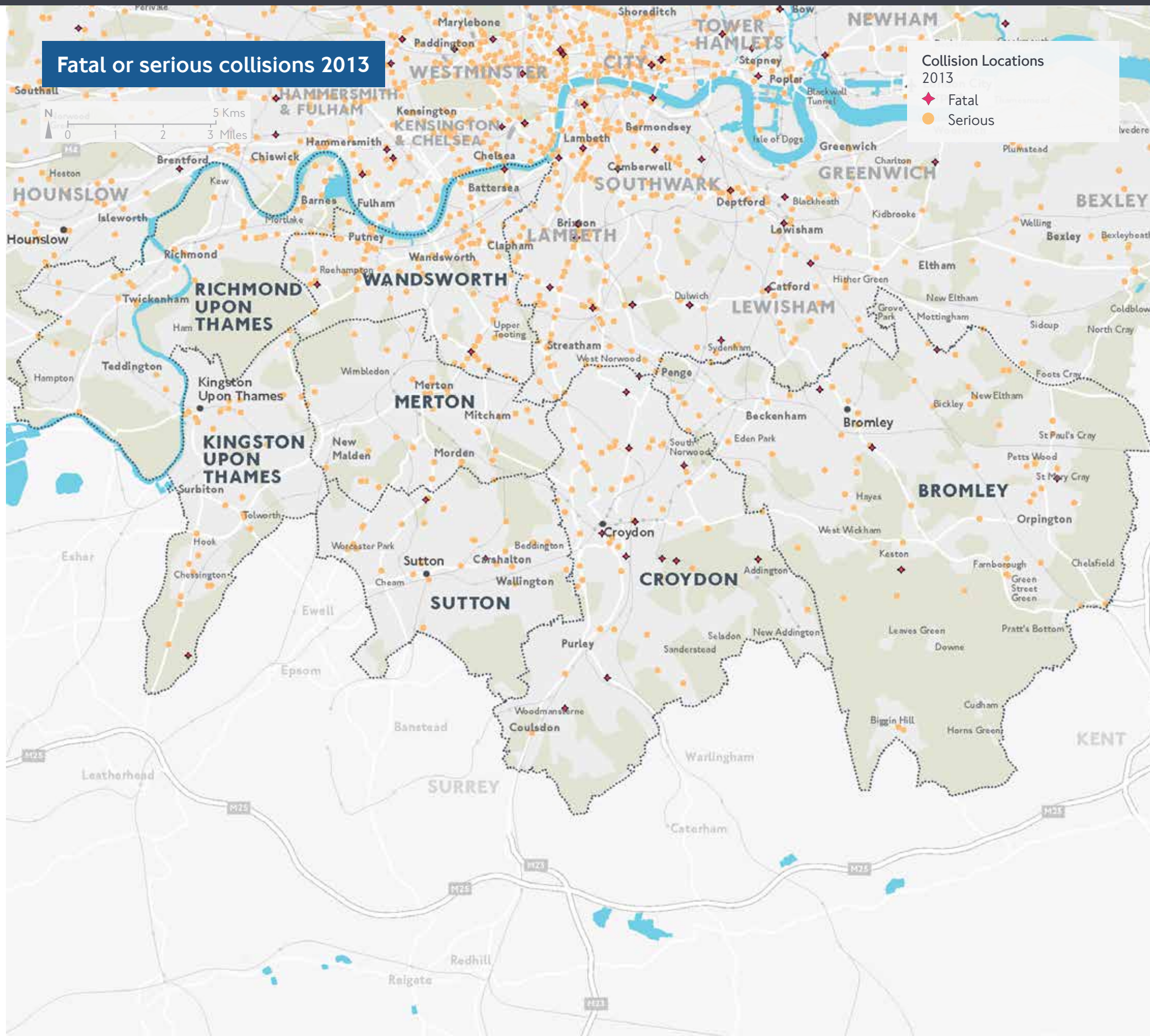
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Safety on the network has been improving but more needs to be done on key routes

Significant improvements in road safety have been achieved in London during the last 15 years. However, there is still scope for further improvement. In 2013, Croydon suffered more fatalities than any other borough in the sub-region. Incidences of serious injury were also relatively evenly spread across the sub-region along major highway corridors.

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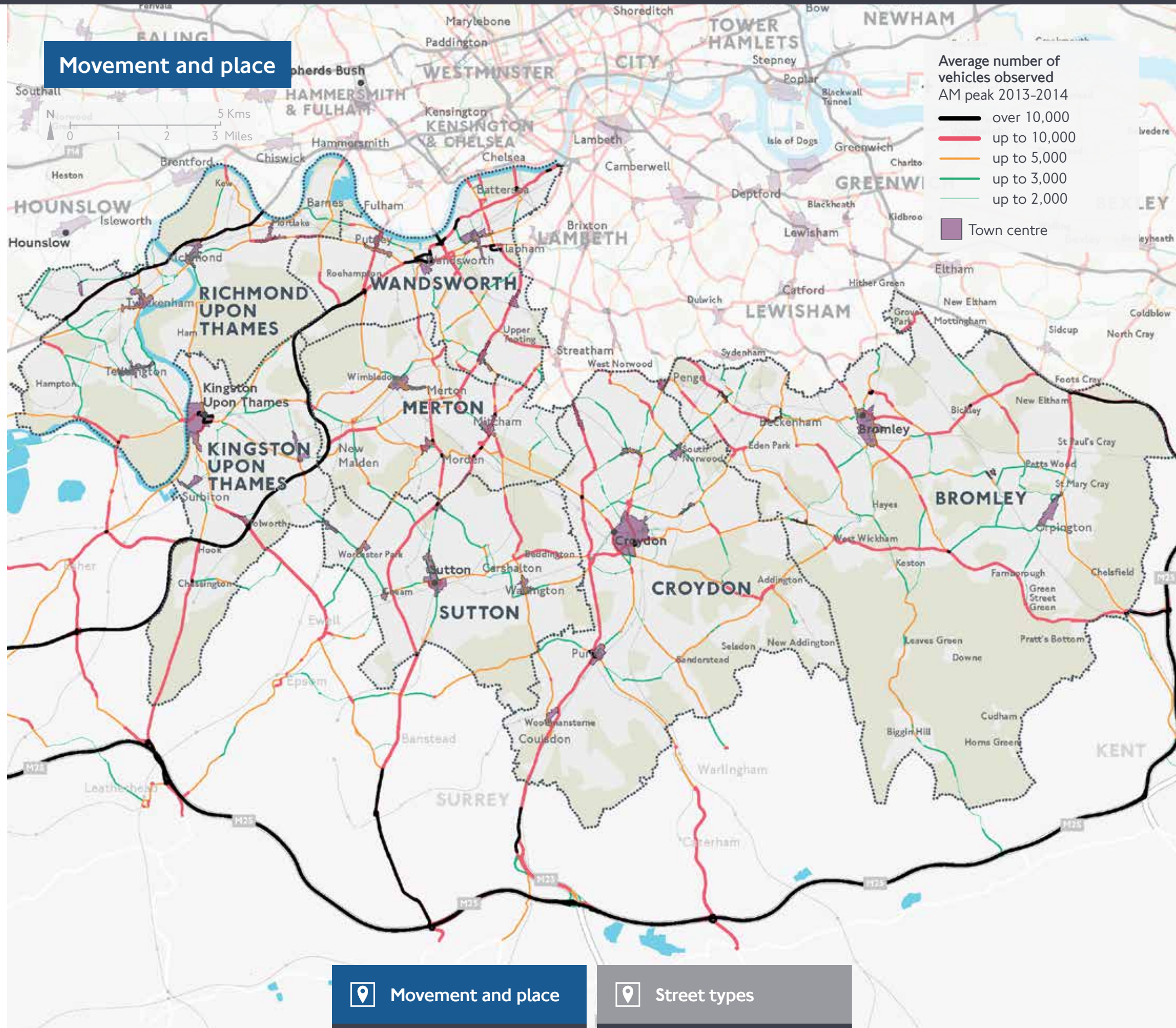


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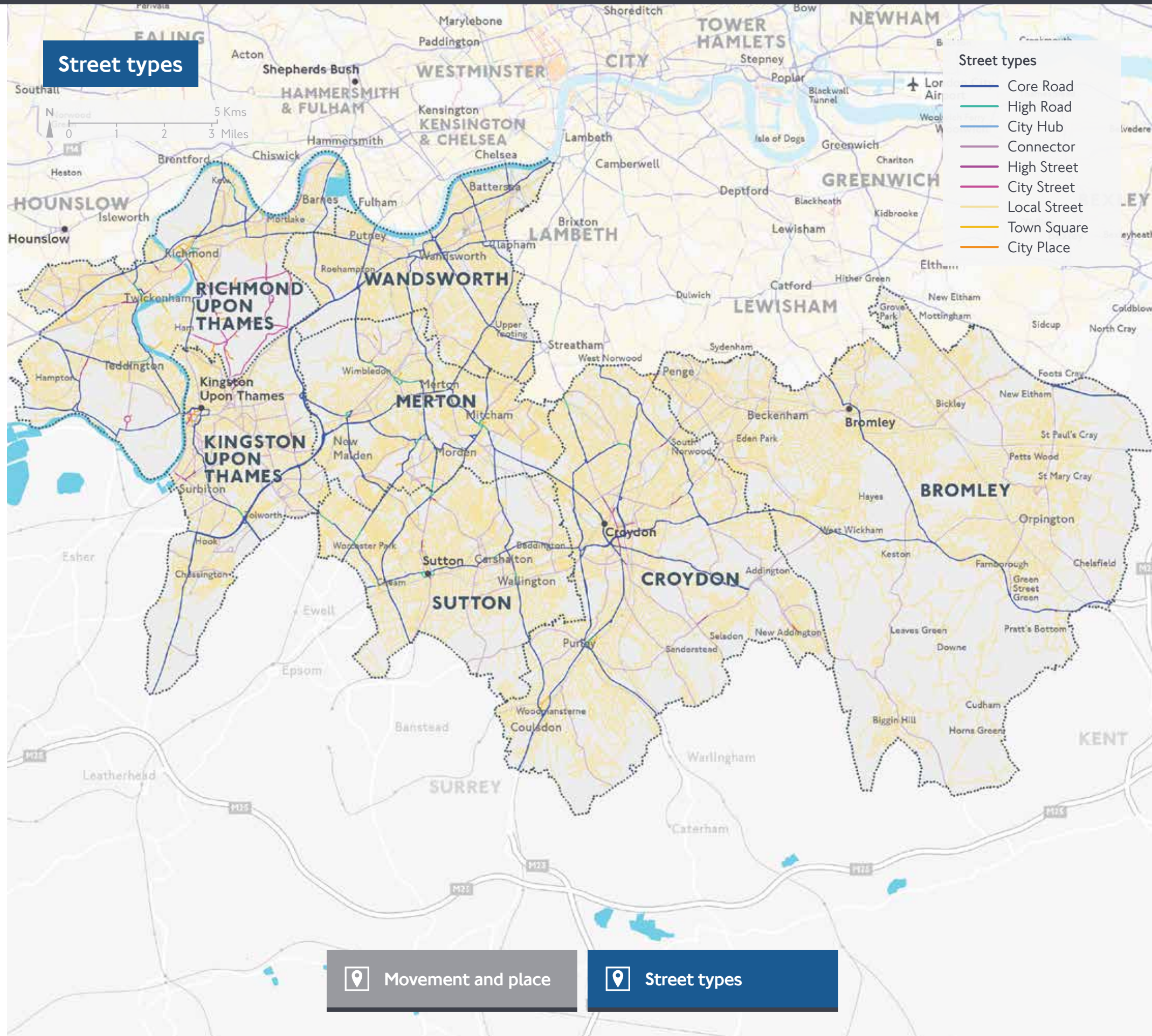


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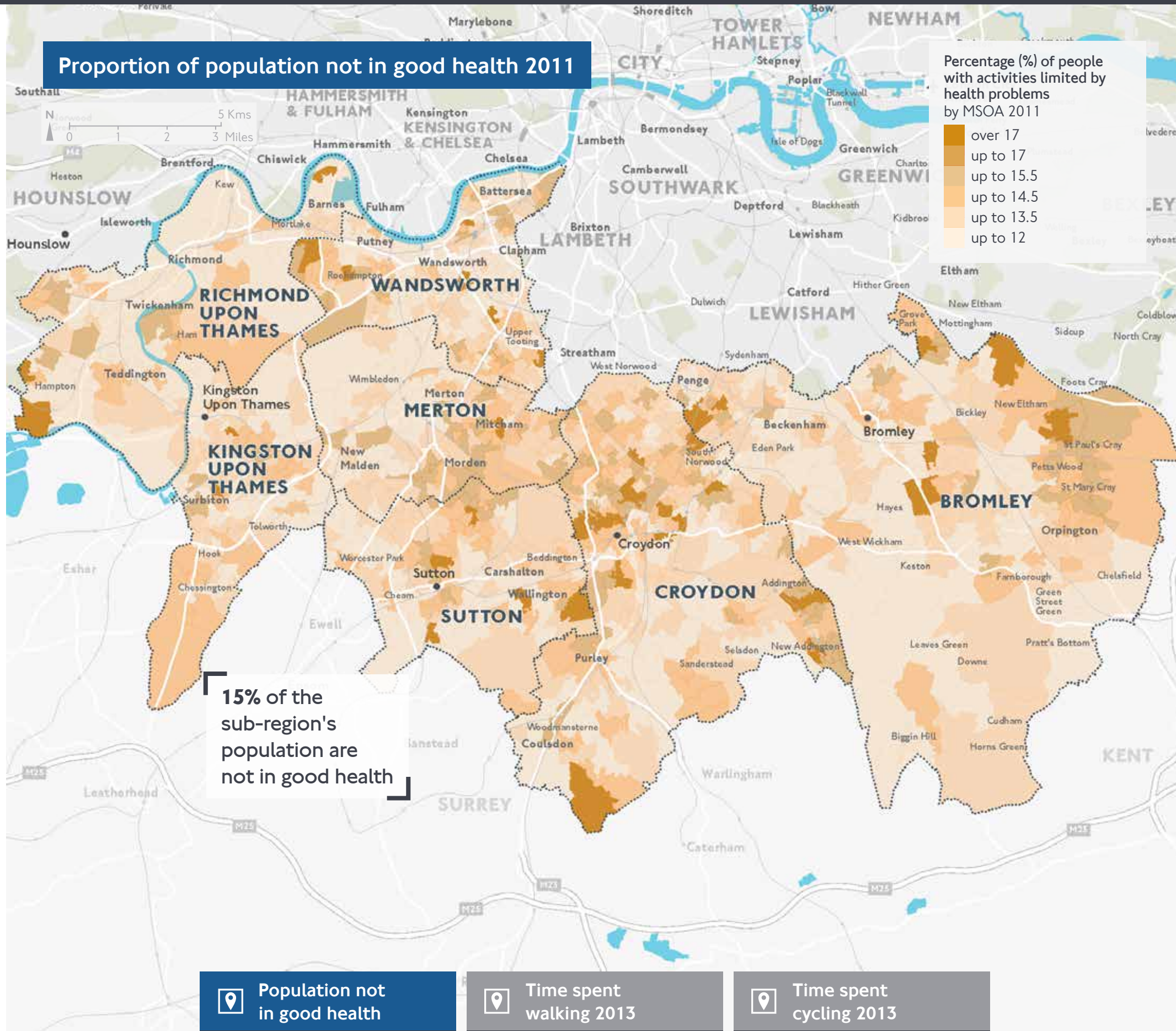
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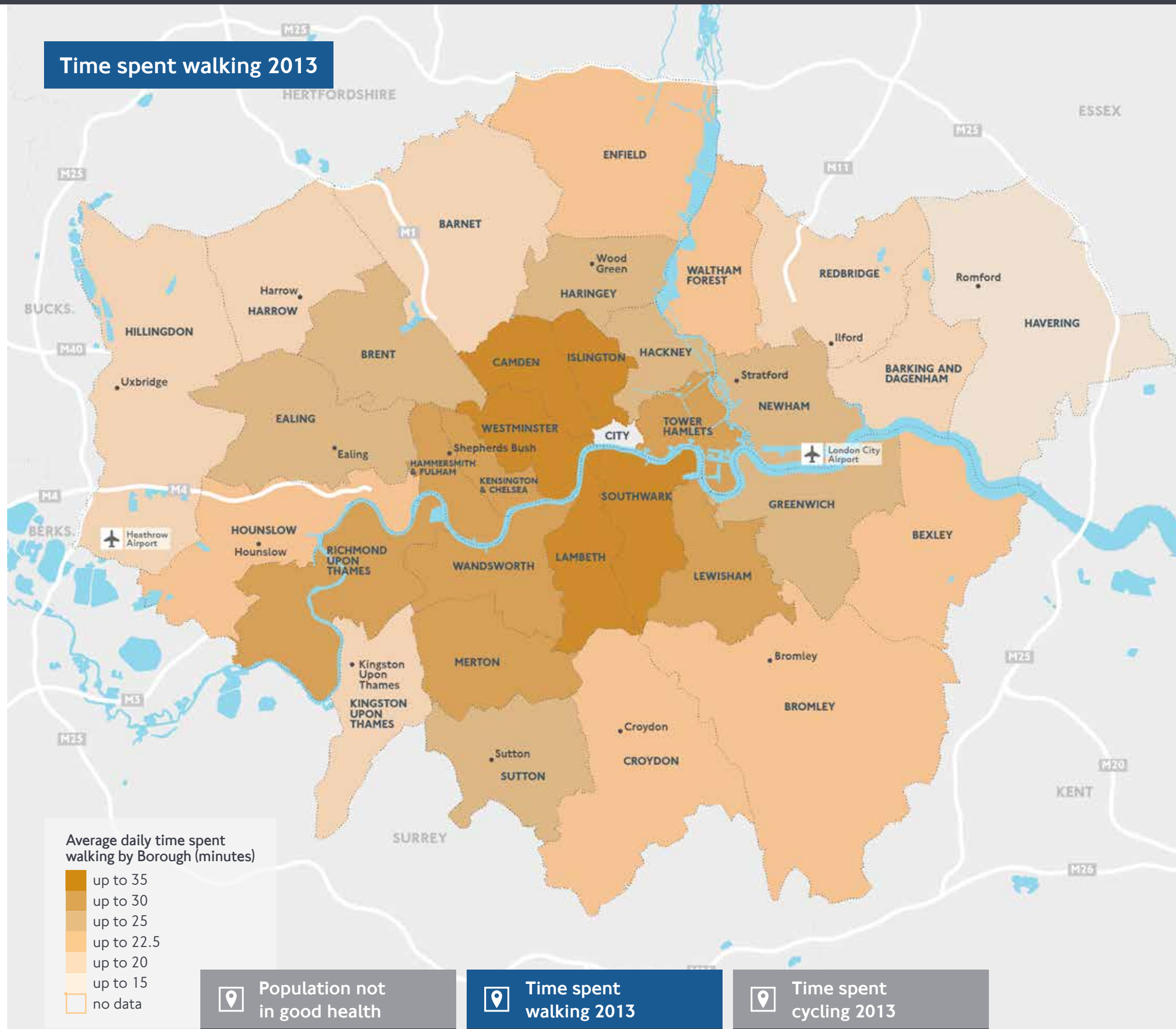


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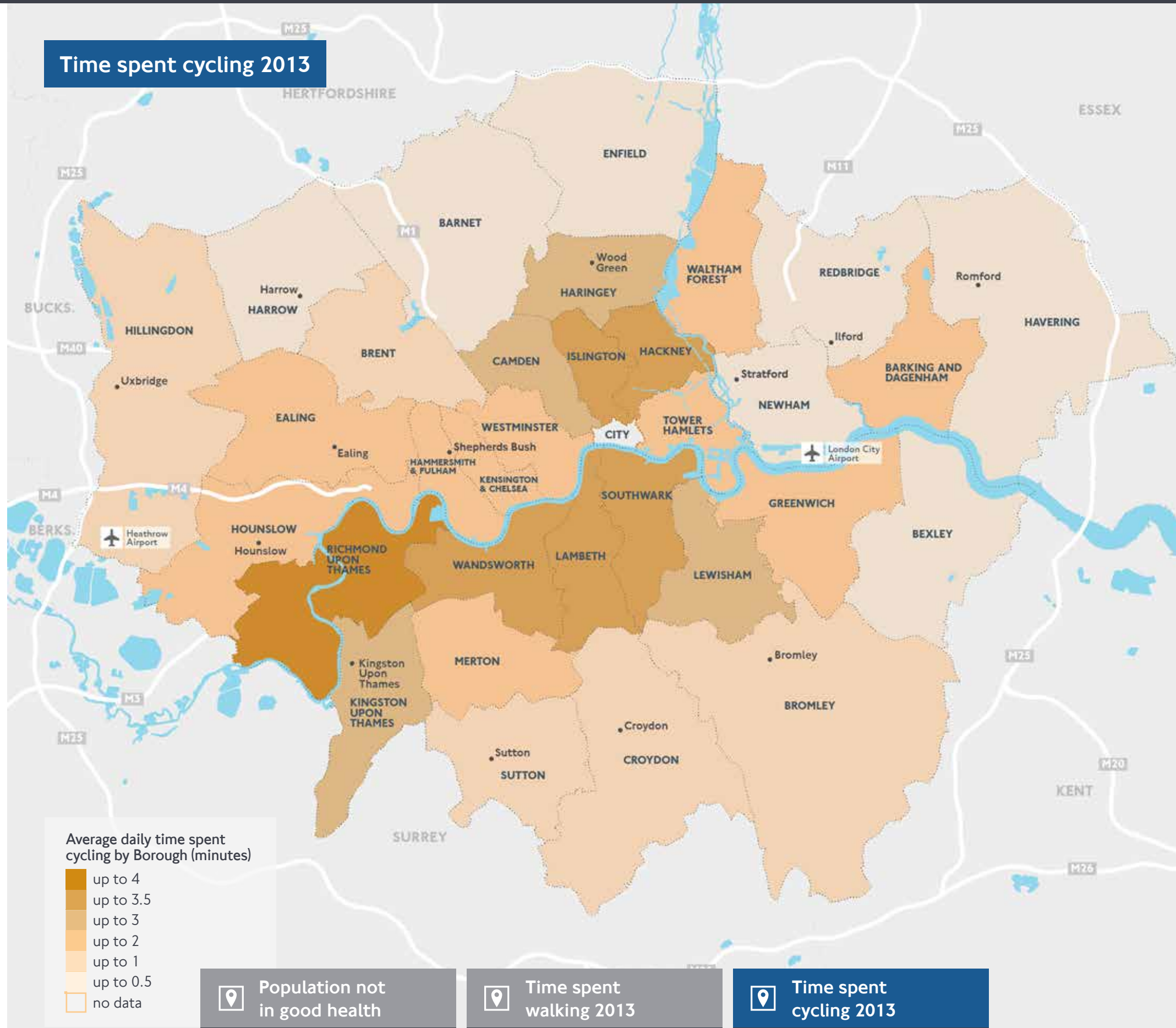


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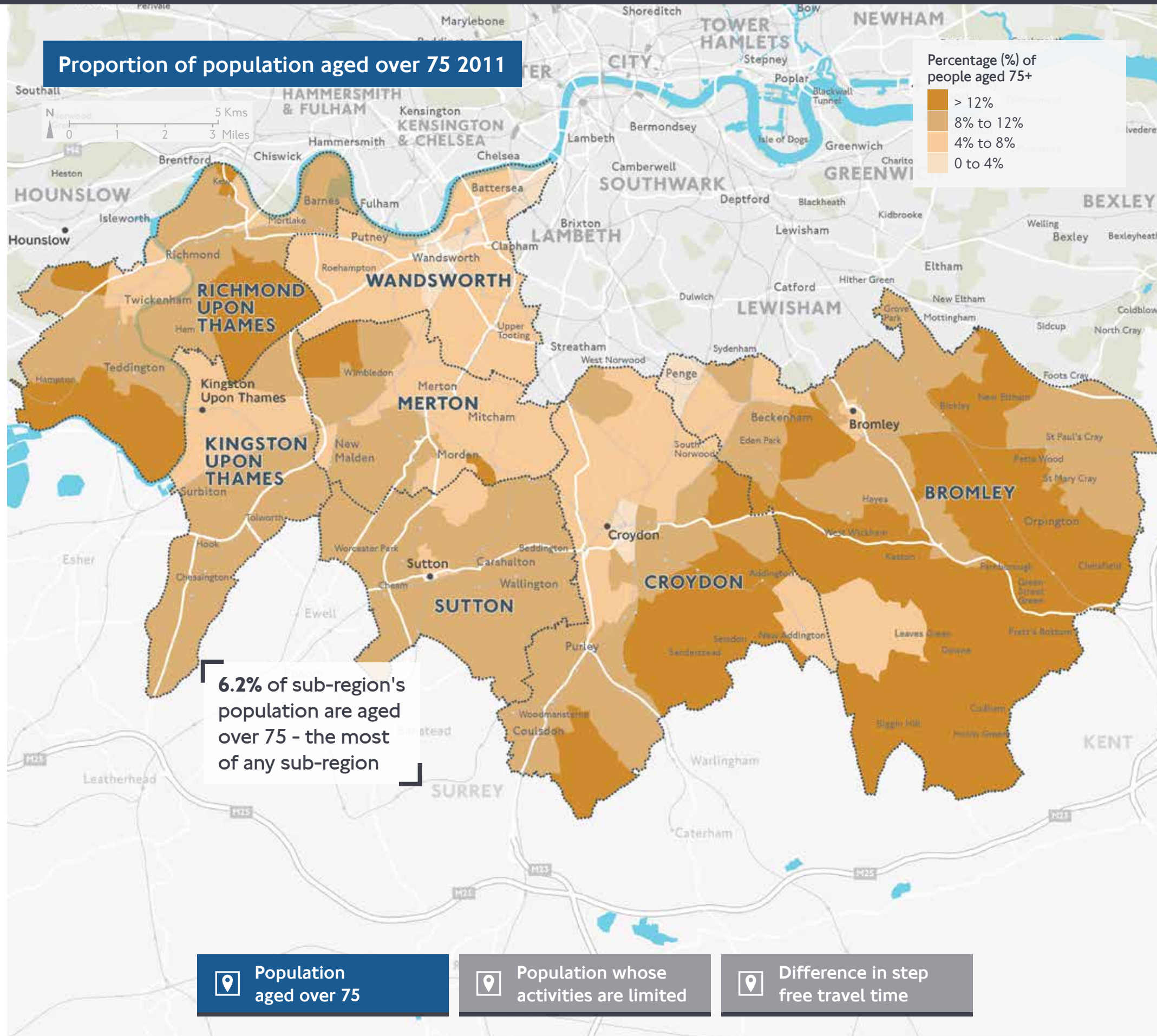


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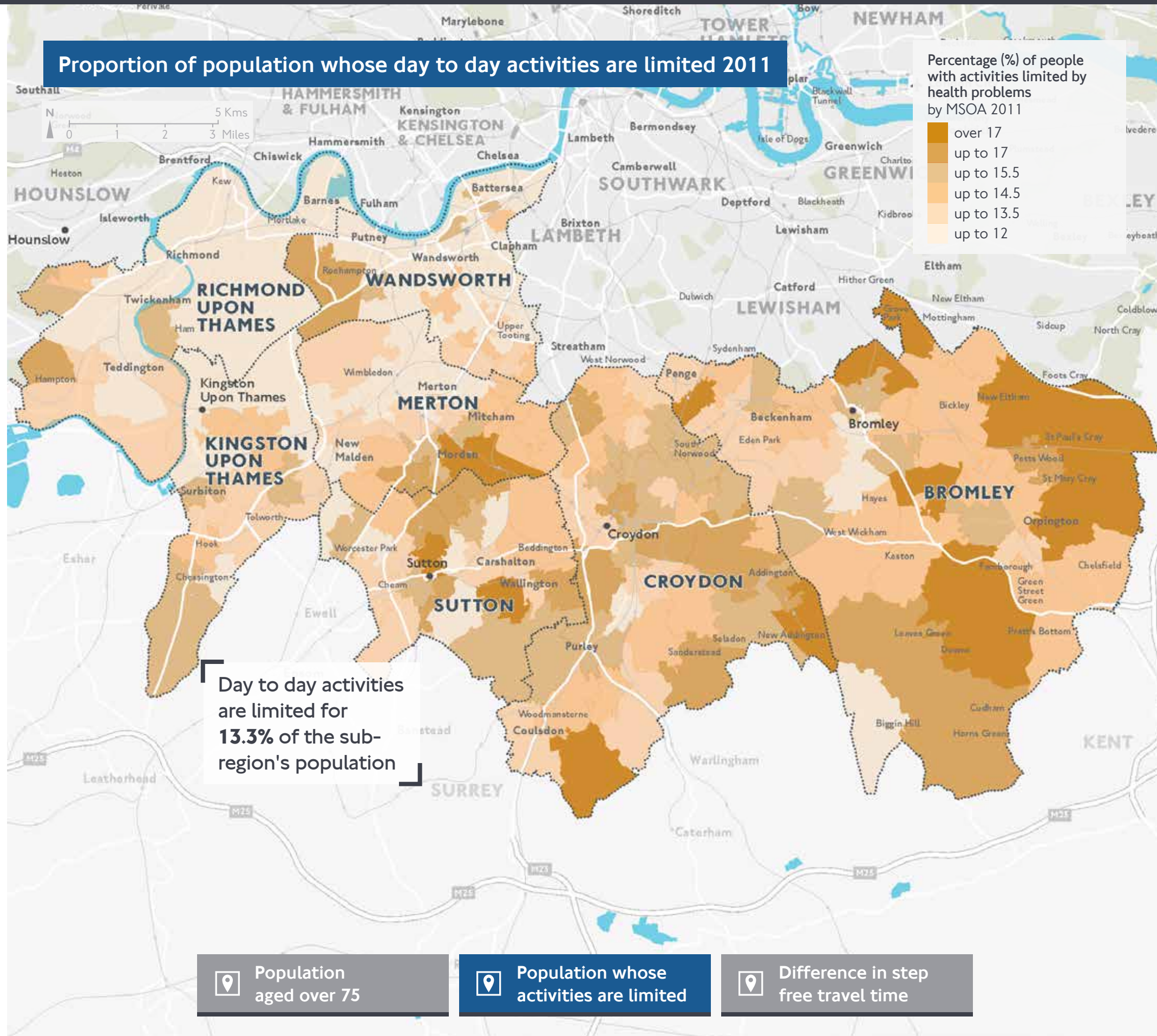


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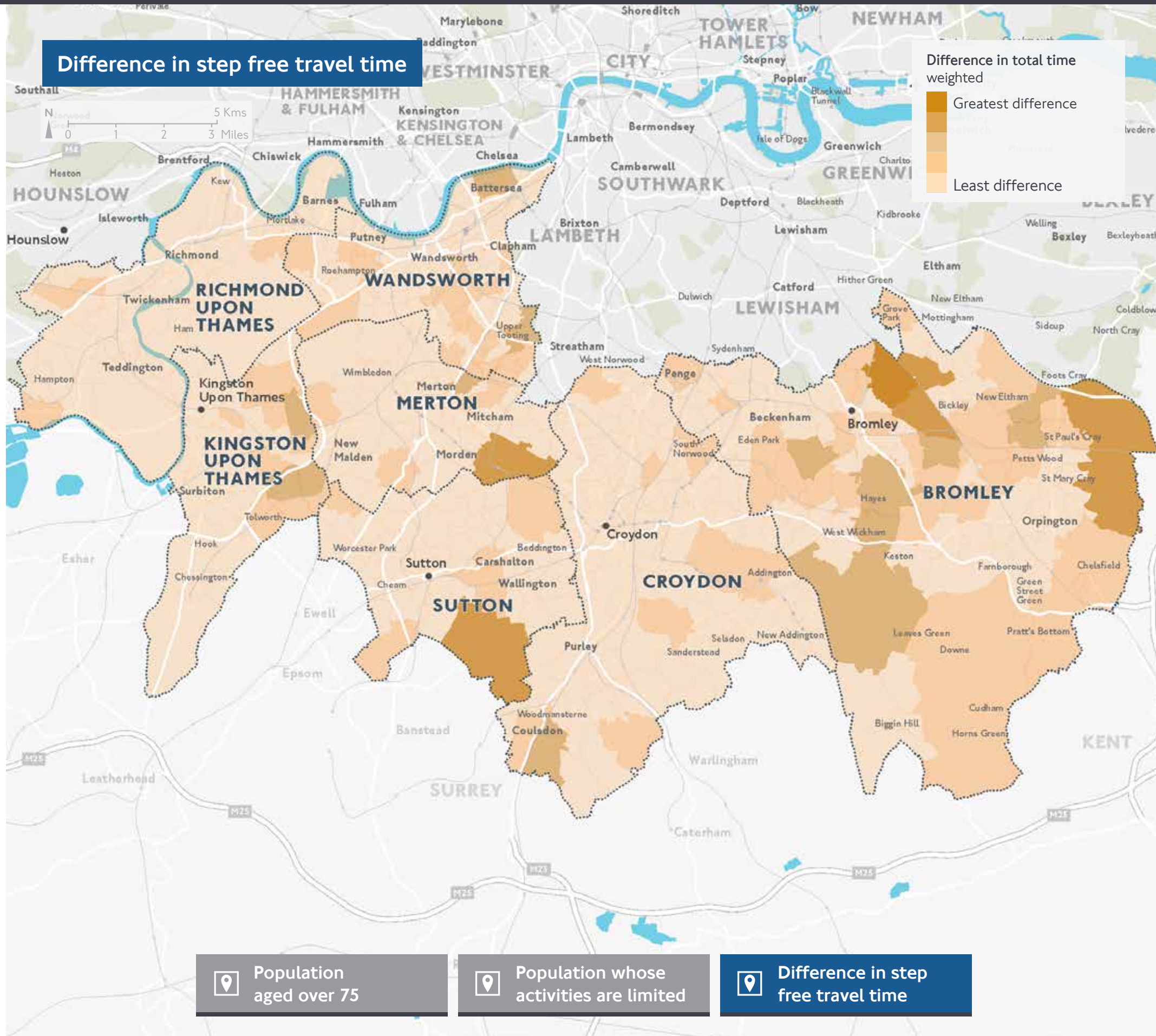


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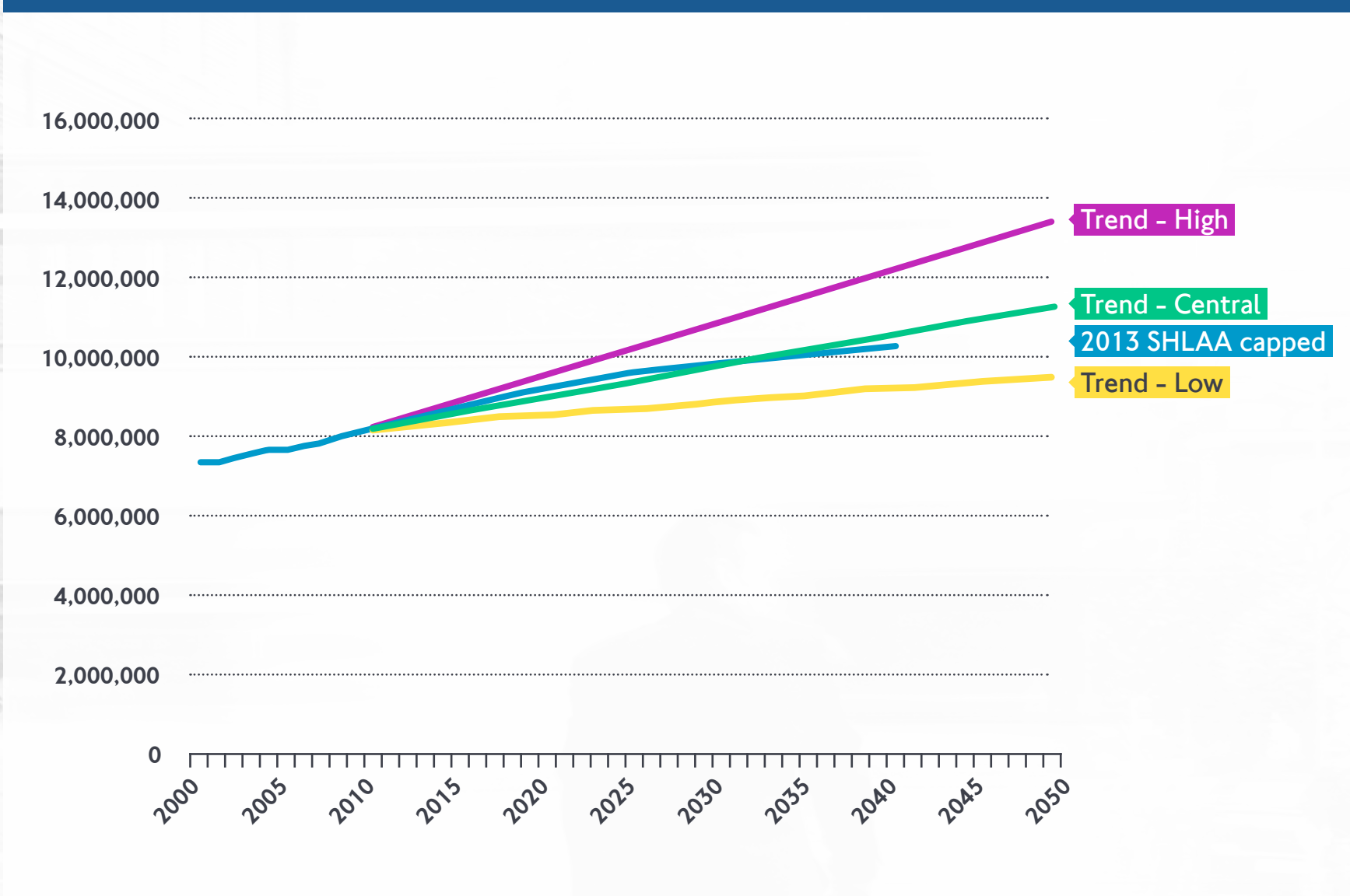
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London's future population growth



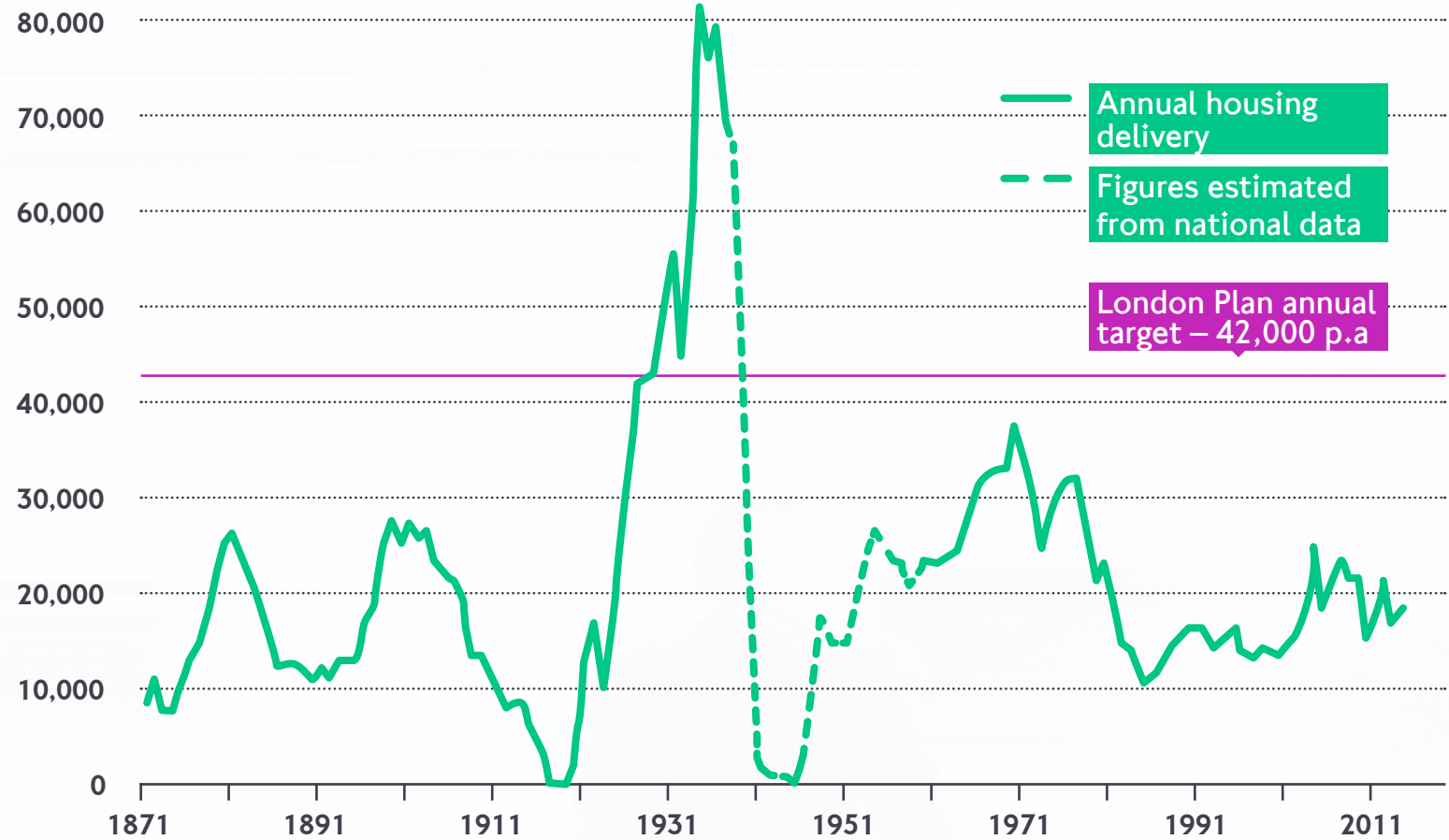
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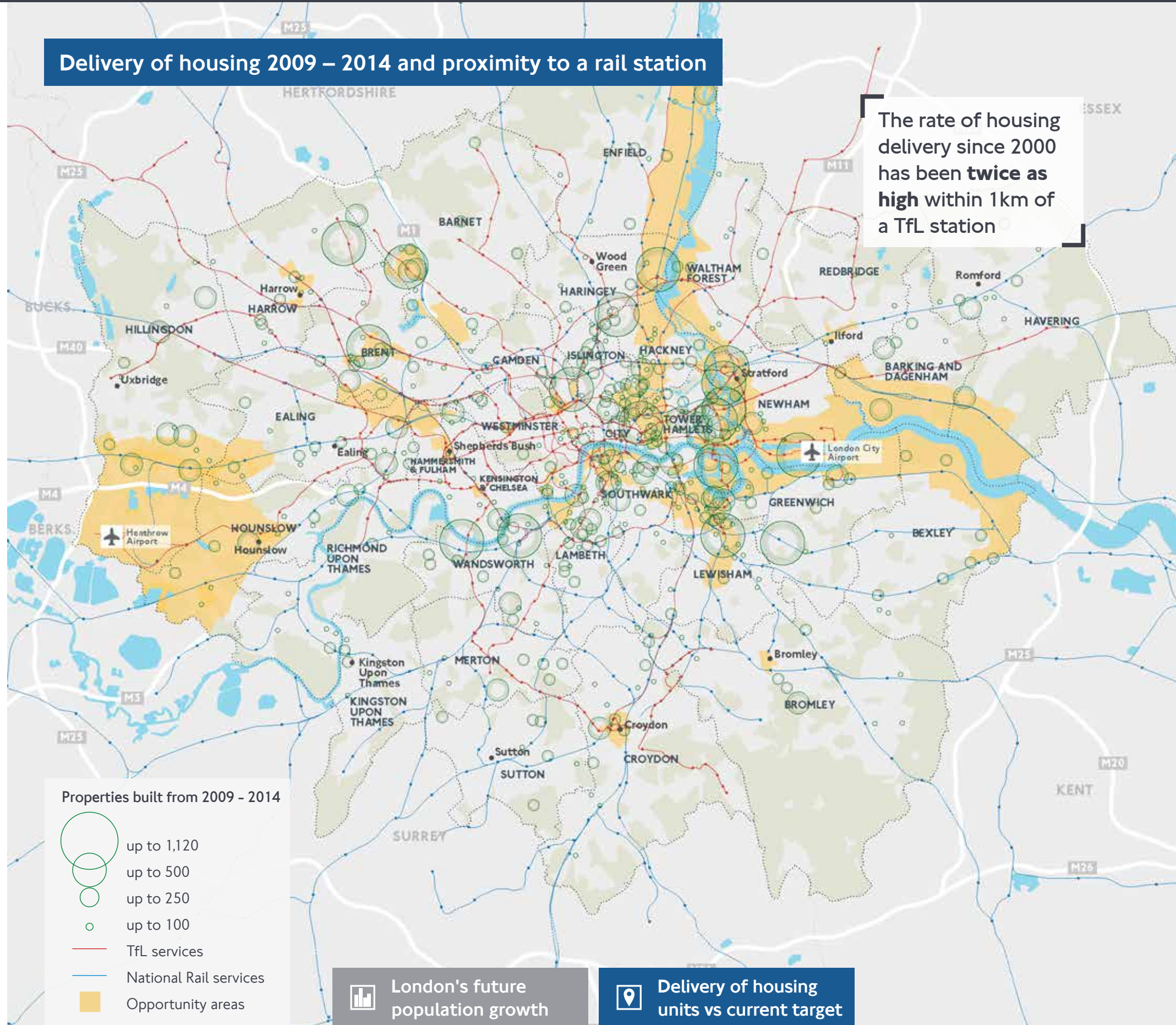
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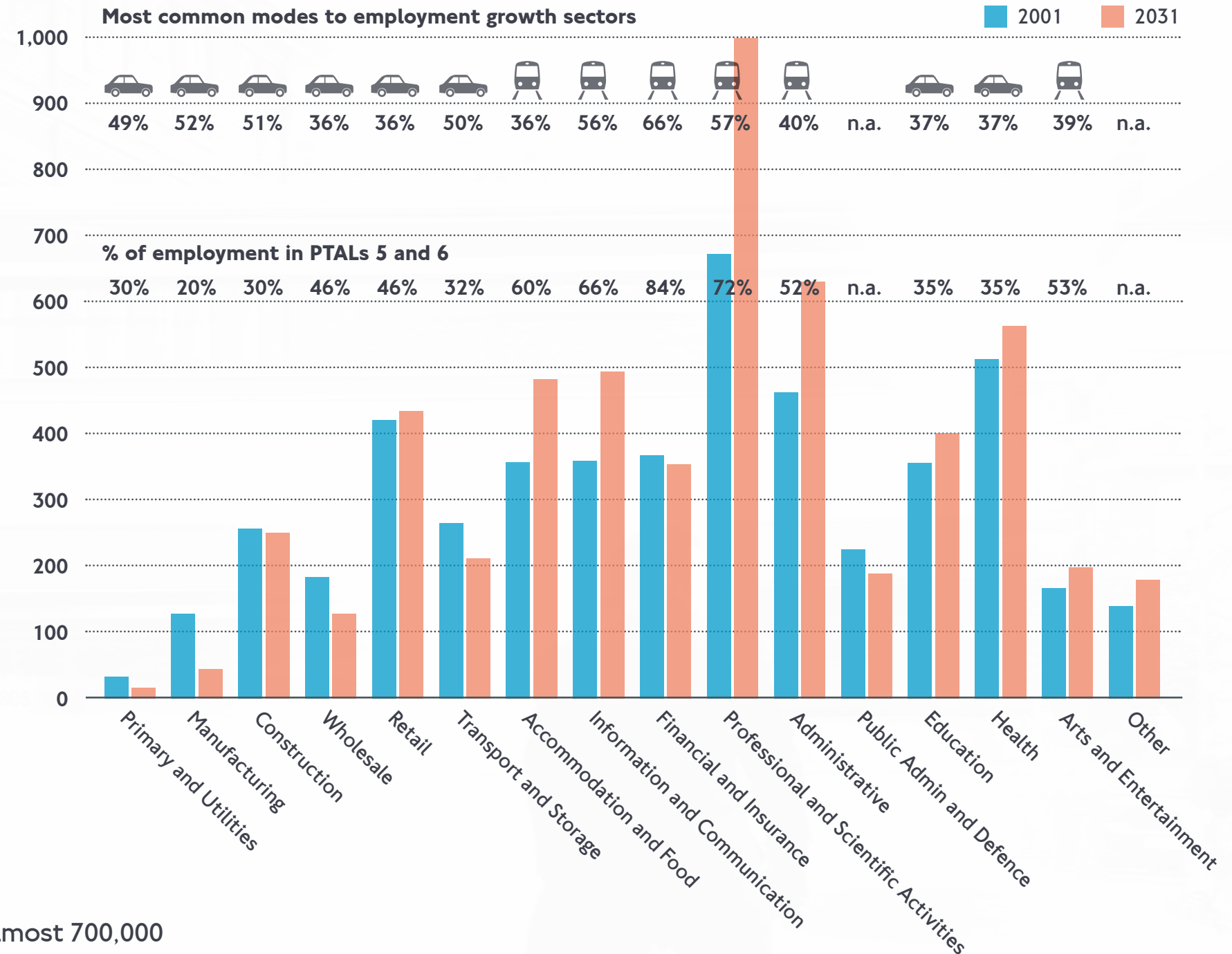
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Change in employment sectors in London 2011 – 2031



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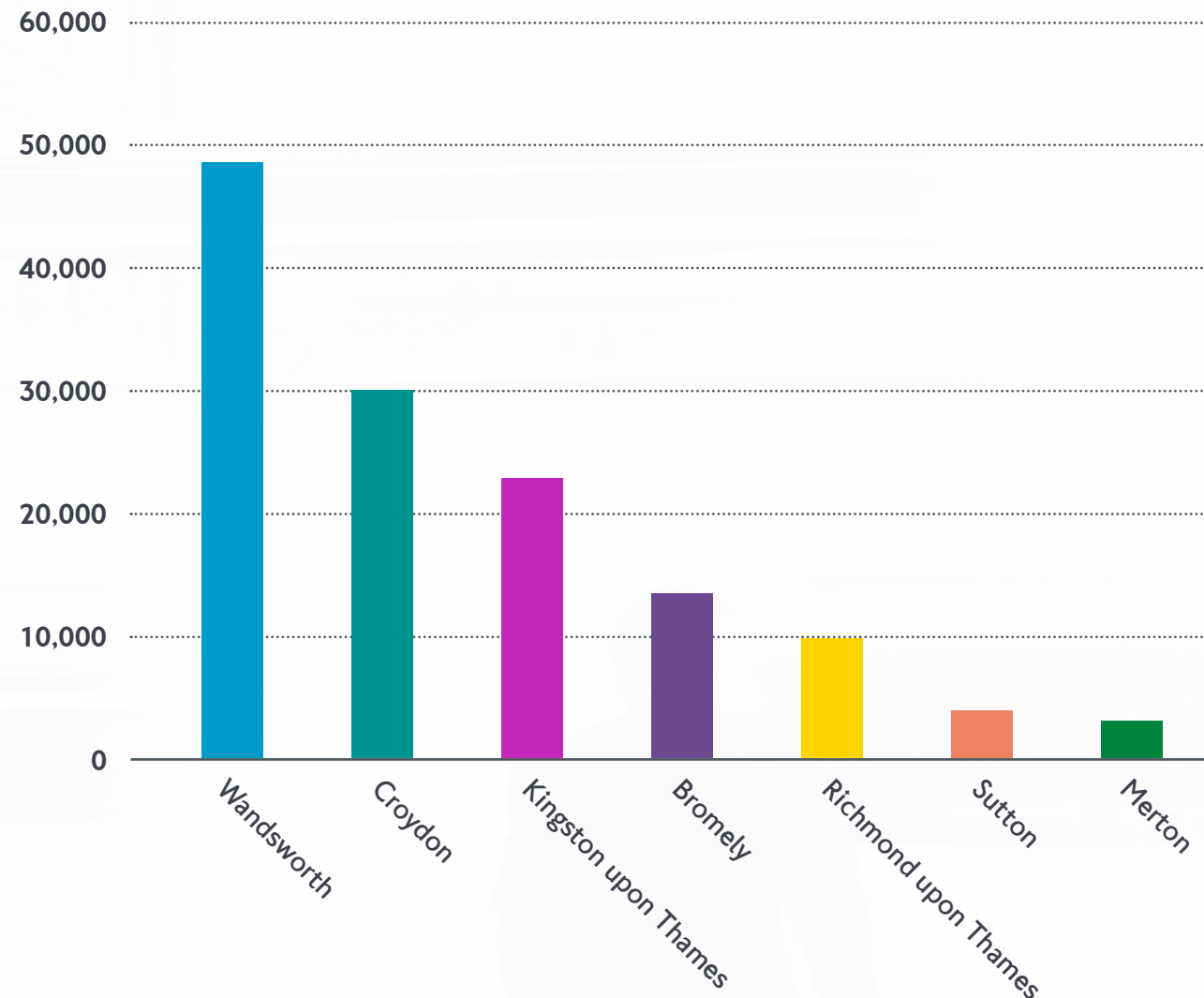
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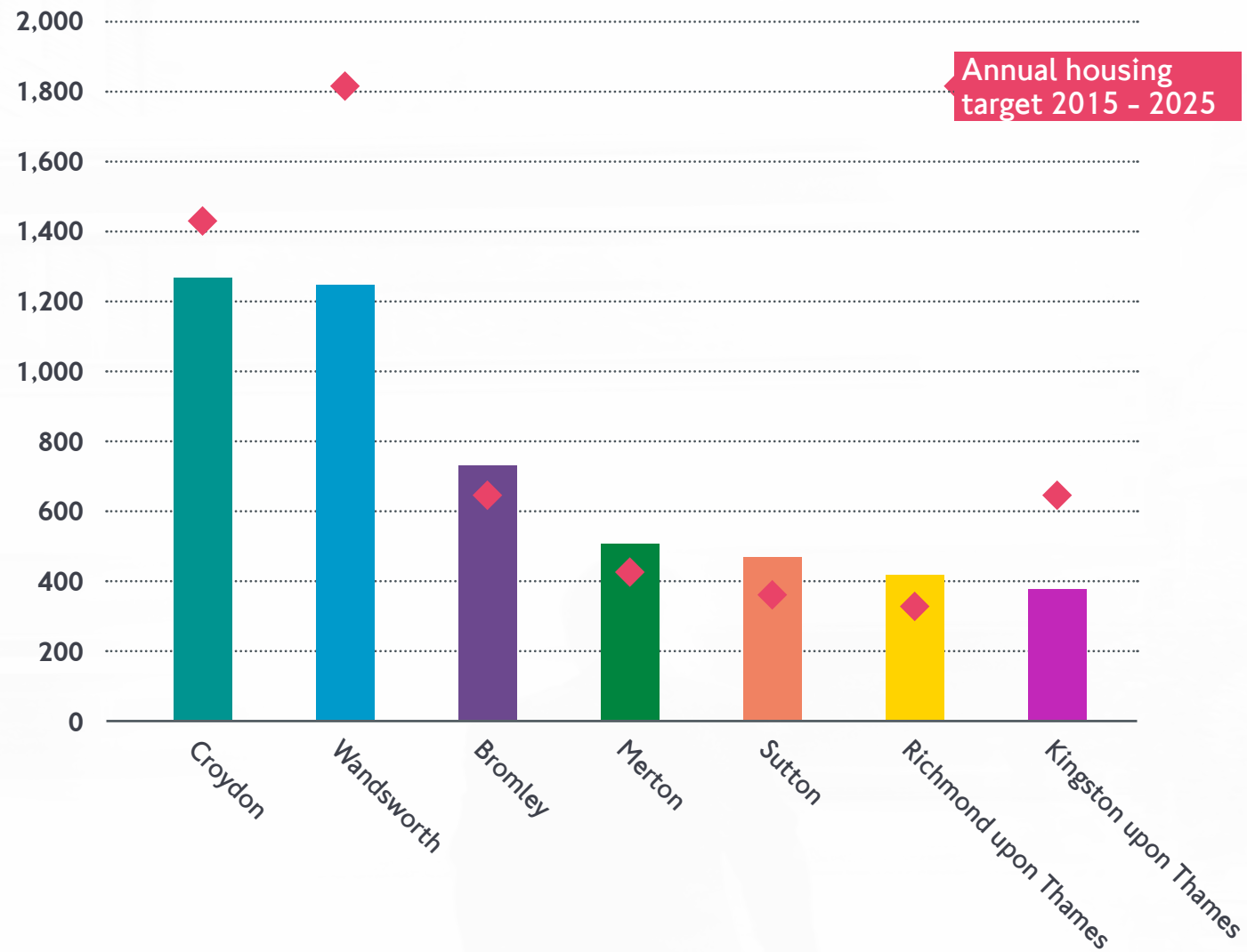
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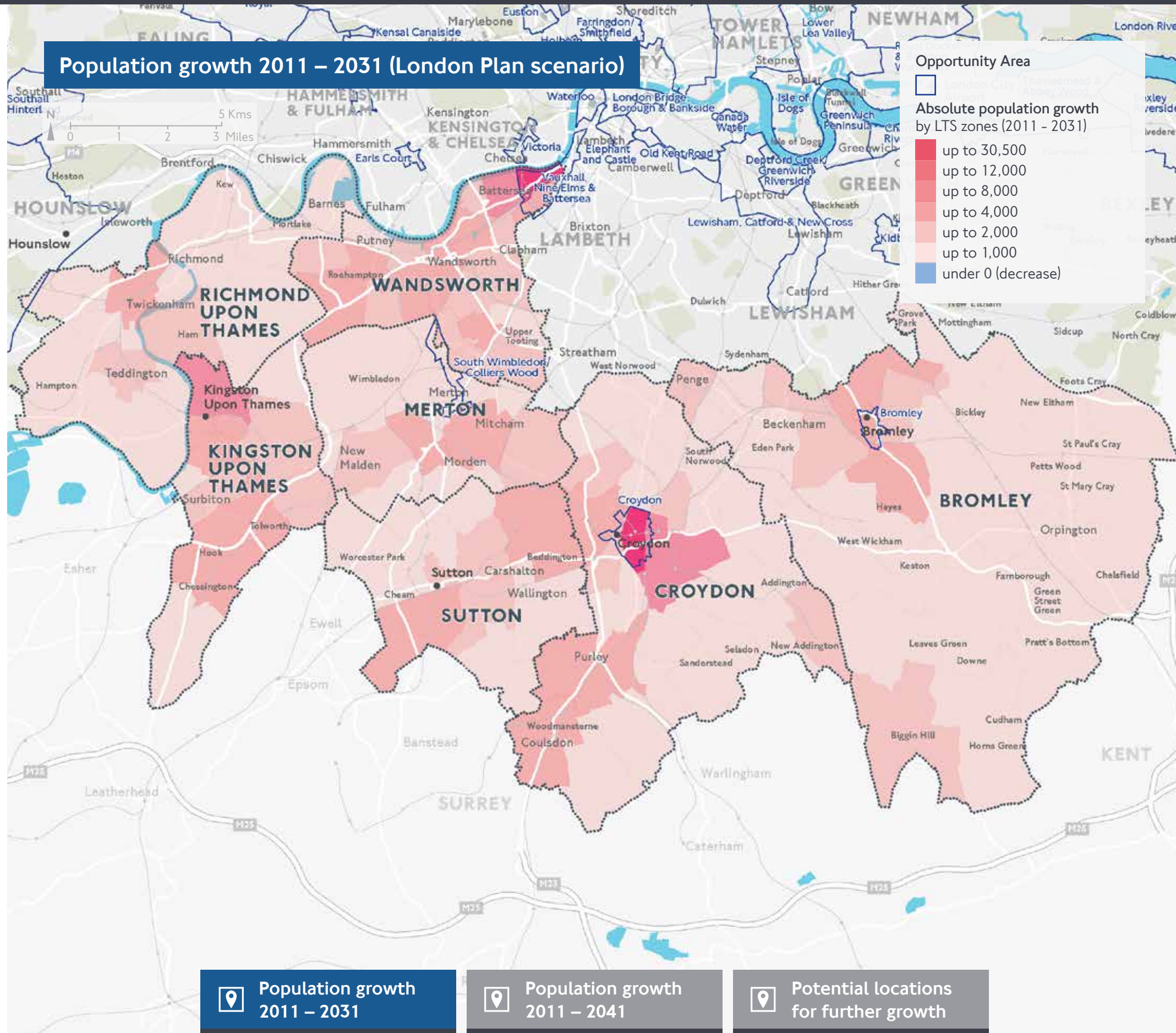
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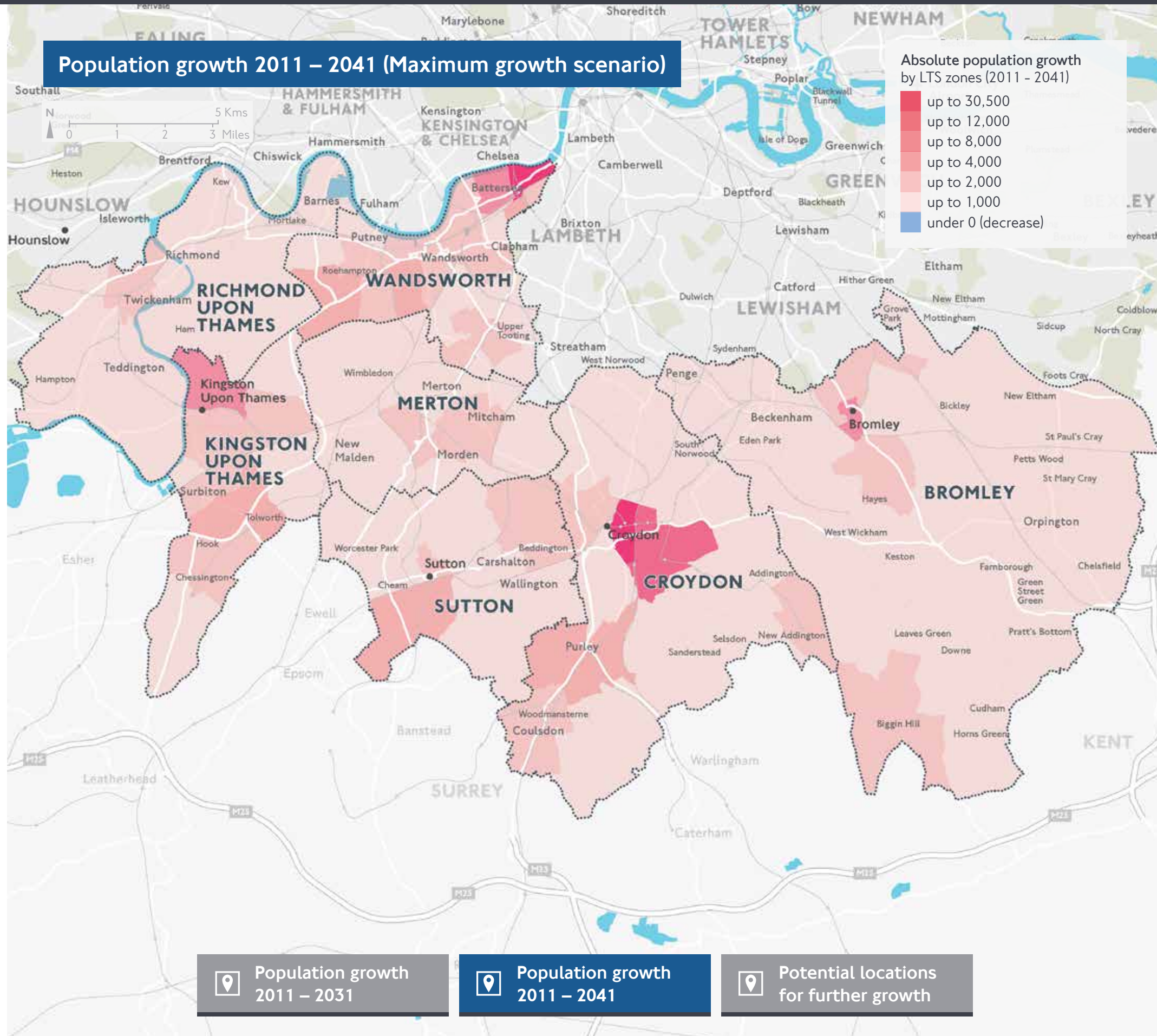


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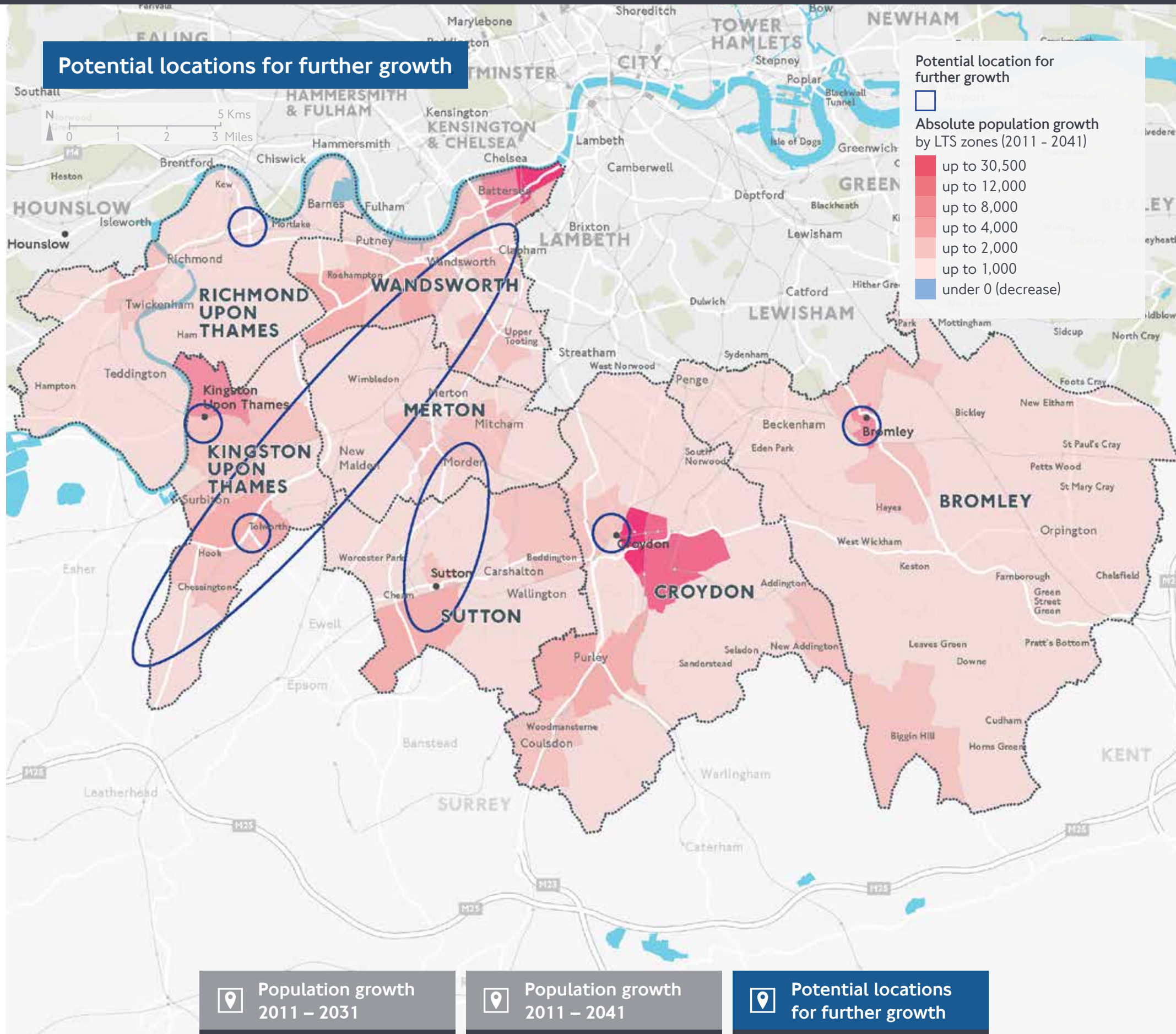


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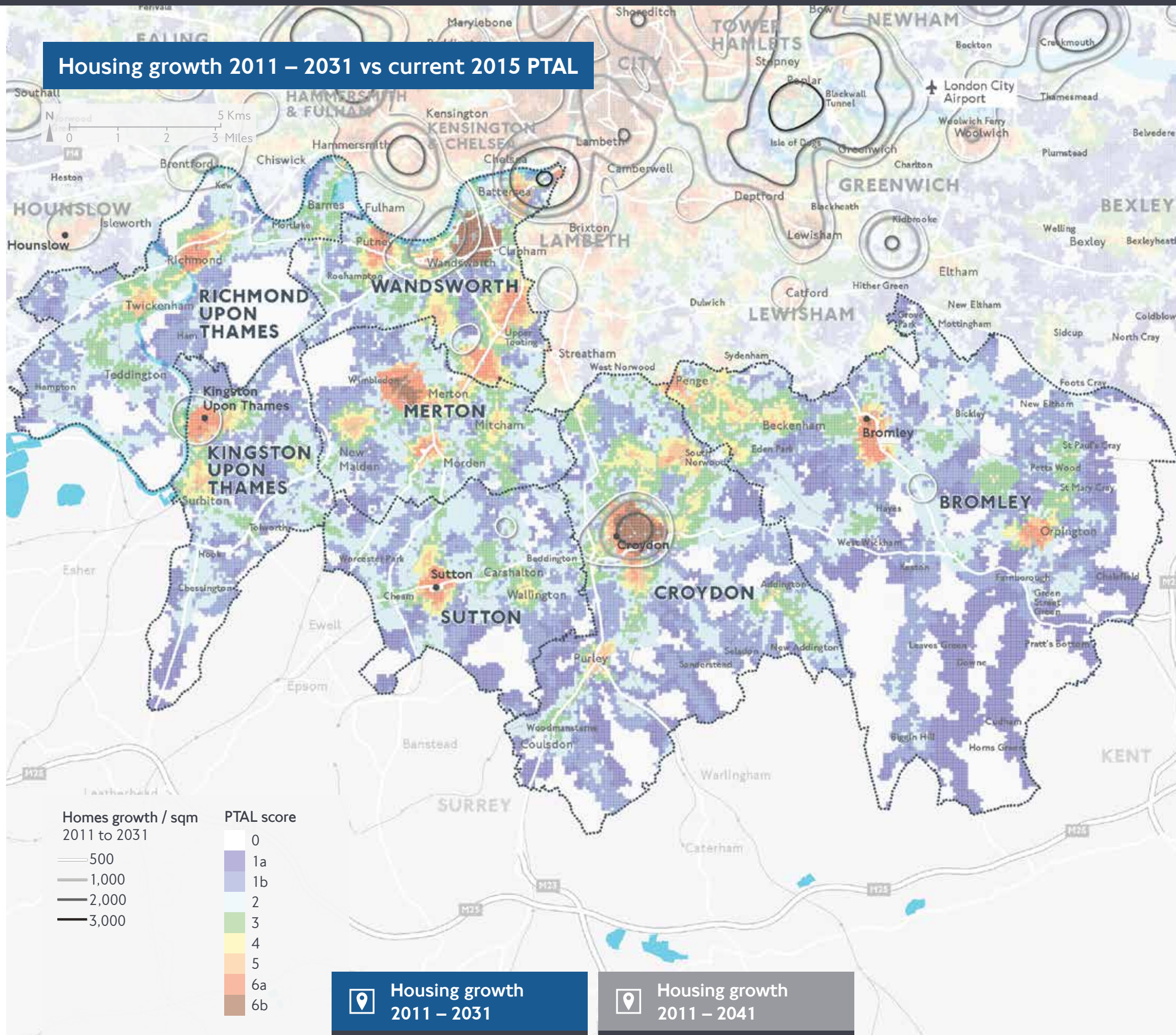
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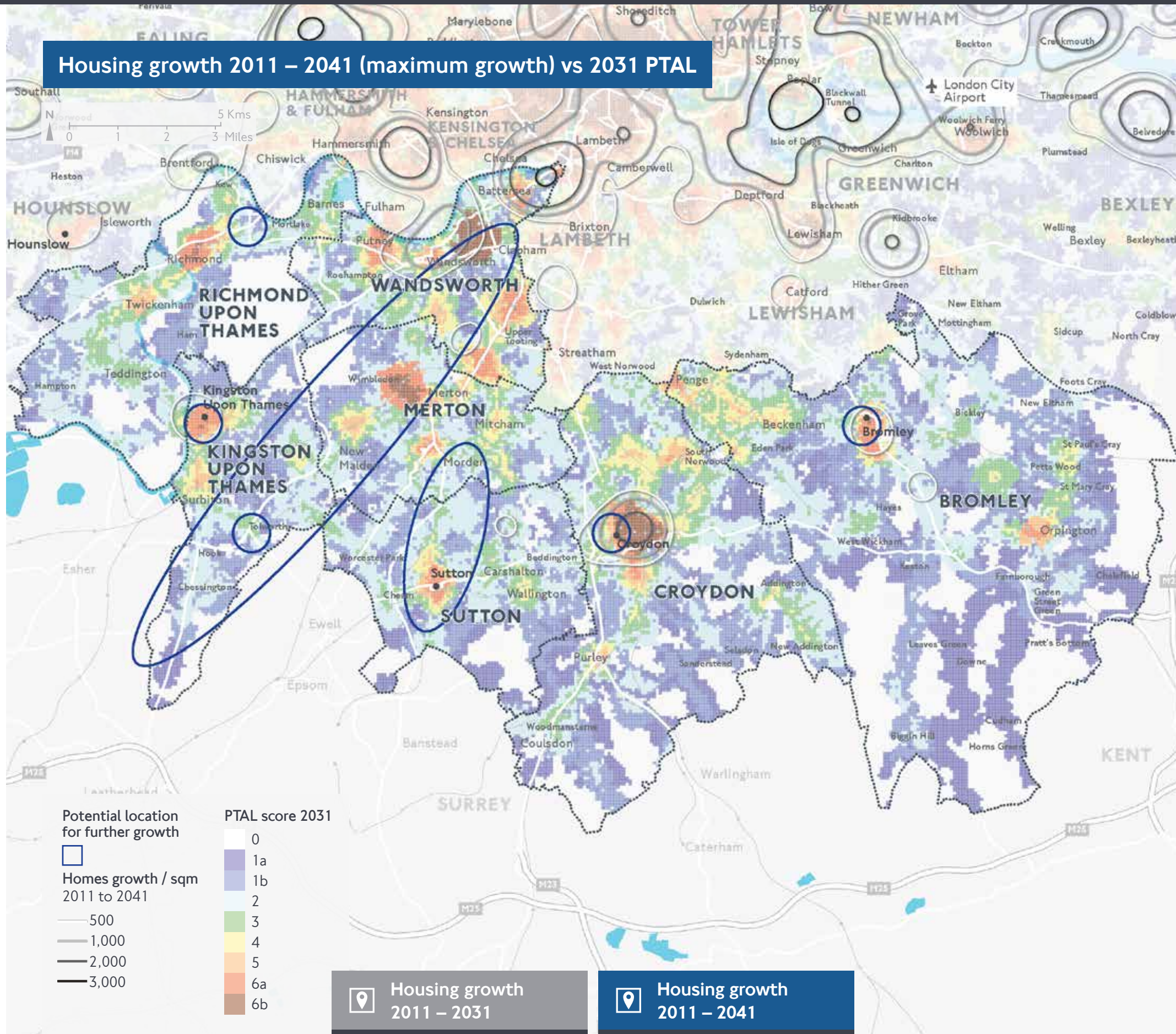
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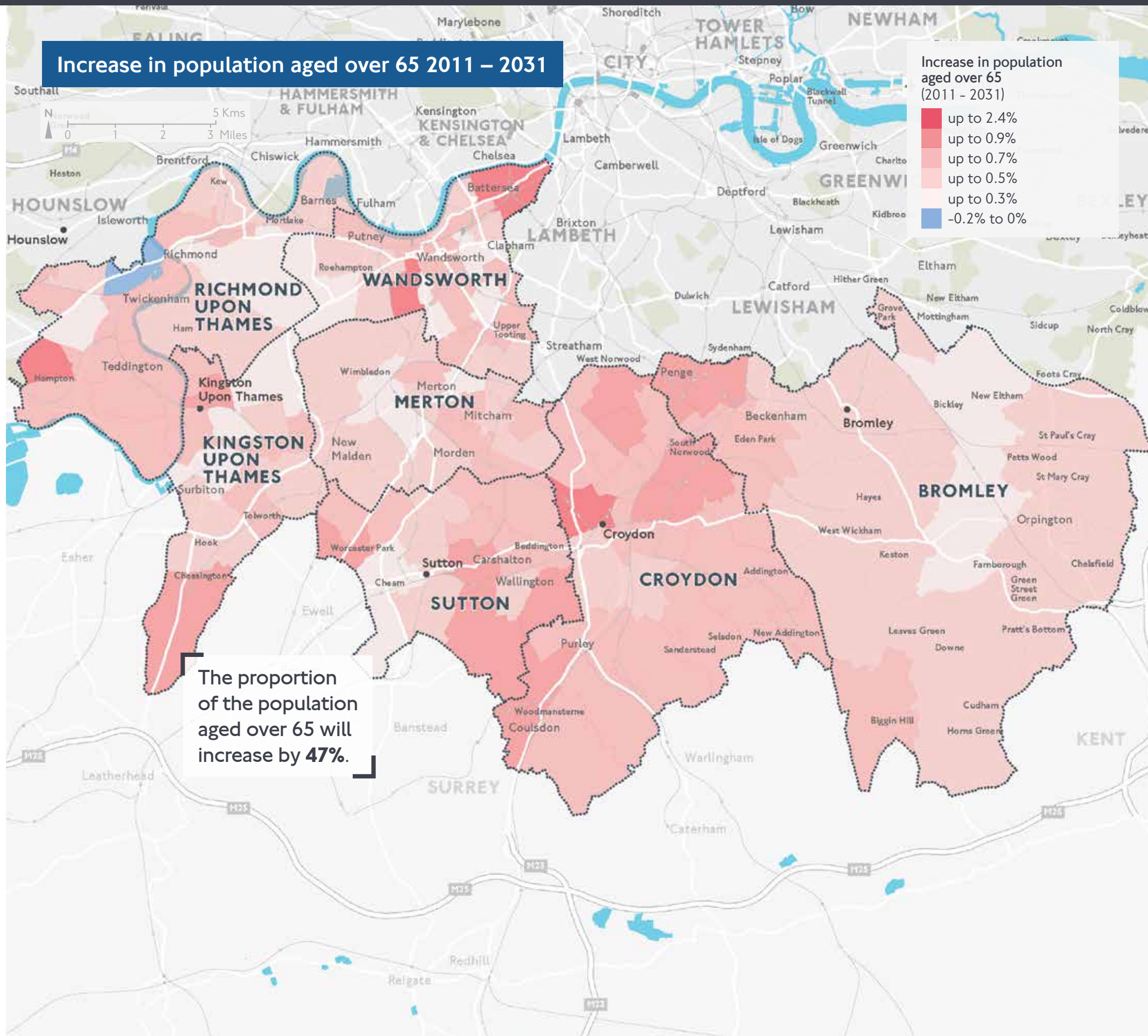
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The proportion of older people will increase, generating more demand for an accessible transport network

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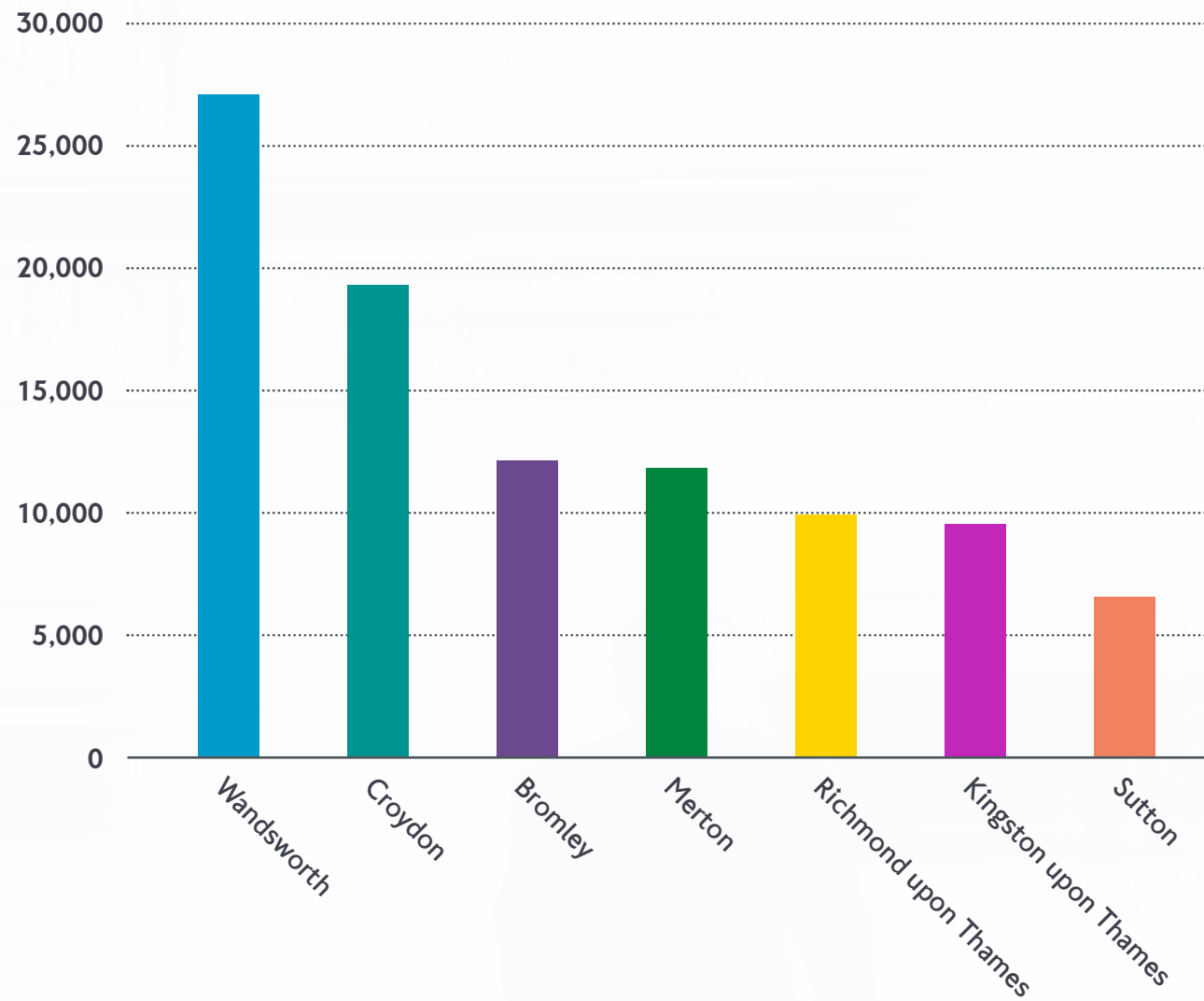
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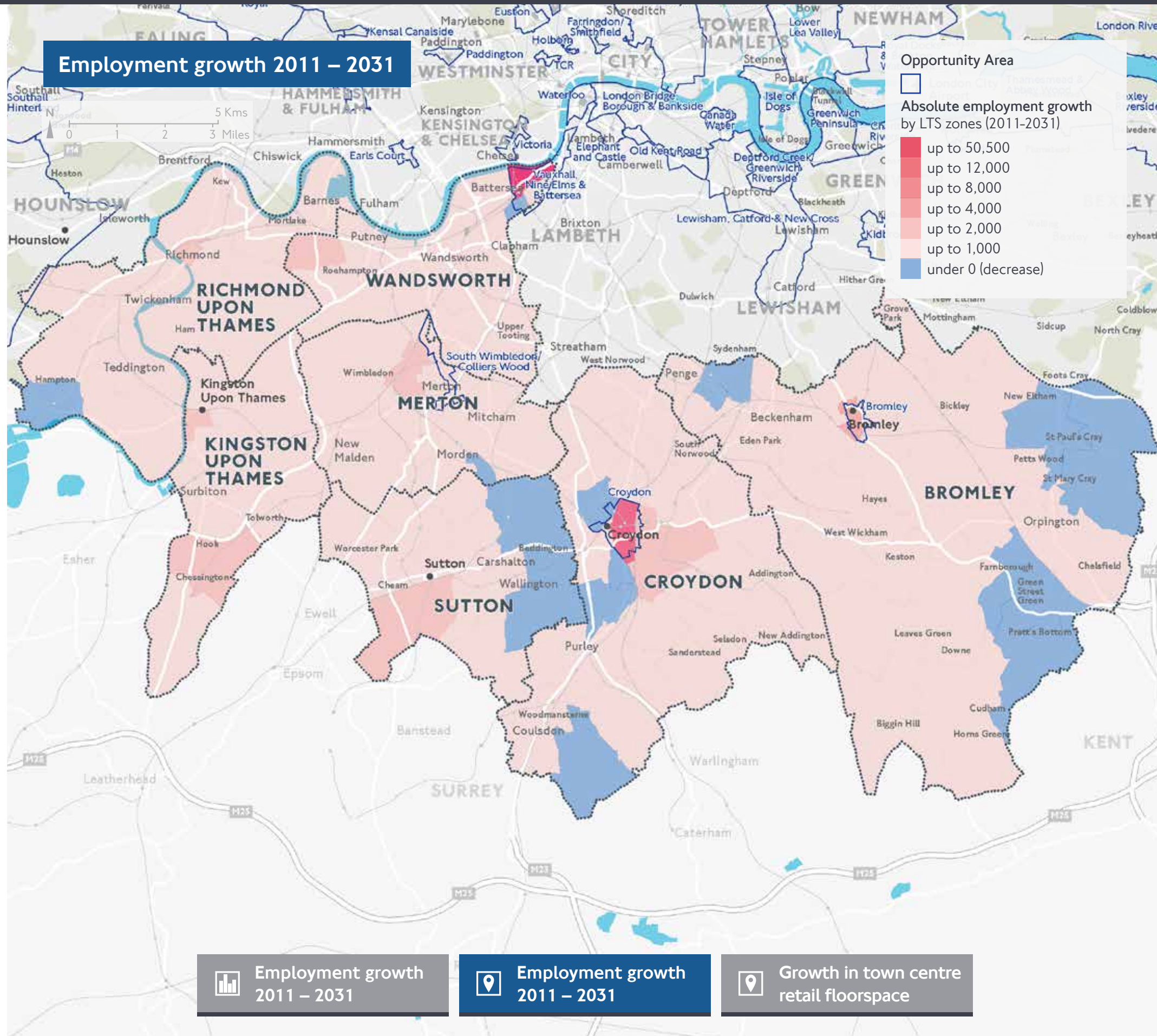


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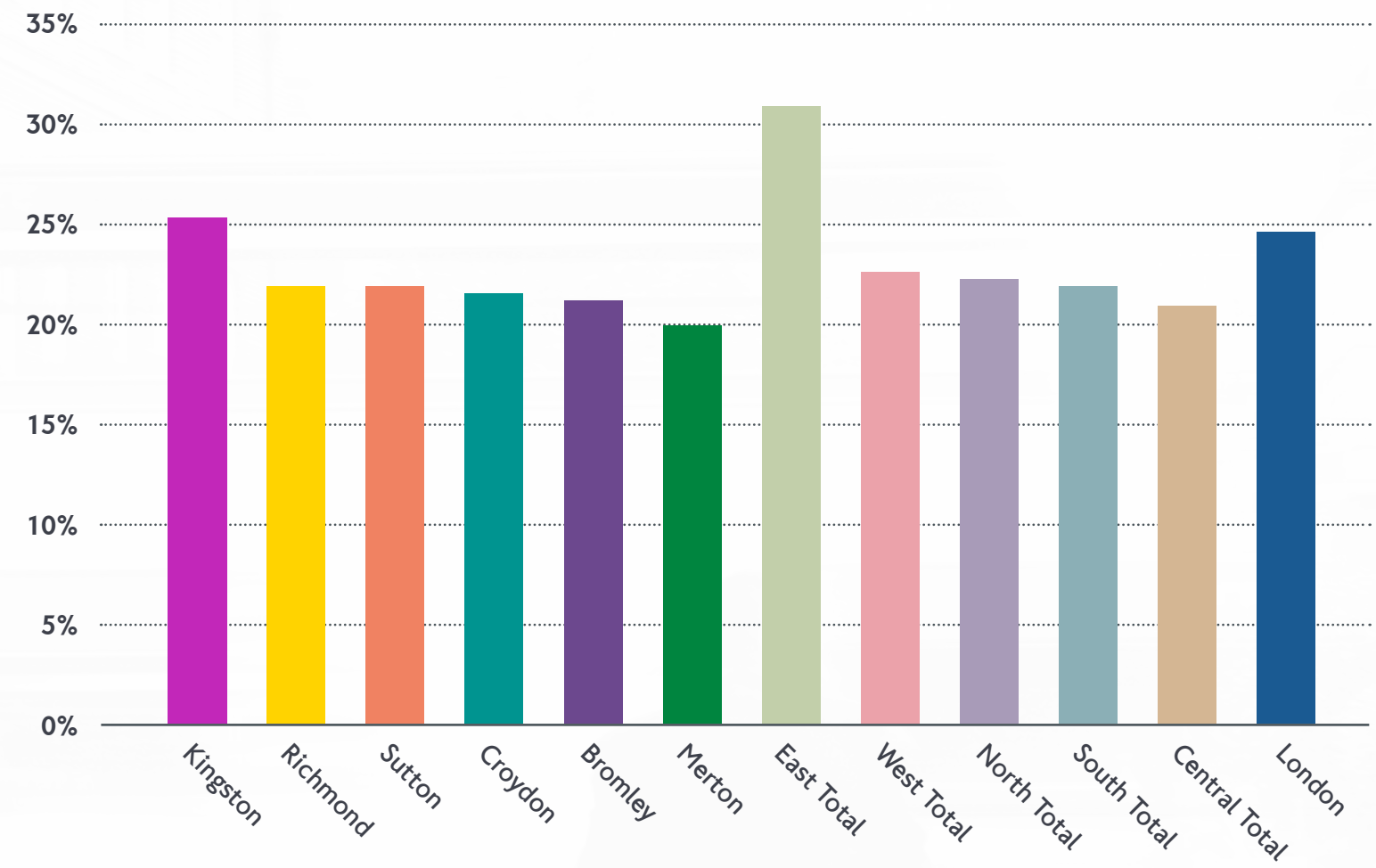


The number of vans on the highway network will continue to grow

The logistics sector plays a key role in supporting London's economy, providing vital support to commercial activities through the delivery of goods. Online commerce is expected to continue growing, in part contributing to an estimated 22% increase in demand for vans on the sub-region's roads.

Vehicle kms by van expected to increase by **22%** by 2031

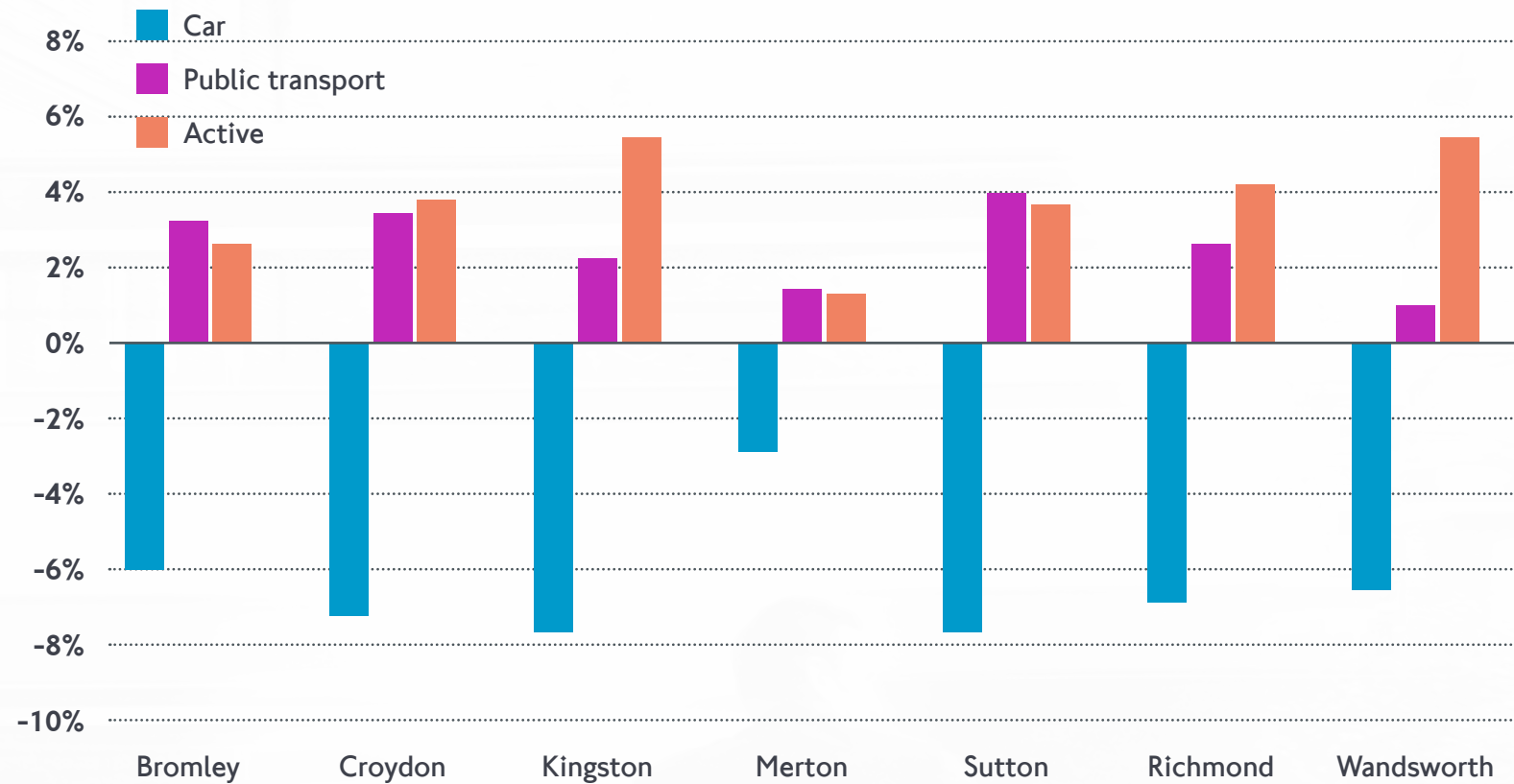
Growth in van vehicle kms 2011 – 2031



Public transport mode share will continue to increase, but only if capacity is increased to accommodate growth

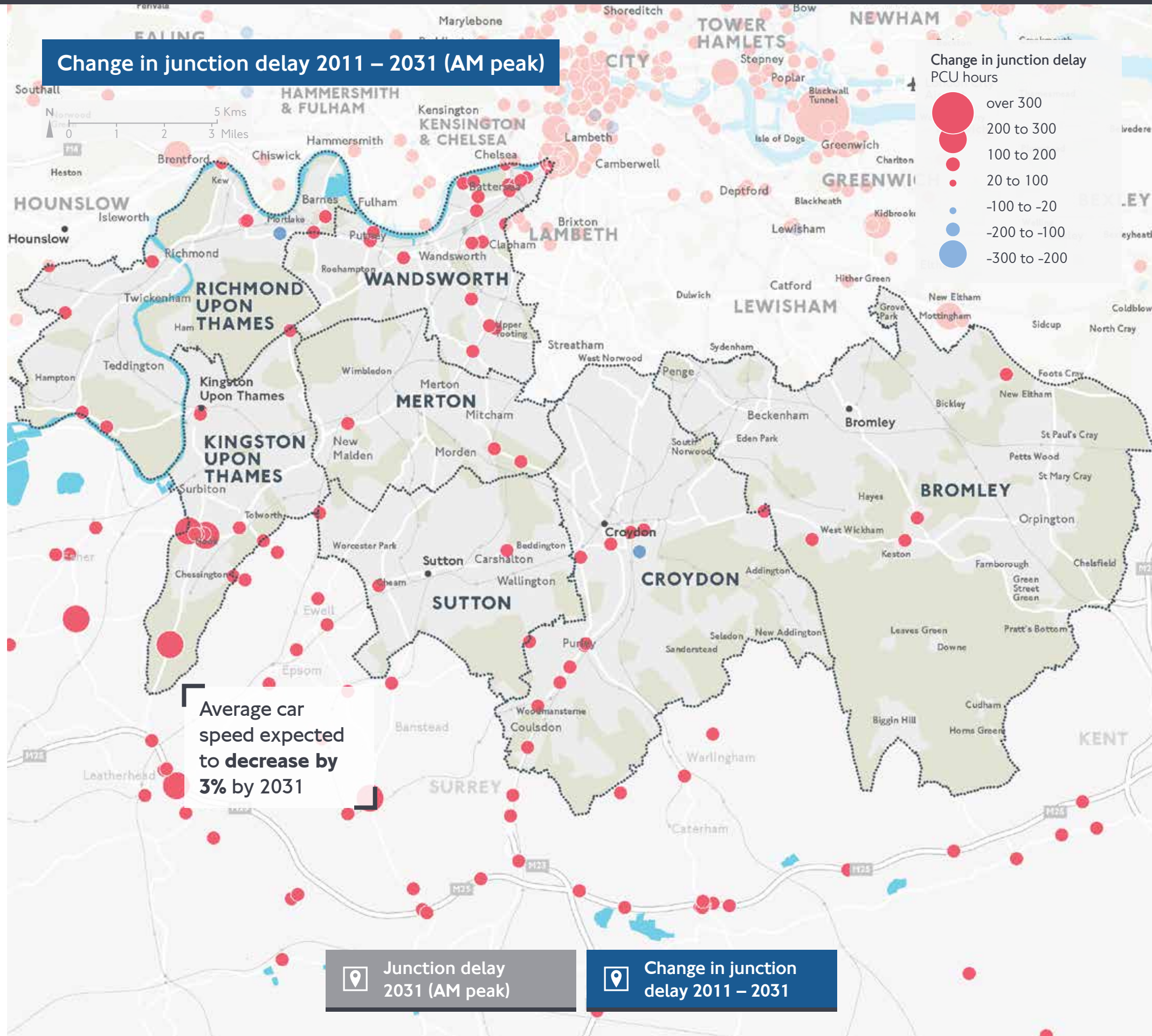
Based on the continuation of recent trends, mode share of public transport and active travel modes will increase as mode share for car falls. Much of this change is expected to come about from new residents, whose travel patterns are often different to existing residents. Boroughs will therefore need to take action to encourage mode shift amongst existing travellers too. In order to achieve this shift to more sustainable modes there will need to be considerable behavioural change in addition to investment in infrastructure. Measures to encourage a shift away from car could include smarter travel initiatives and measures to turn walking and cycling potential into reality. Other measures still allow access to services without having to travel as far, for example through better use of IT and freight consolidation.

Mode shift 2011 – 2031



Highway congestion will get worse without many more people switching to alternative modes

Under current forecasts, whilst car mode share will fall, population and employment growth mean there will be an increase in the number of cars using the highway network in the sub-region, resulting in increased congestion. This could constrain economic growth, lower quality of life for existing residents and prevent the sub-region from fulfilling its growth potential. Particular locations where congestion is expected to be most significant are the A243, south of Chessington, the A298 at New Malden, and the A236 at Mitcham.



Change in junction delay 2011 – 2031 (AM peak)

Change in junction delay PCU hours

- over 300
- 200 to 300
- 100 to 200
- 20 to 100
- -100 to -20
- -200 to -100
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Average car speed expected to decrease by 3% by 2031

Junction delay 2031 (AM peak)

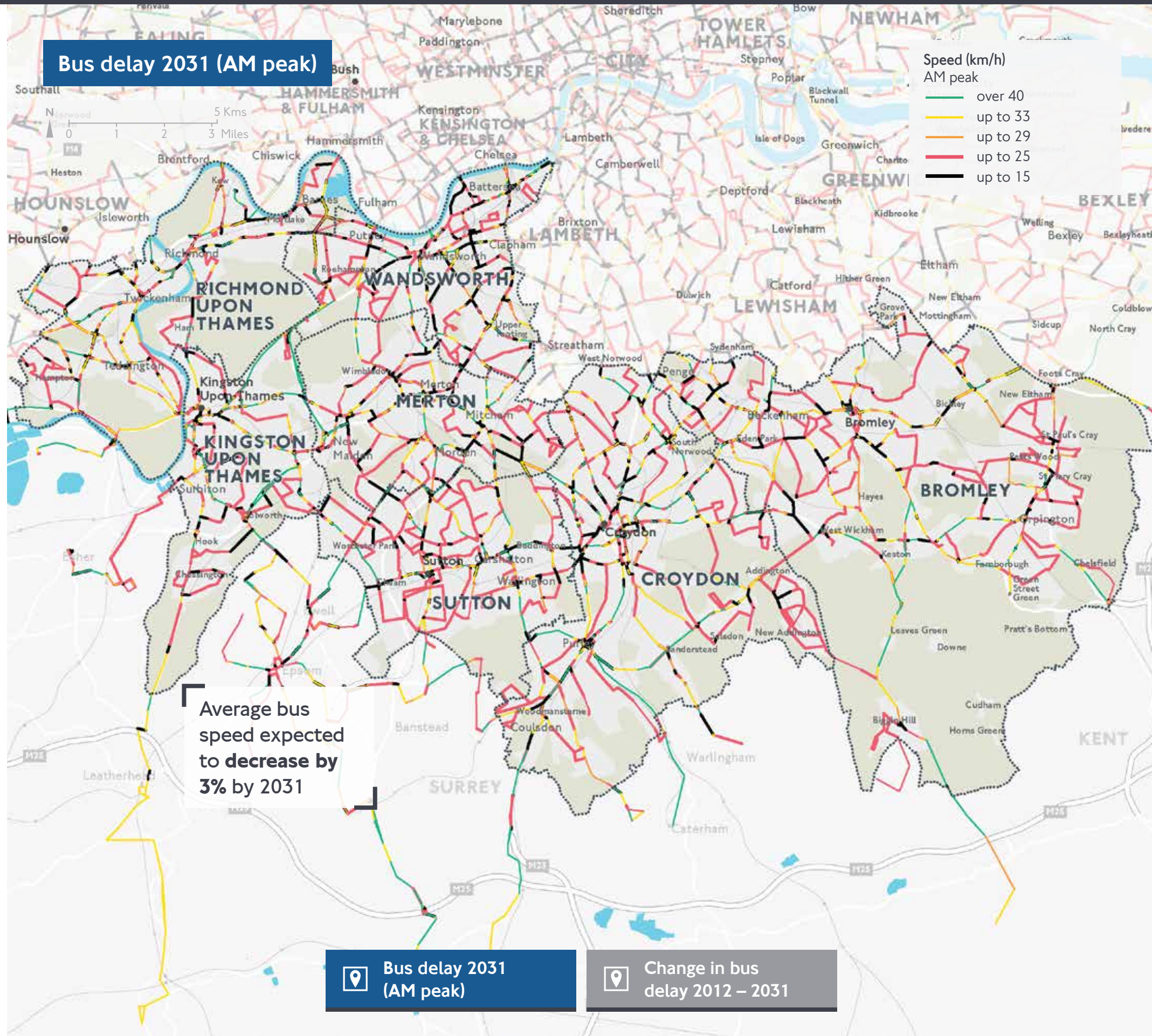
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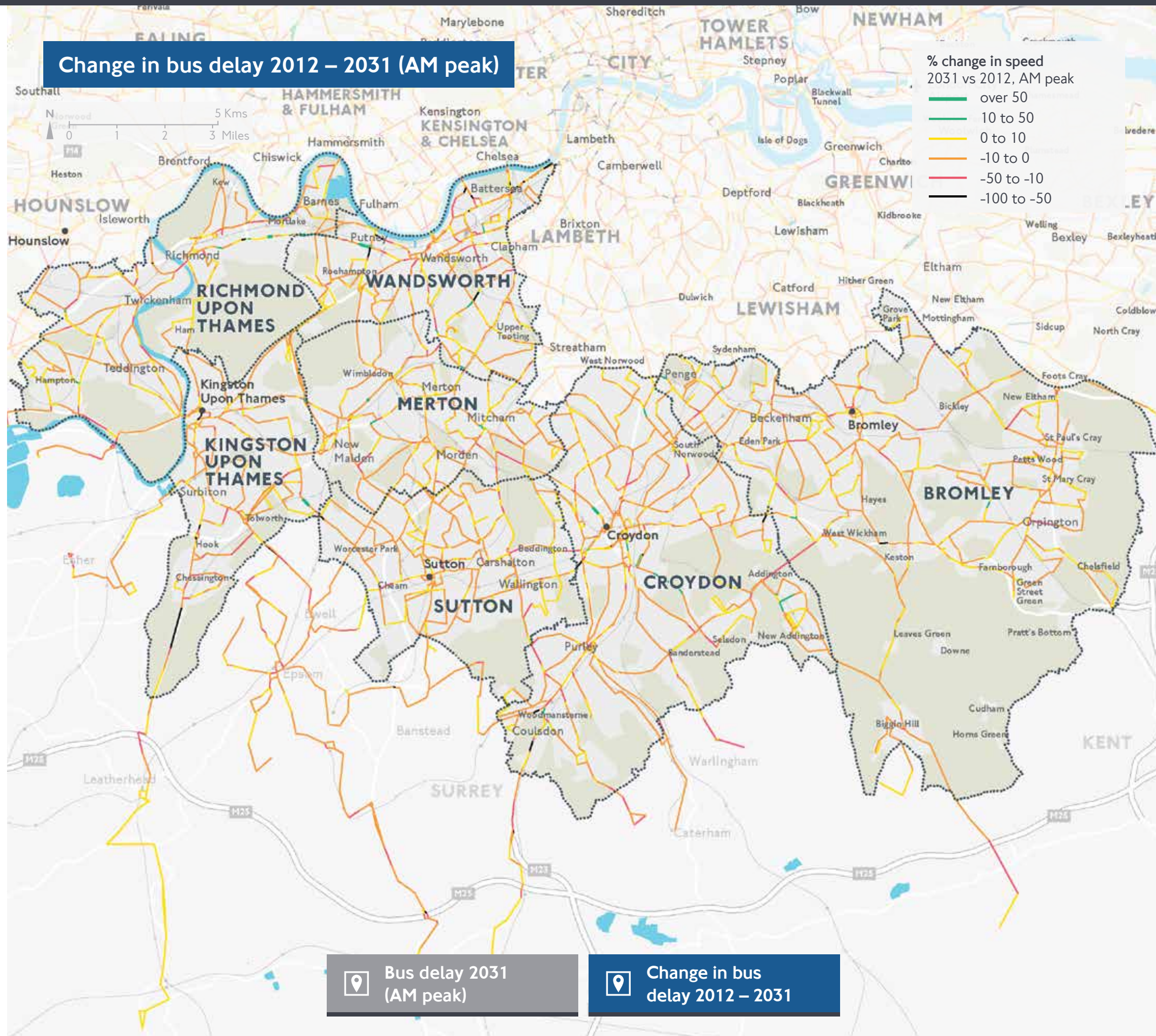


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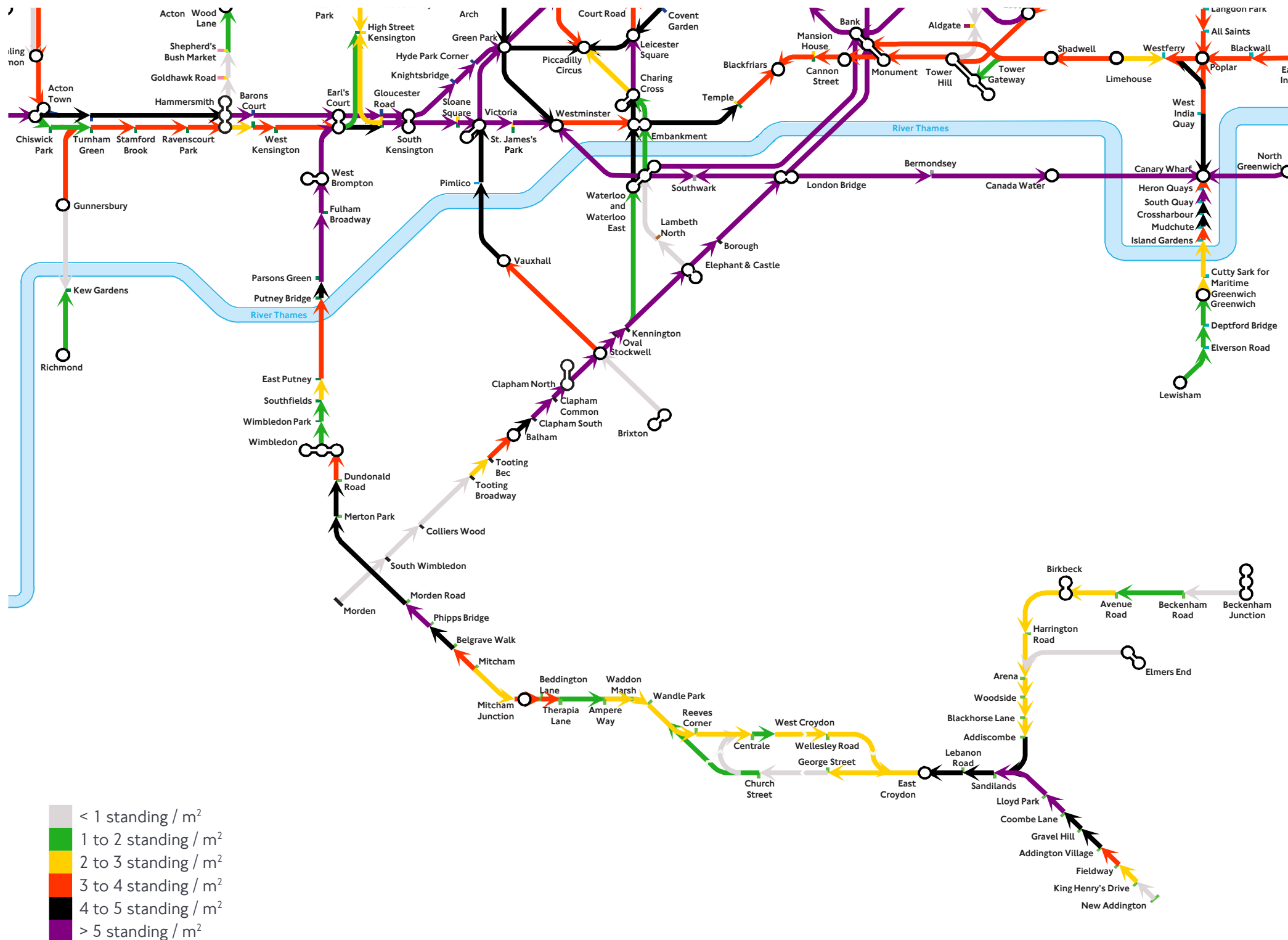
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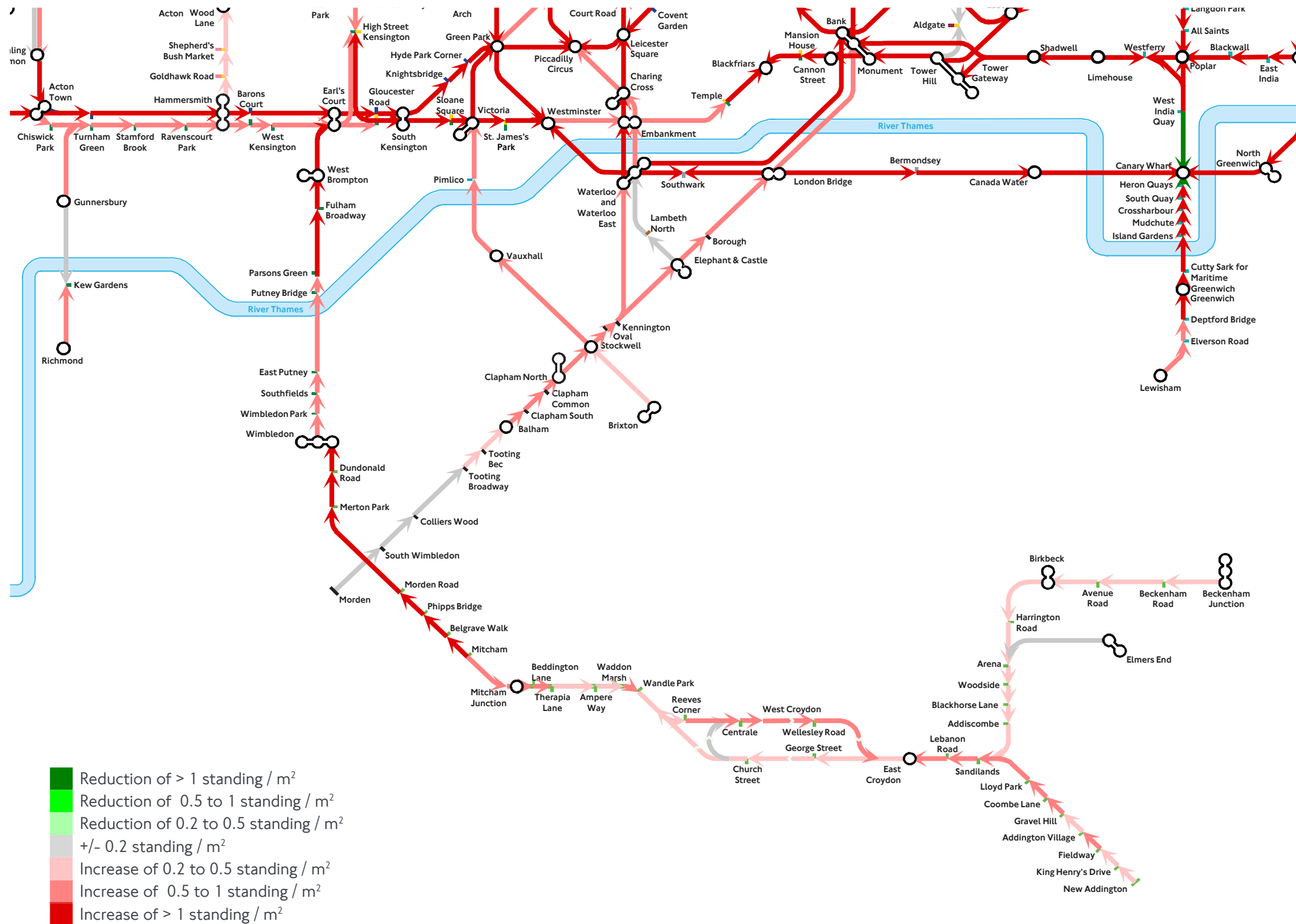
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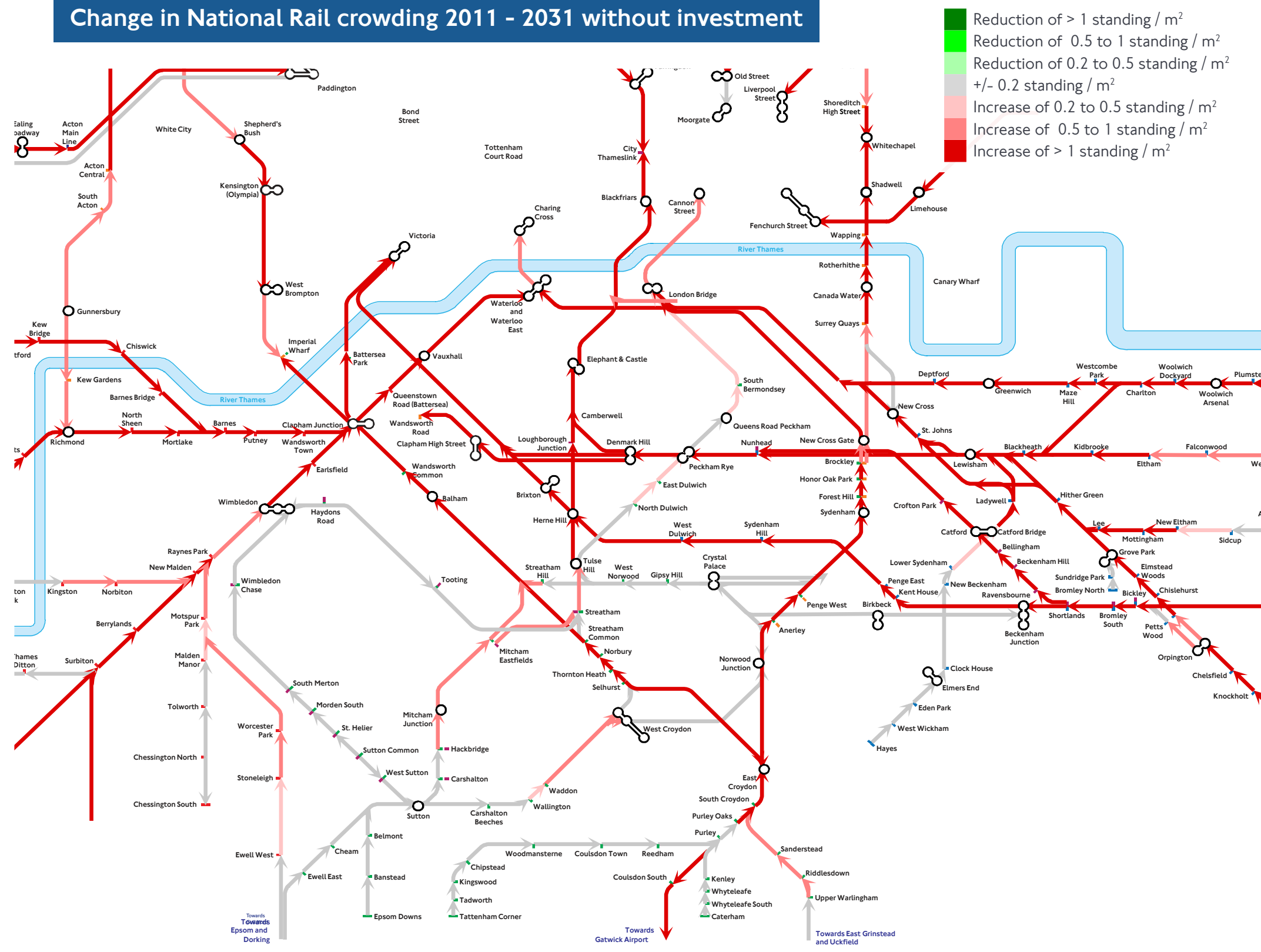
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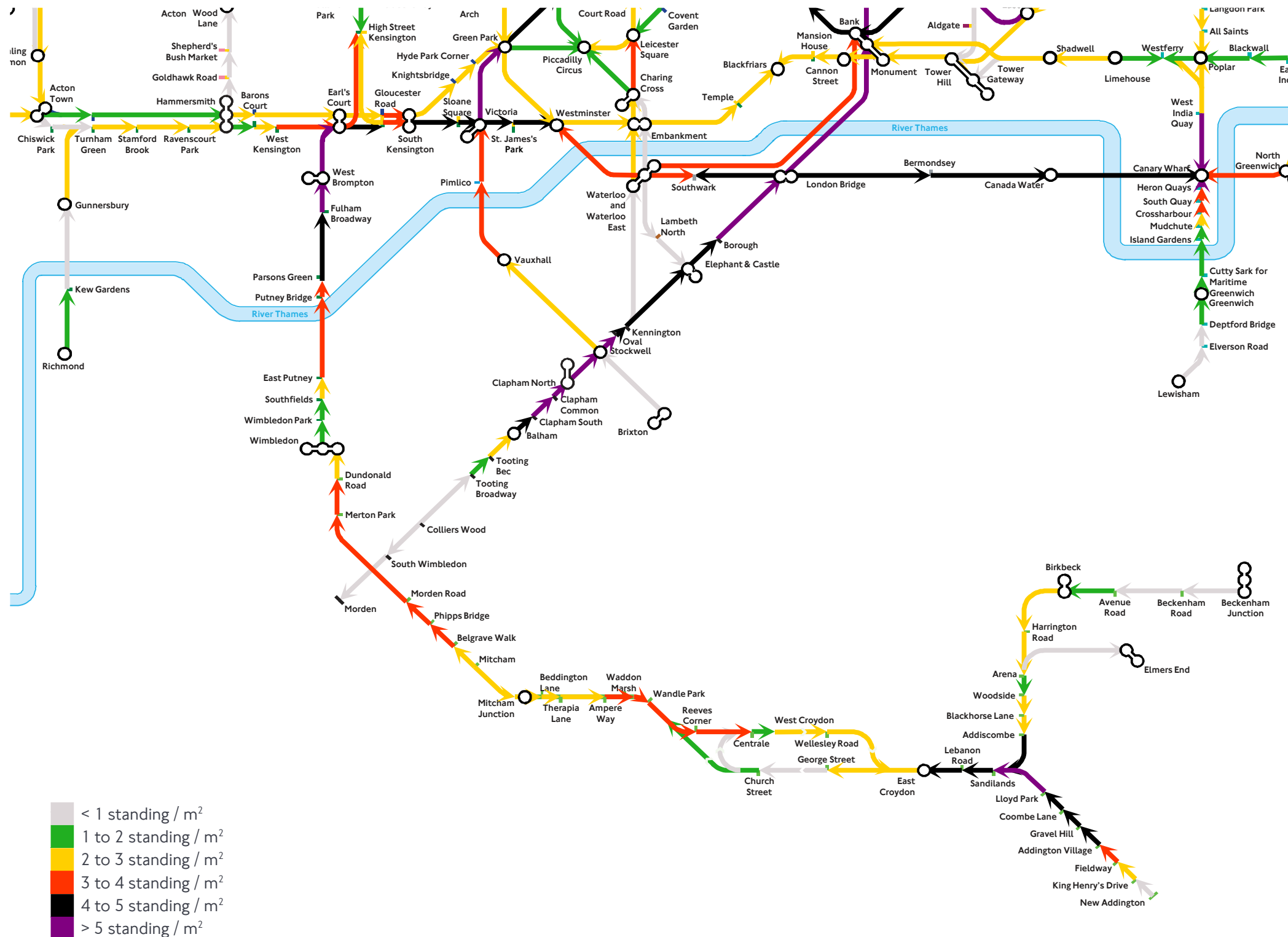
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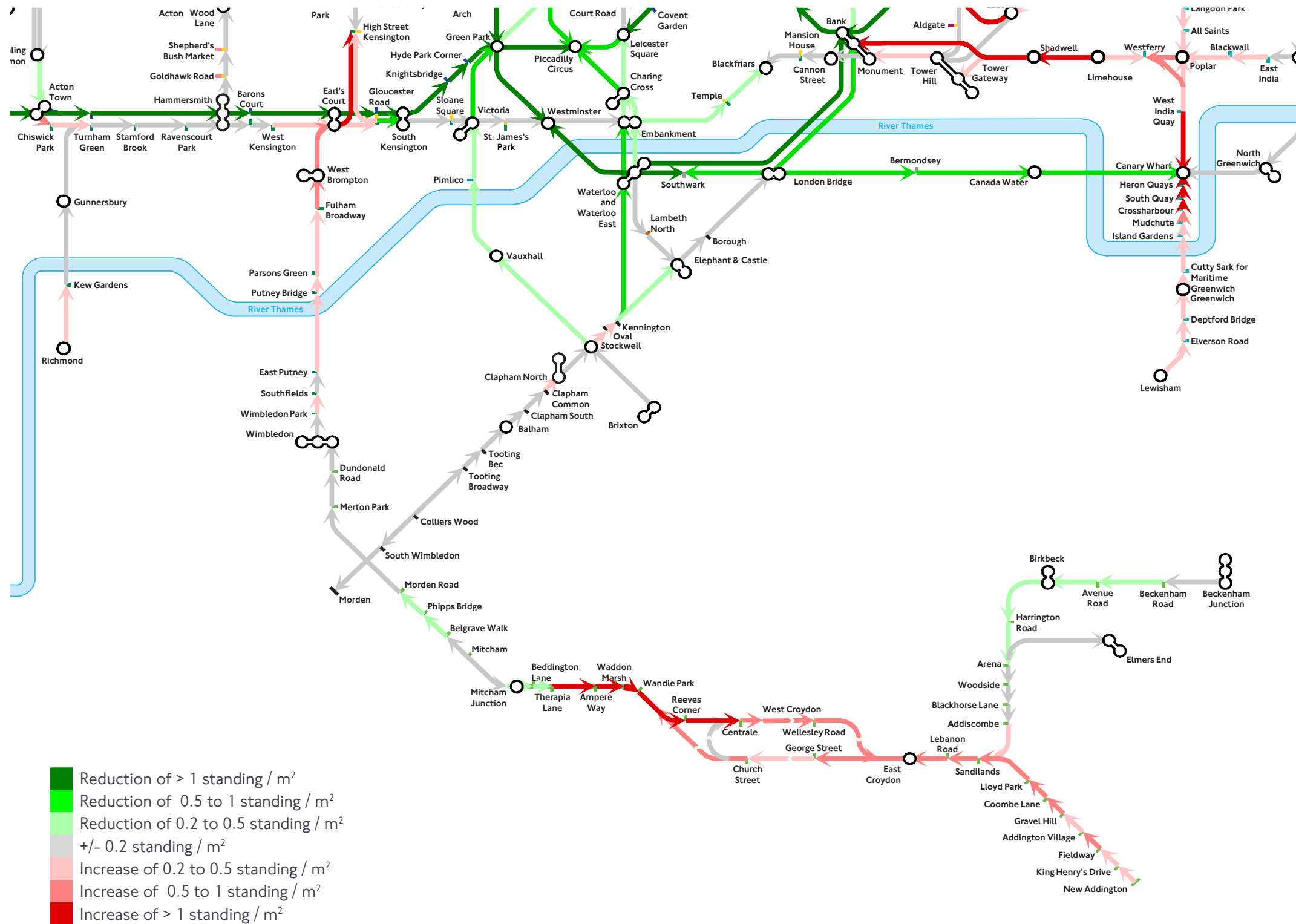


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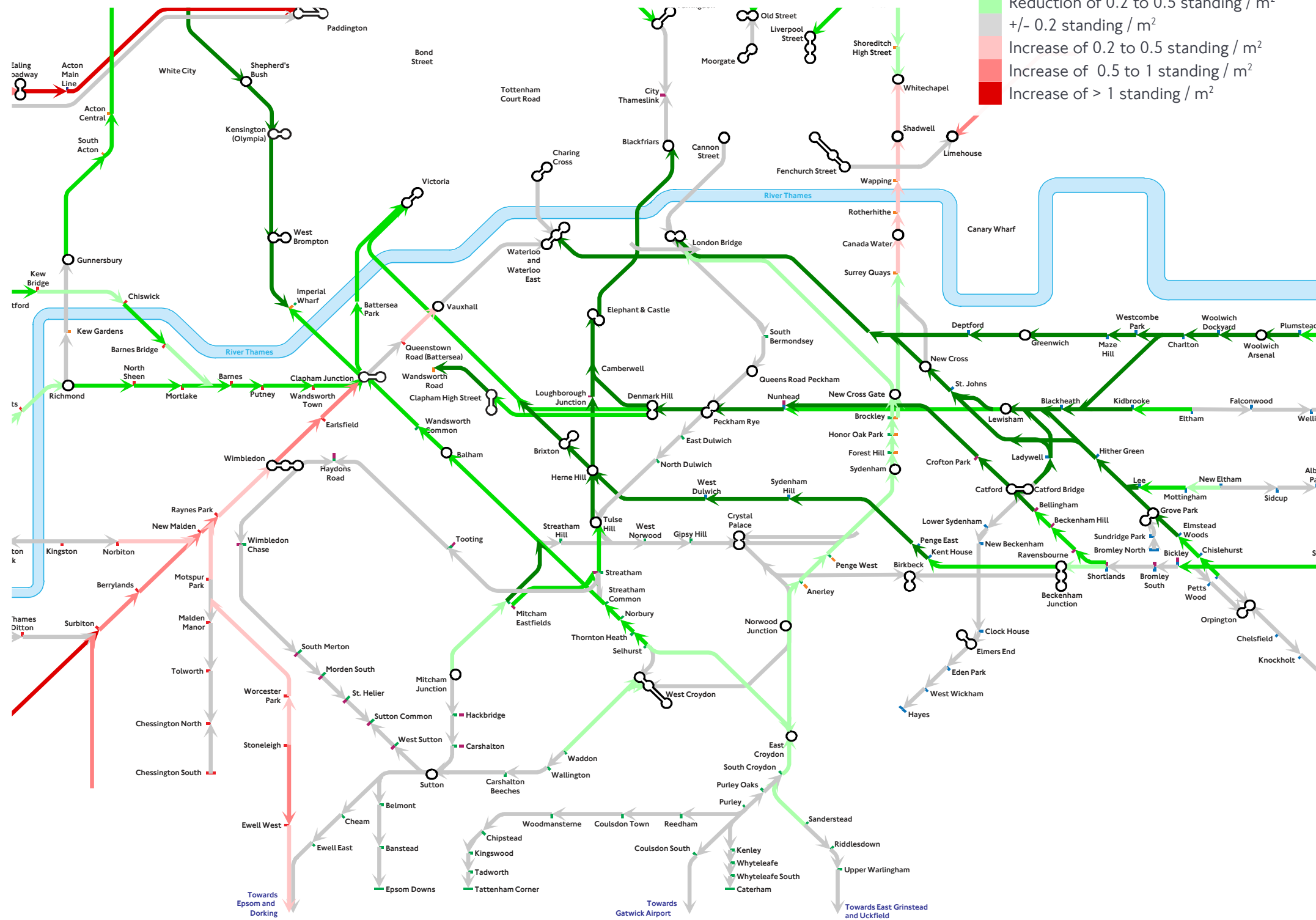


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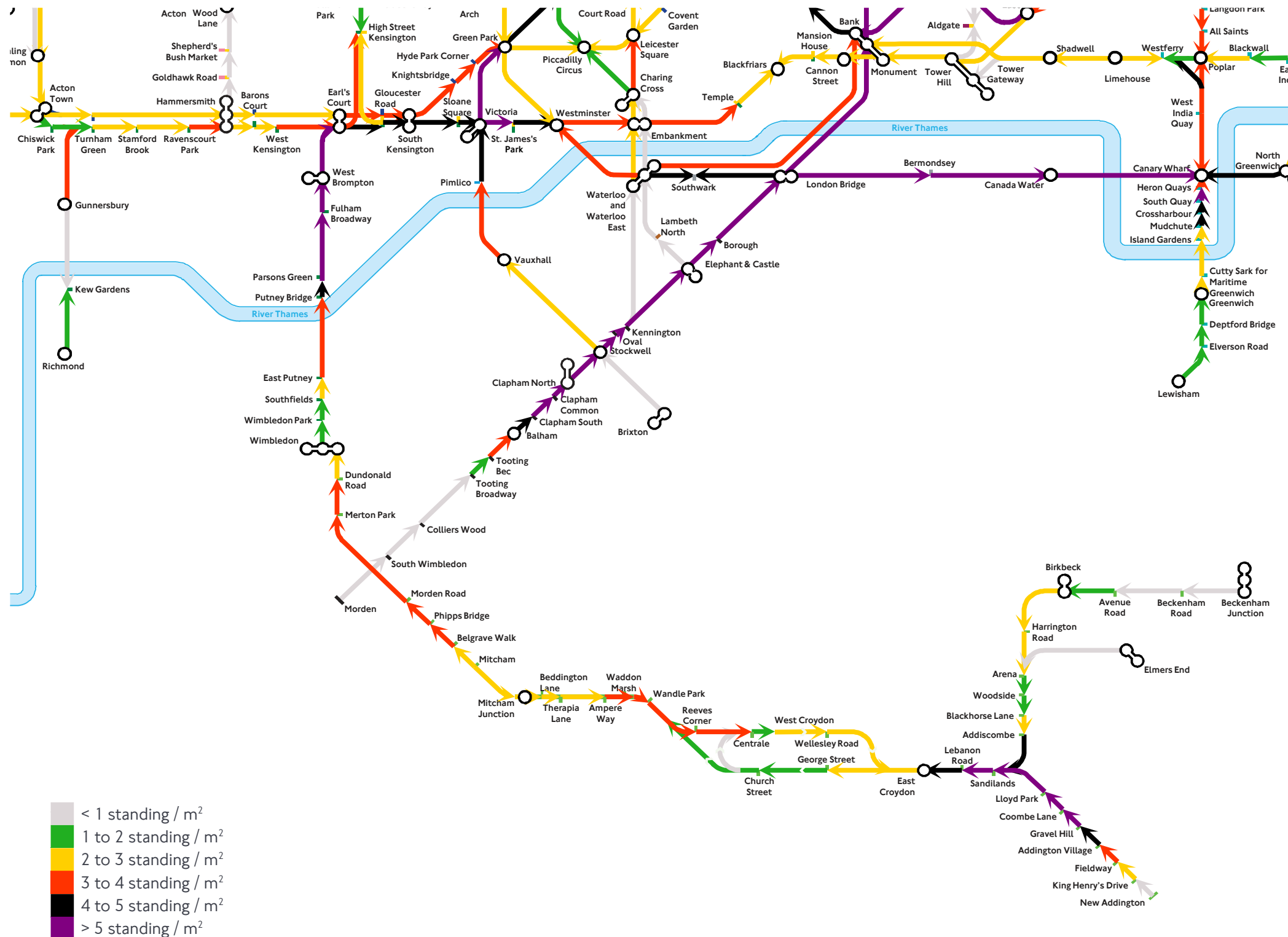
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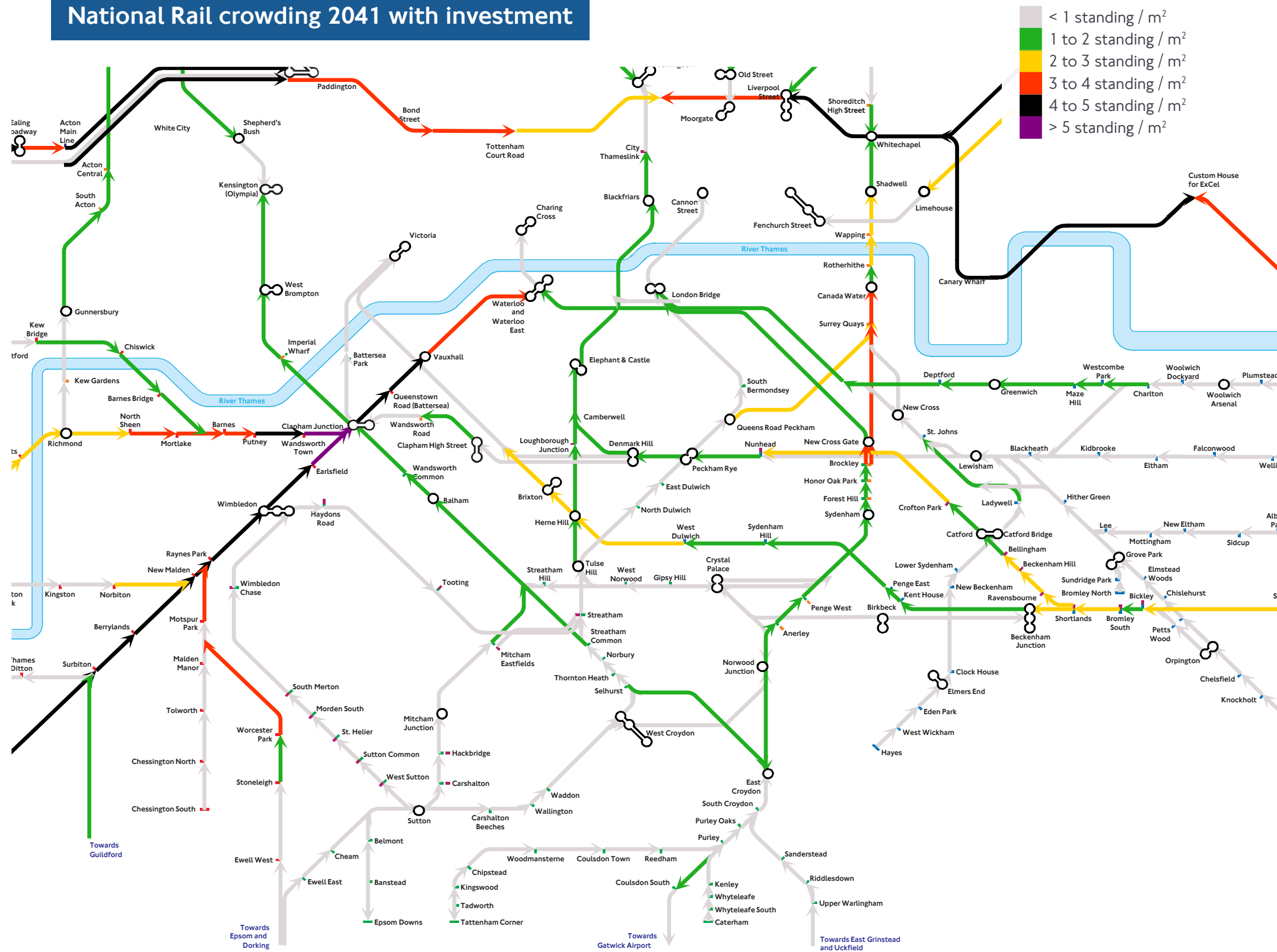
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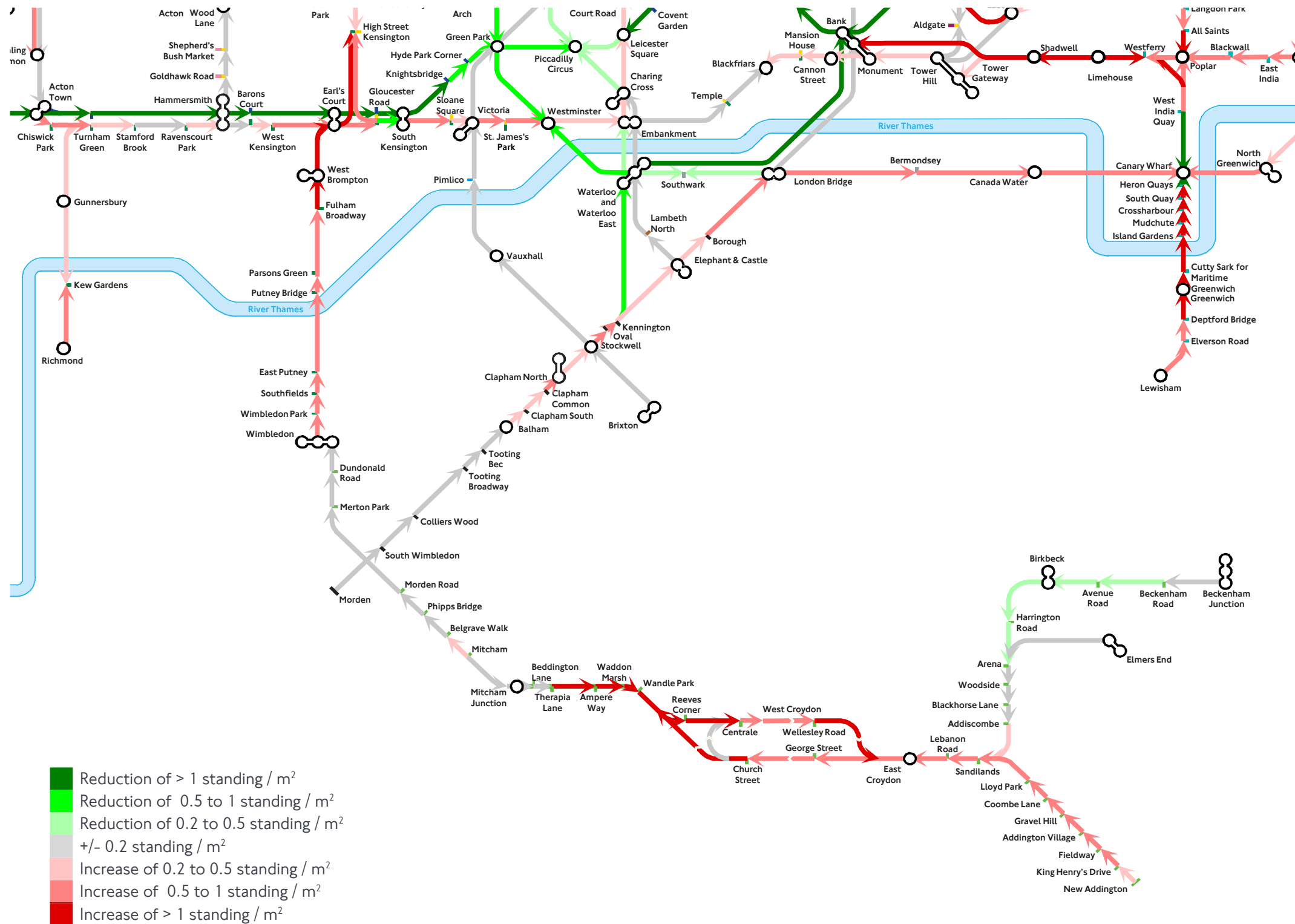
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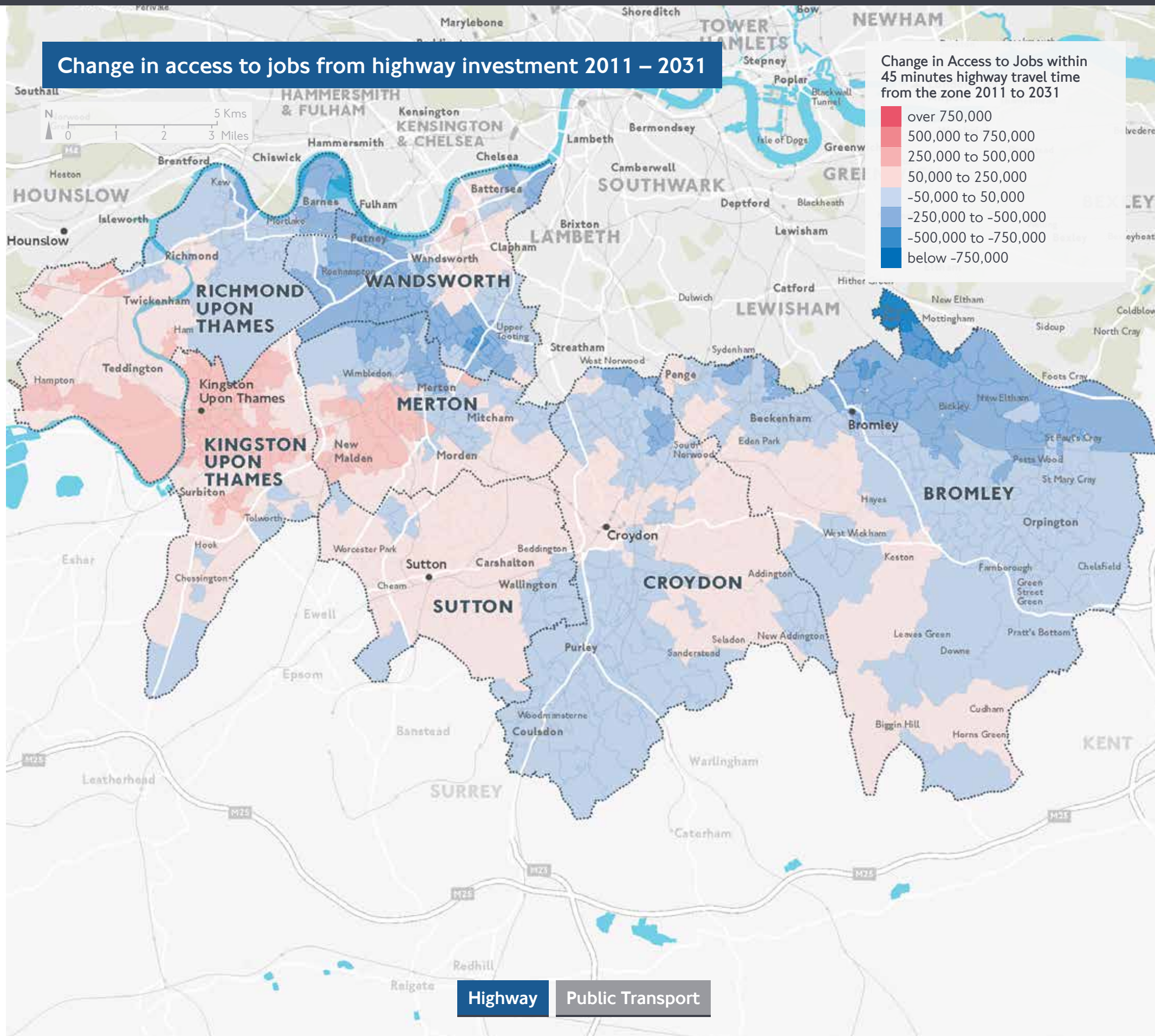
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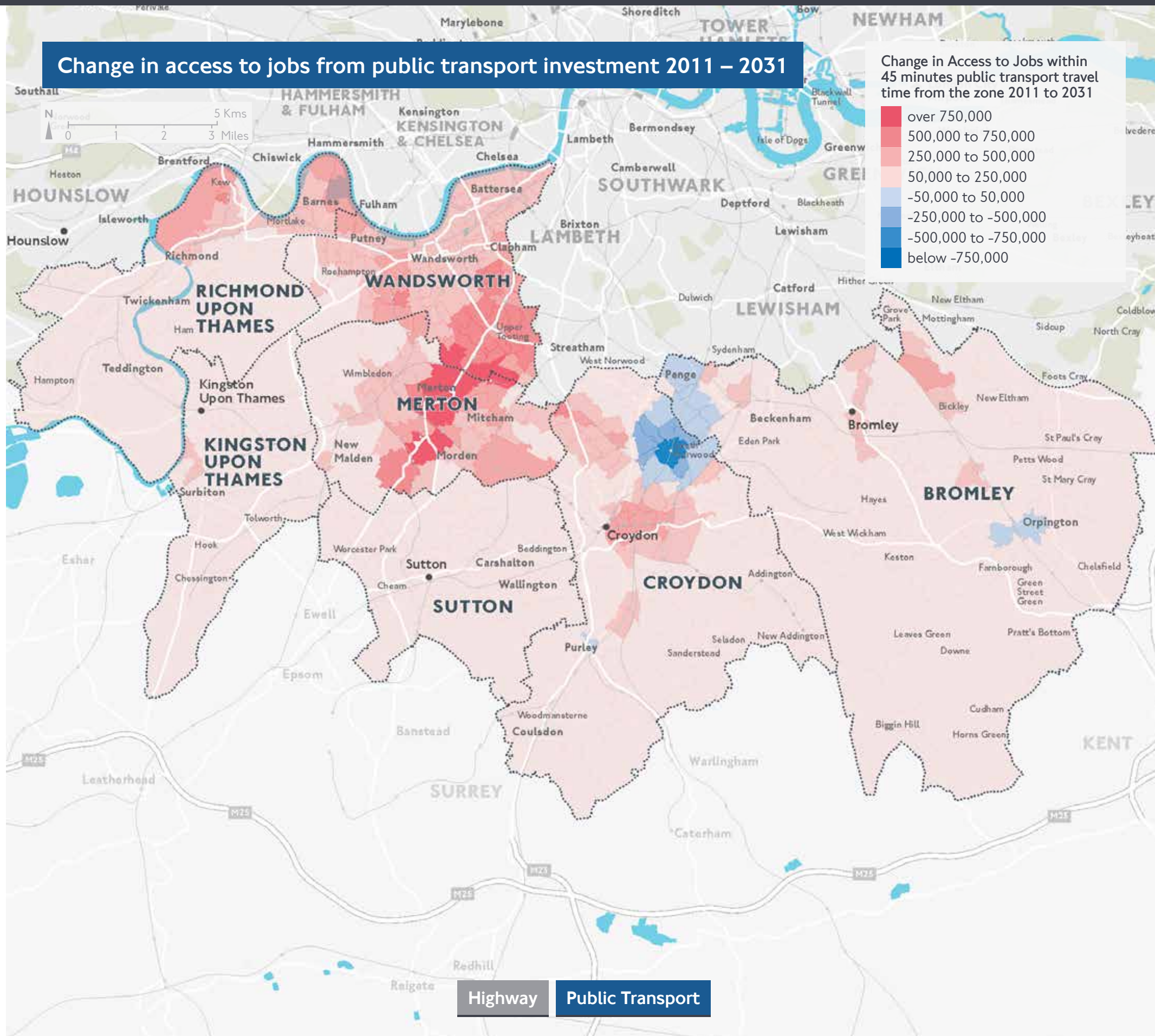
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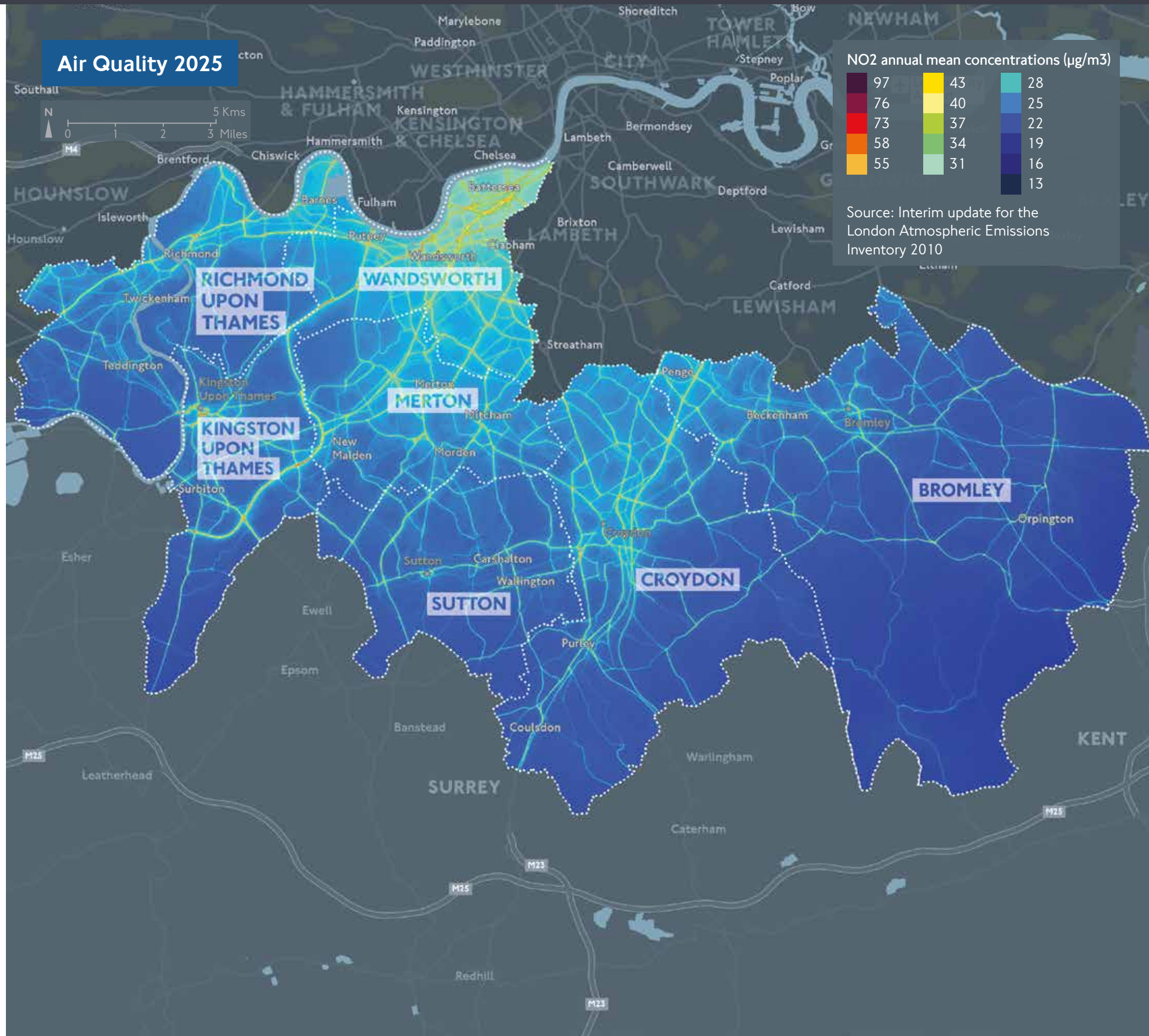
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