

East and south east London Sub-regional Transport Plan 2016 update

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Sub-regional Transport Plans (SRTP) for East and south east 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 East and south east 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.

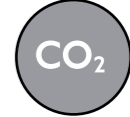
Challenges in every sub-region



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



Help meet the Mayor's CO₂ targets

East and south east London-specific challenges



Manage highway congestion and public transport crowding and make efficient use of the transport network



Reduce physical barriers to travel (including proximity to the River Thames in east London) and improve resilience of the transport network



Ensure that the benefits of existing and funded transport investment are maximised



Support the efficient movement of goods and encourage sustainable freight movement

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The focus of this year's plans

Since 2010, the East and south east 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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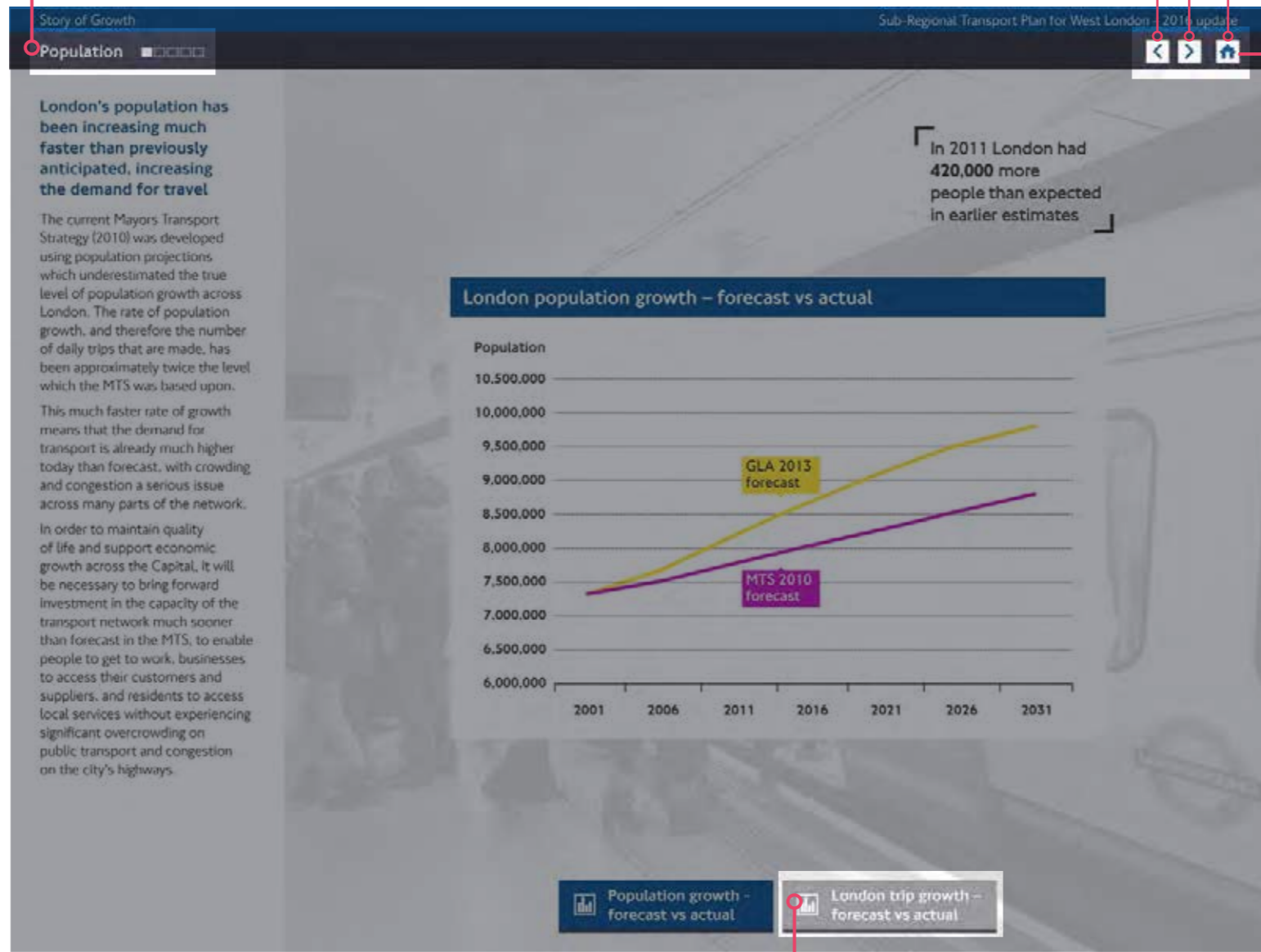
This document contains a series of figures and supporting text in order to convey the Story of Growth within the sub-region, which is the key focus of this year's Sub-Regional Transport Plans. The document has been designed to enable the reader to navigate between this content using the interactive buttons on each page.

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Story of Growth

Click on any of the six categories below to explore how the sub-region has changed, is expected to change, and the implications for how the transport network needs to adapt to reflect this.



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Future growth



Population >



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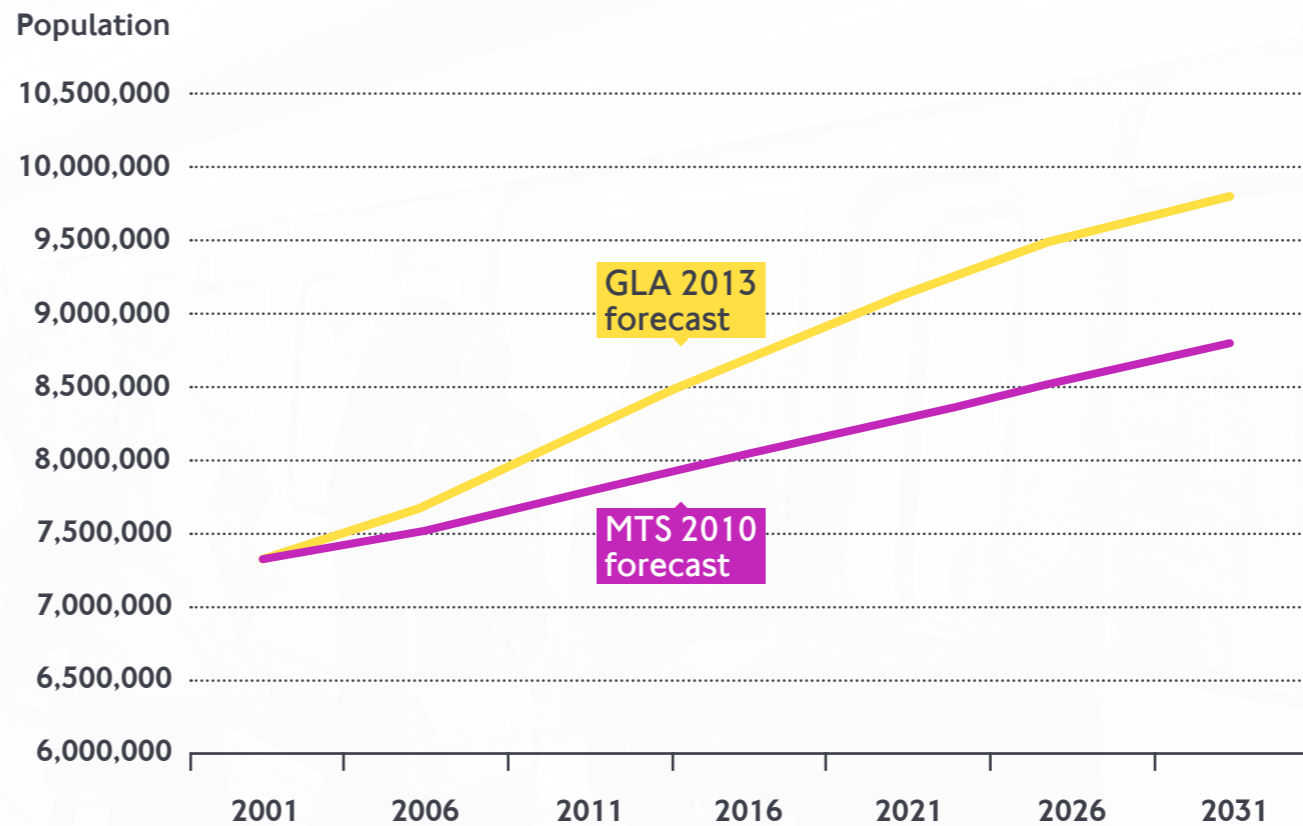
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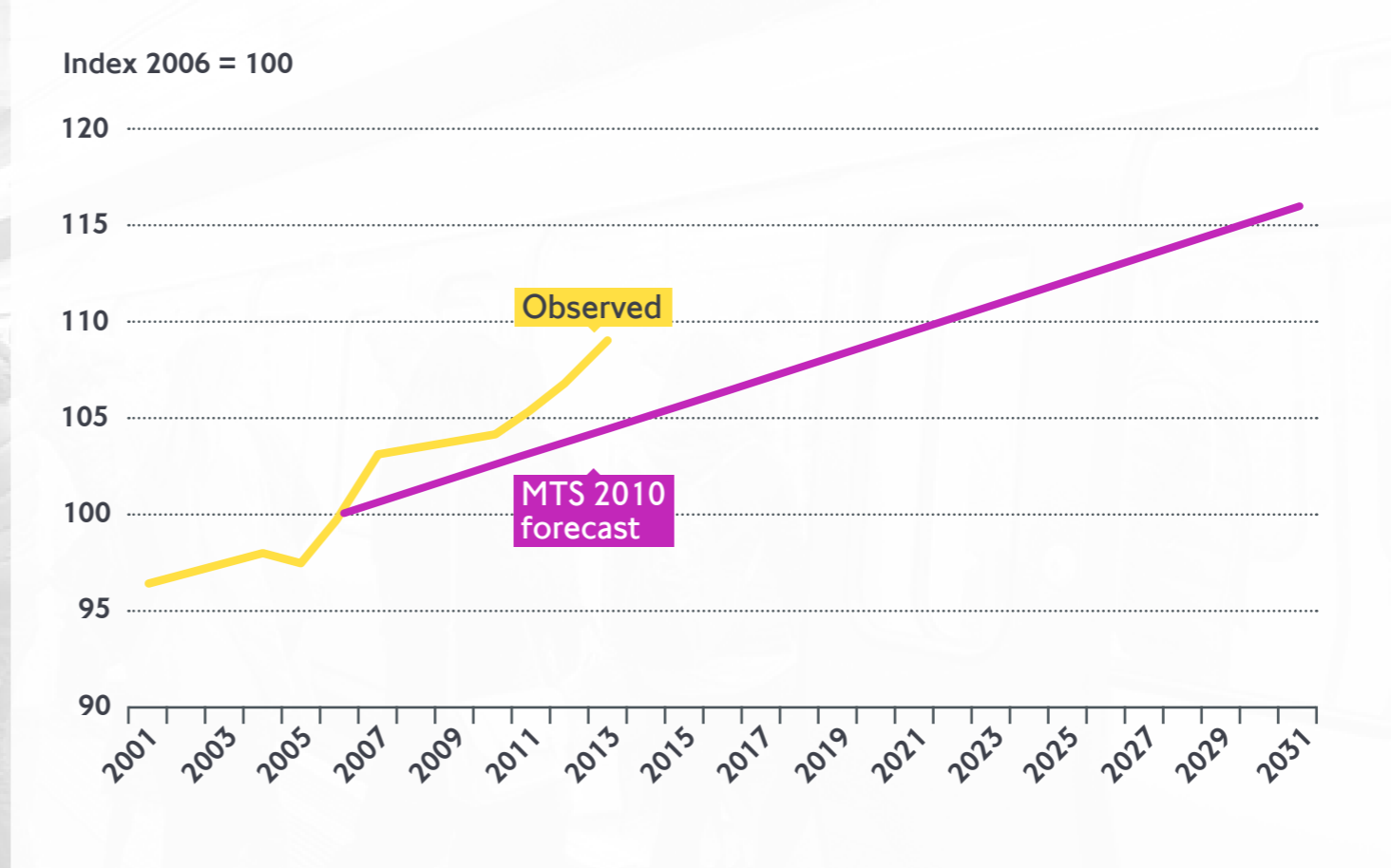
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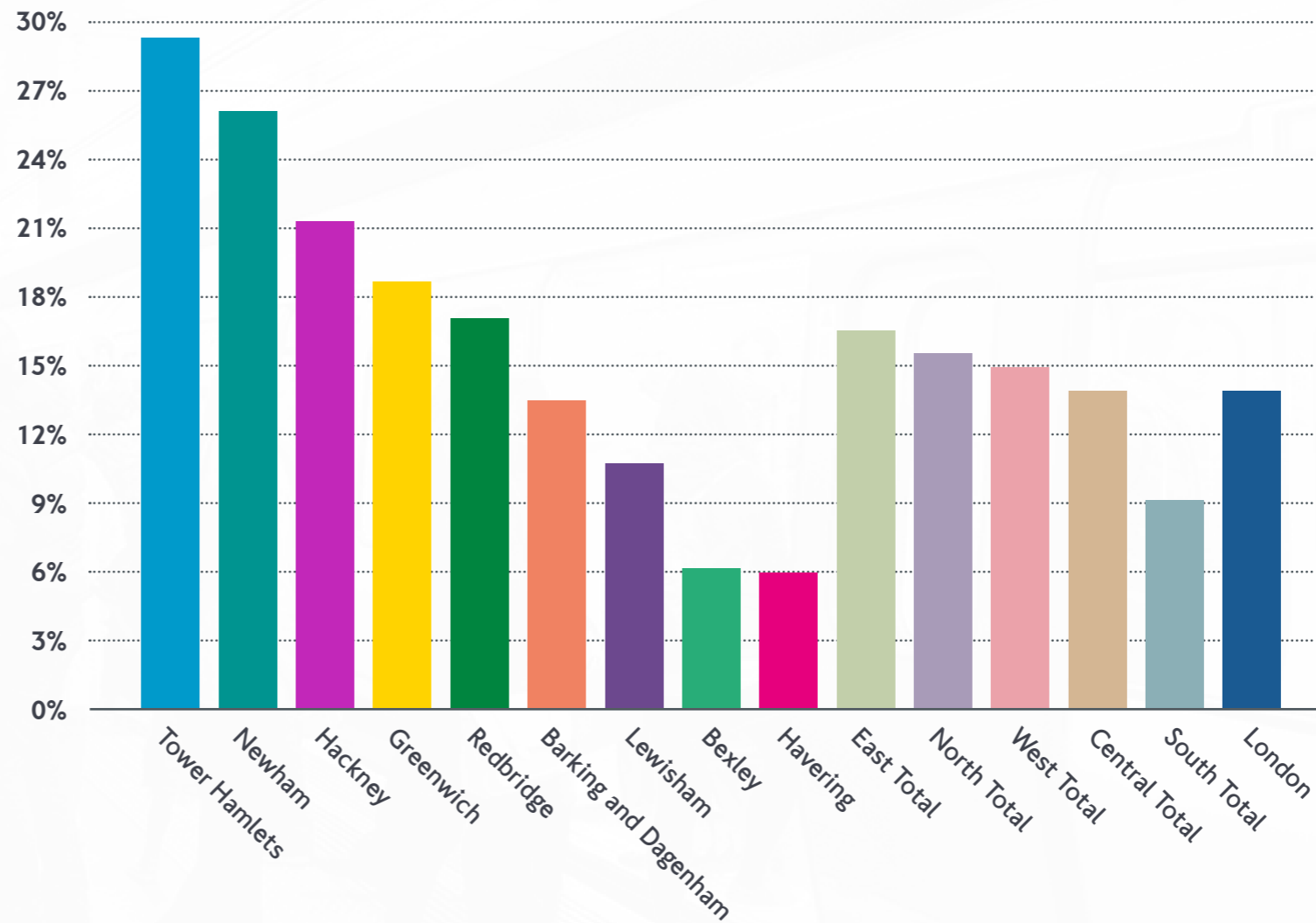
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Absolute population growth 2001 - 2011



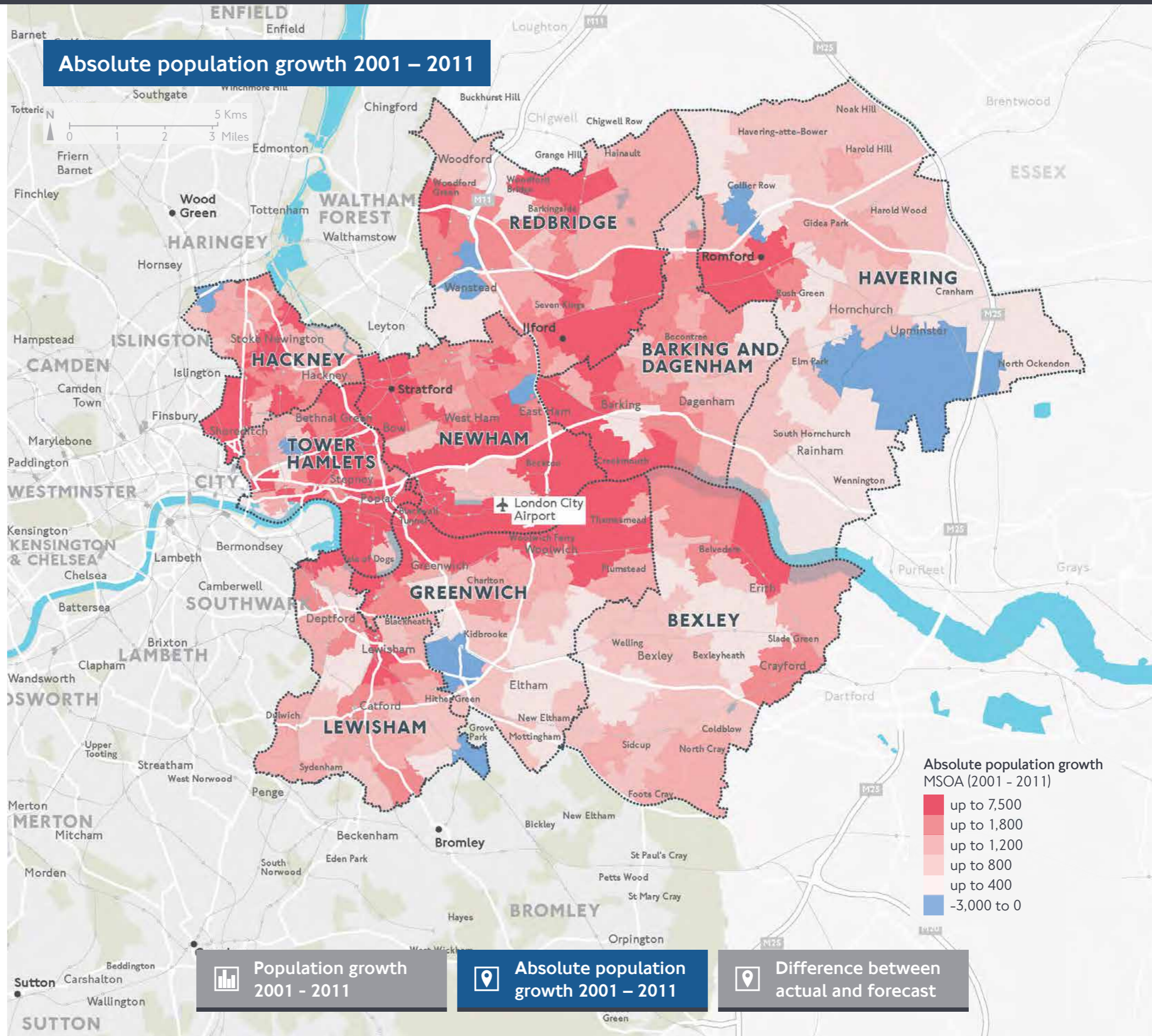
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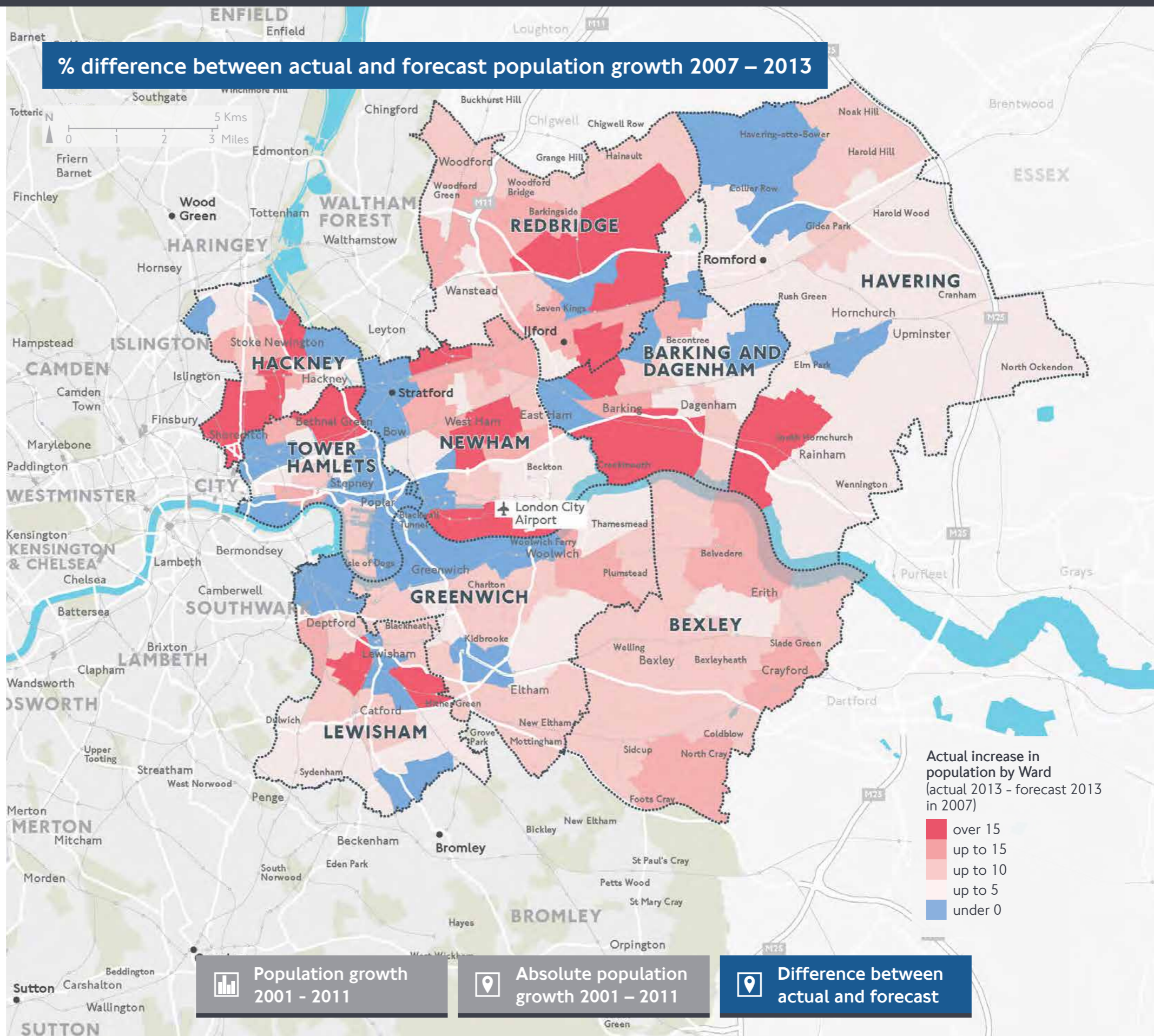


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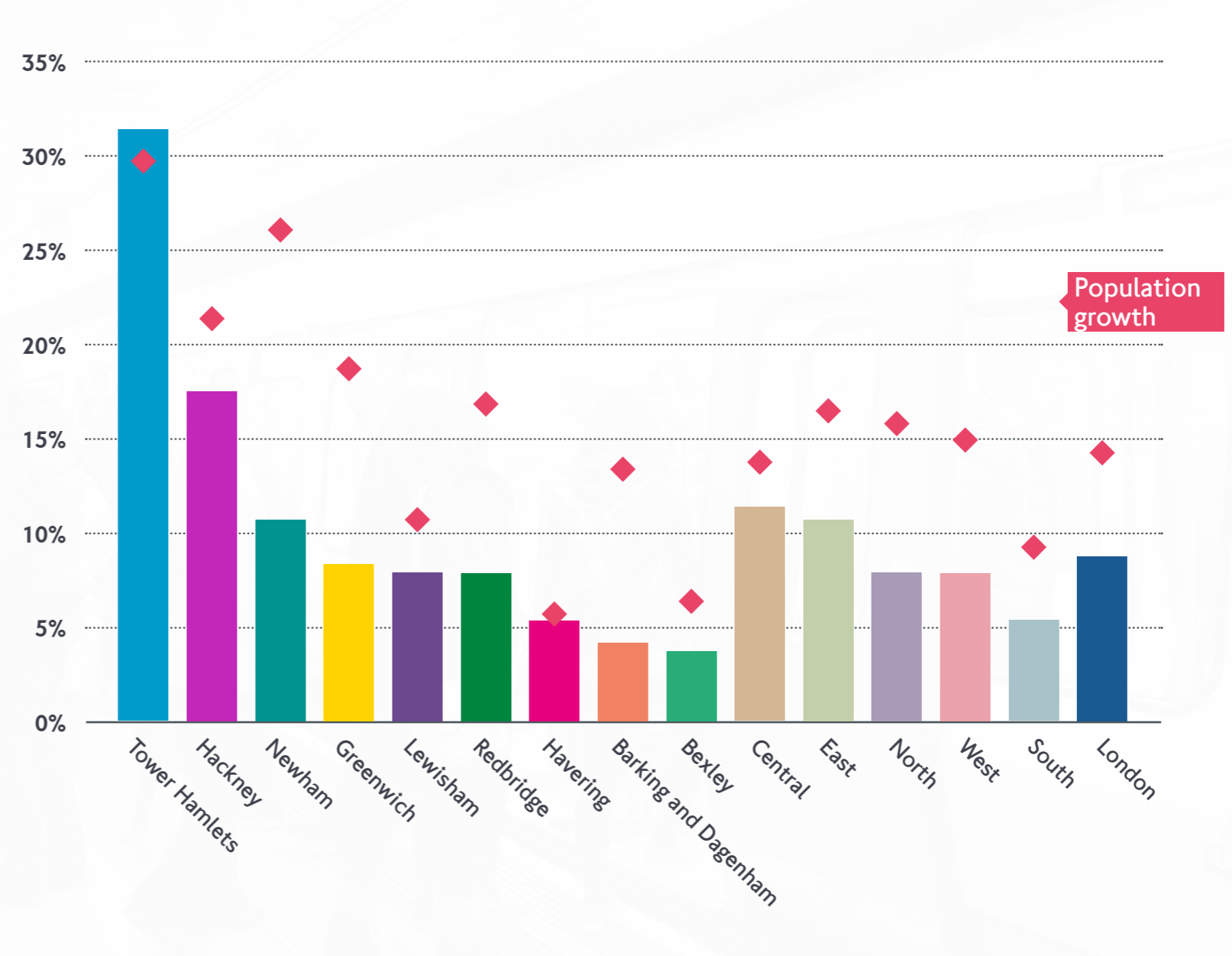
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Population growth in the sub-region has been **50% higher** the rate of housing growth

Change in housing stock 2001 – 2011



Change in housing stock

Change in average household size

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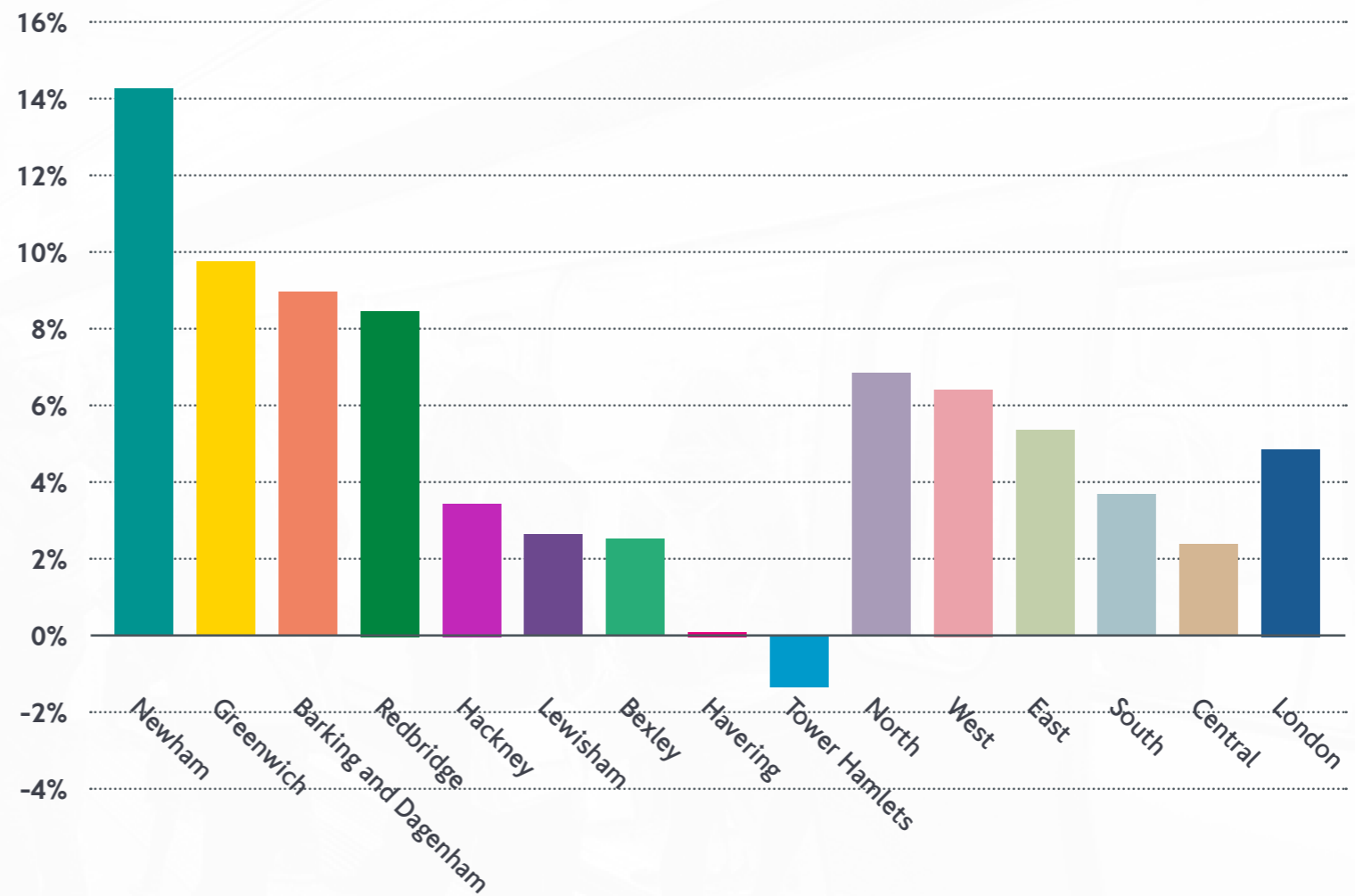
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Average household size has increased by **0.13 persons** across the sub-region

Change in average household size 2001 – 2011



Change in housing stock



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

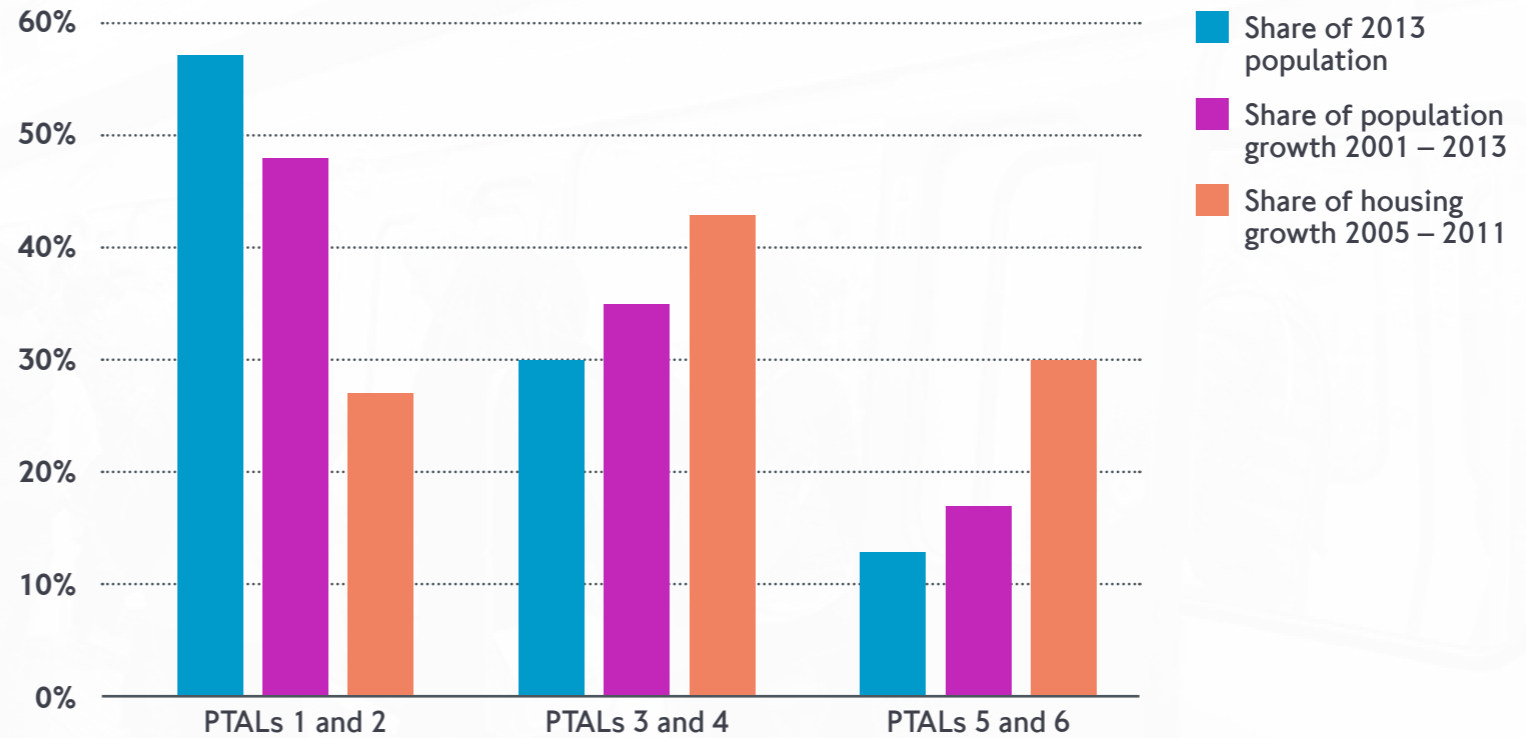
The majority of the sub-region's population live in areas where the Public Transport Accessibility Level (PTAL) is scored as 1 or 2. These are areas where connectivity by public transport is at its lowest. There is scope for the public transport network to be enhanced where it serves existing communities, 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, with 30% of all new development has come forward in the most accessible places - the highest of any areas outside central London. But 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.

57% of the sub-region's population live in PTALs 1 and 2

Share of population and growth by Public Transport Accessibility Level

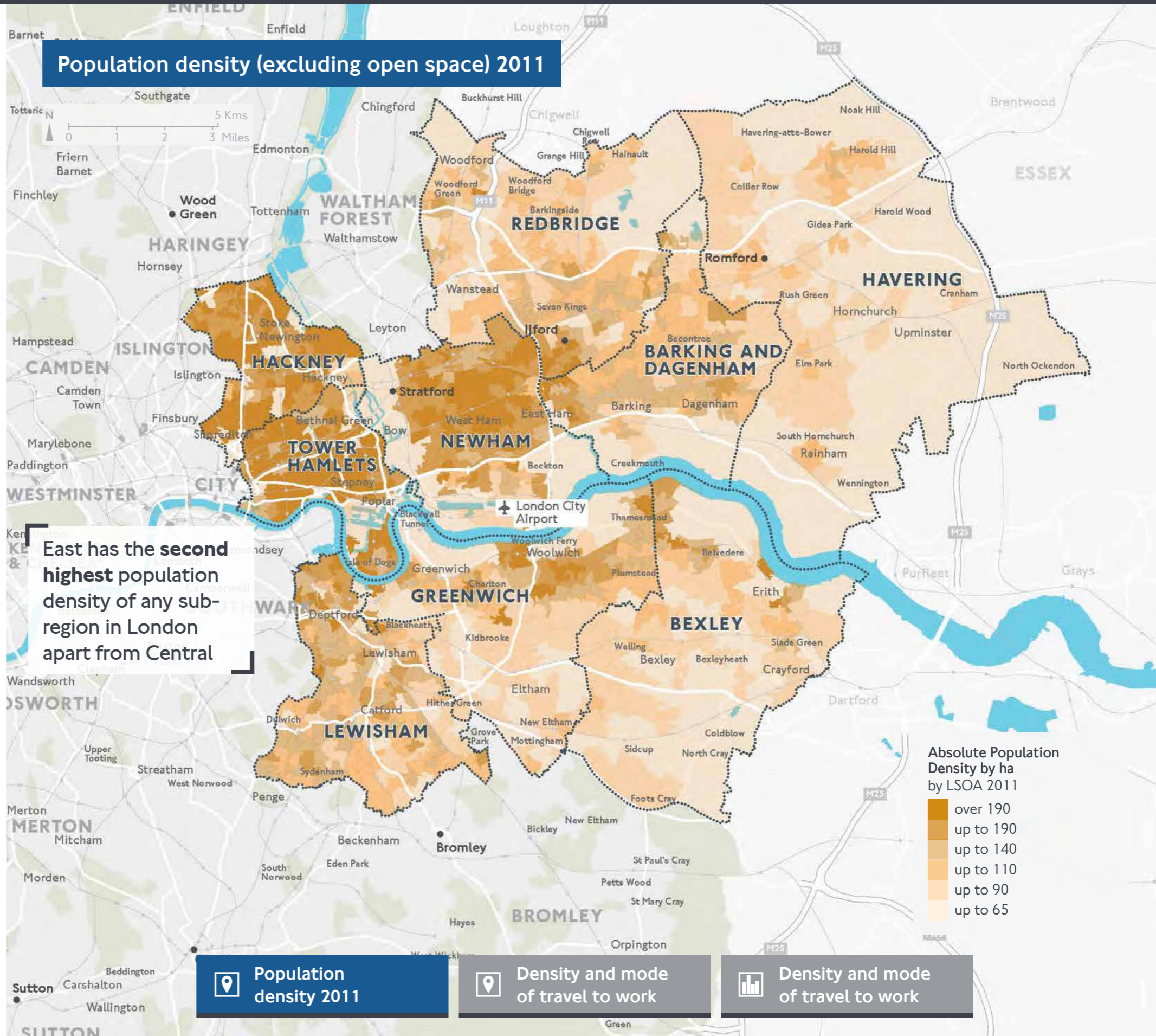


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Population density (excluding open space) 2011

East has the second highest population density of any sub-region in London apart from Central

Absolute Population Density by ha by LSOA 2011

- over 190
- up to 190
- up to 140
- up to 110
- up to 90
- up to 65

Population density 2011

Density and mode of travel to work

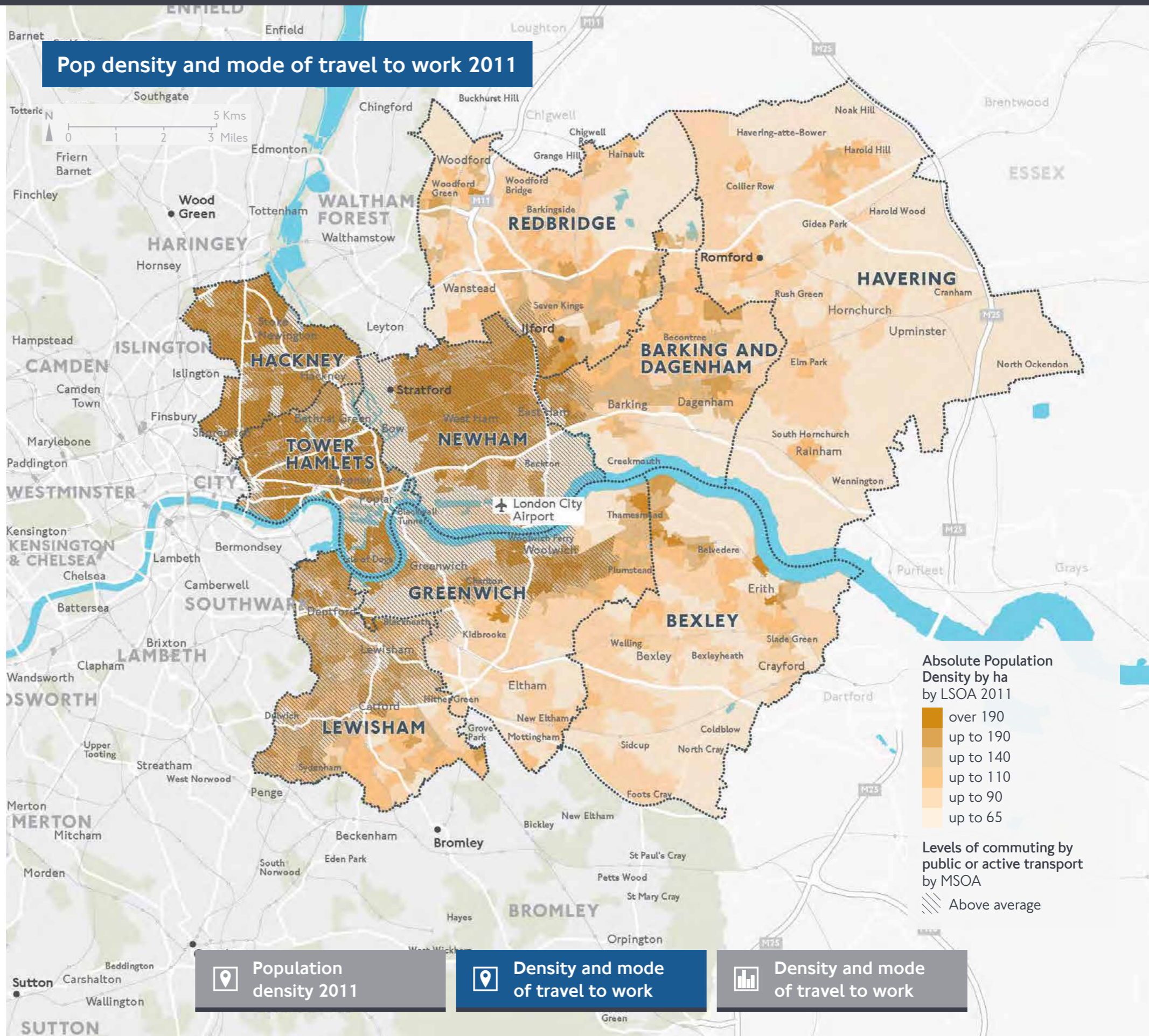
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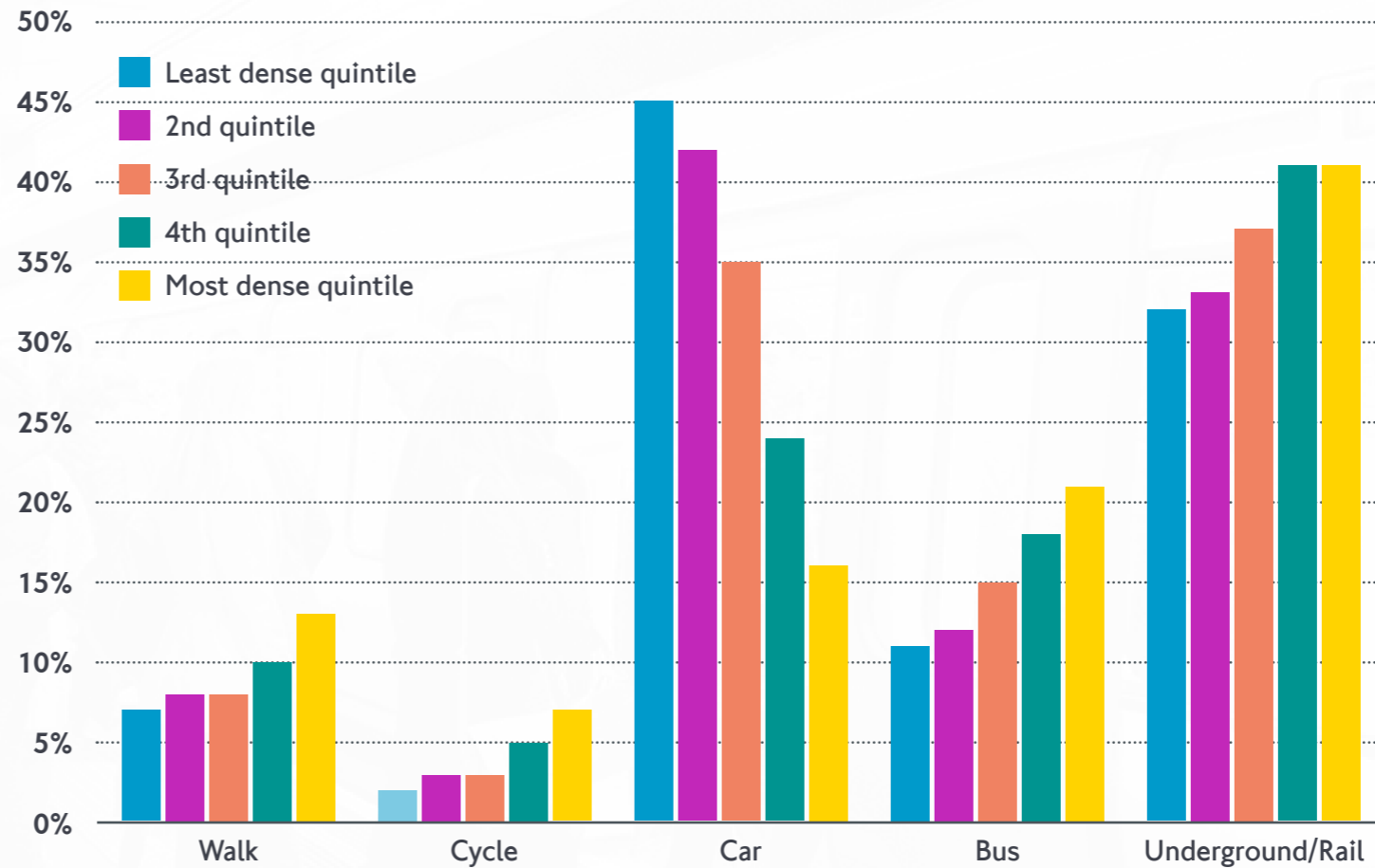
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Population density and mode of travel to work 2011



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Employment >



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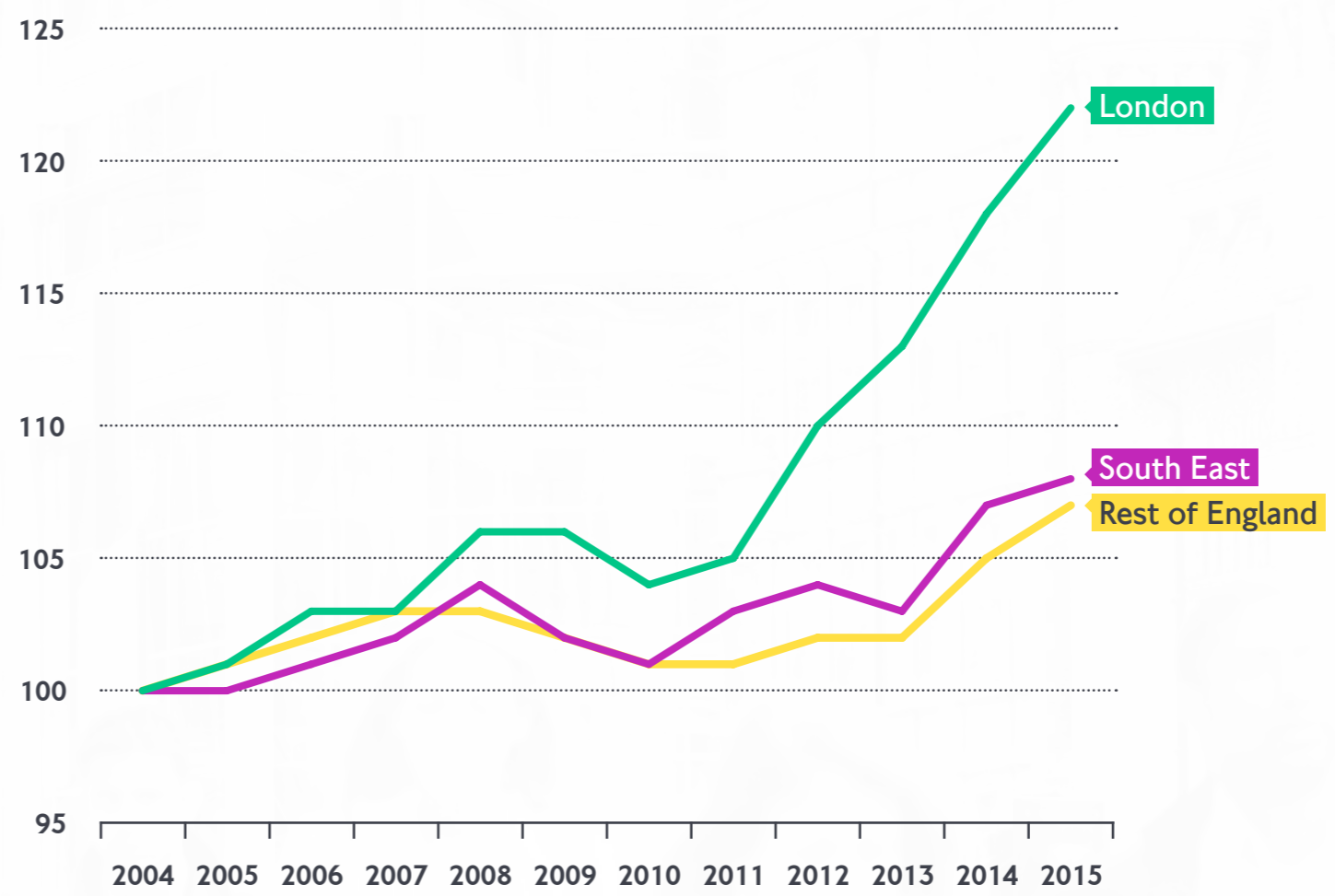
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Growth in workplace jobs 2004 – 2015



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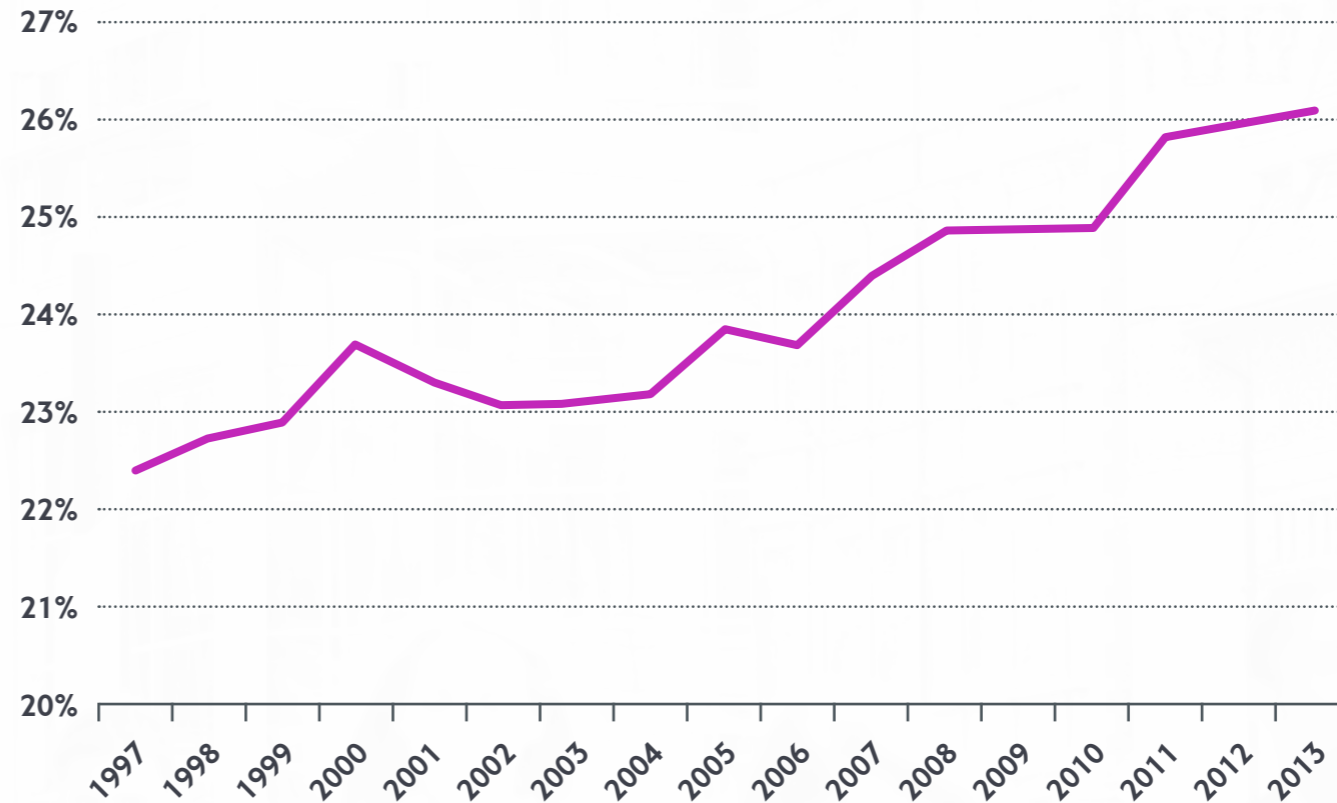
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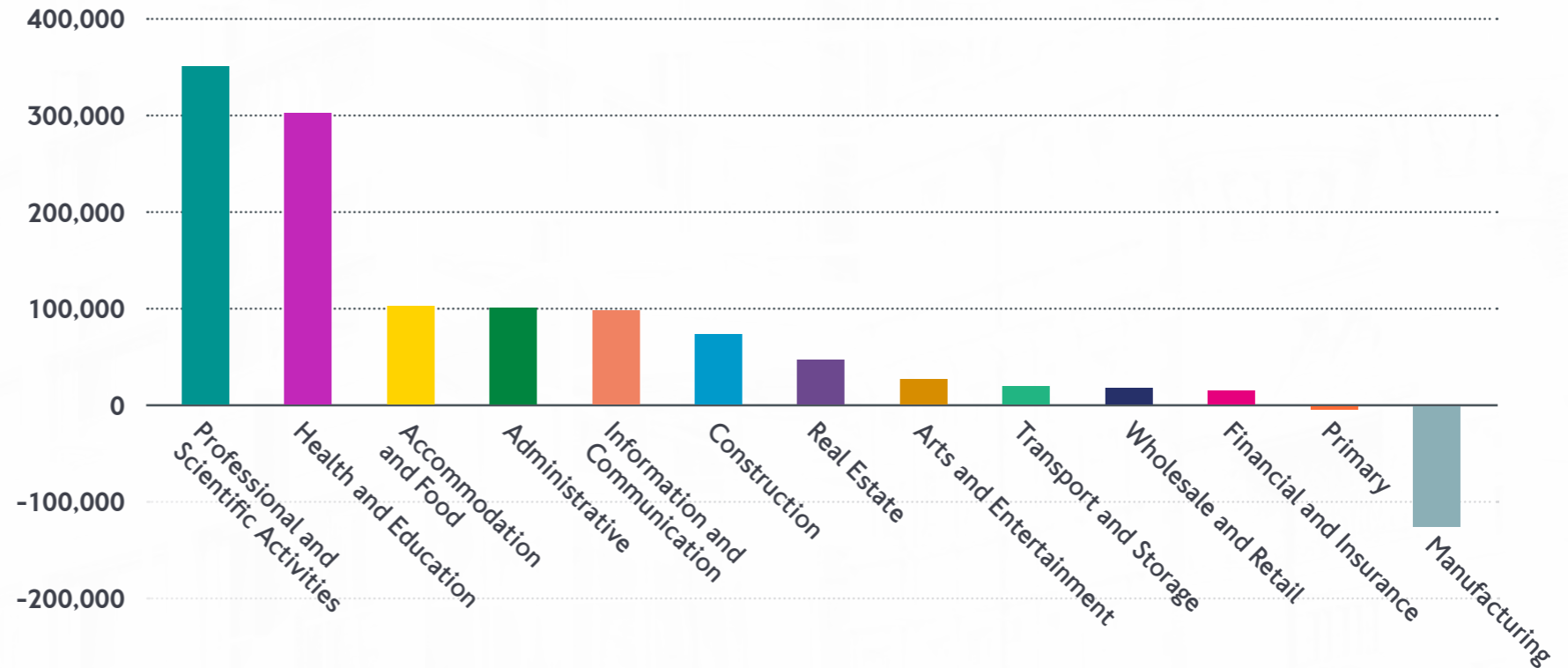
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Most common modes to employment growth sectors



% of employment in PTALs 5 and 6



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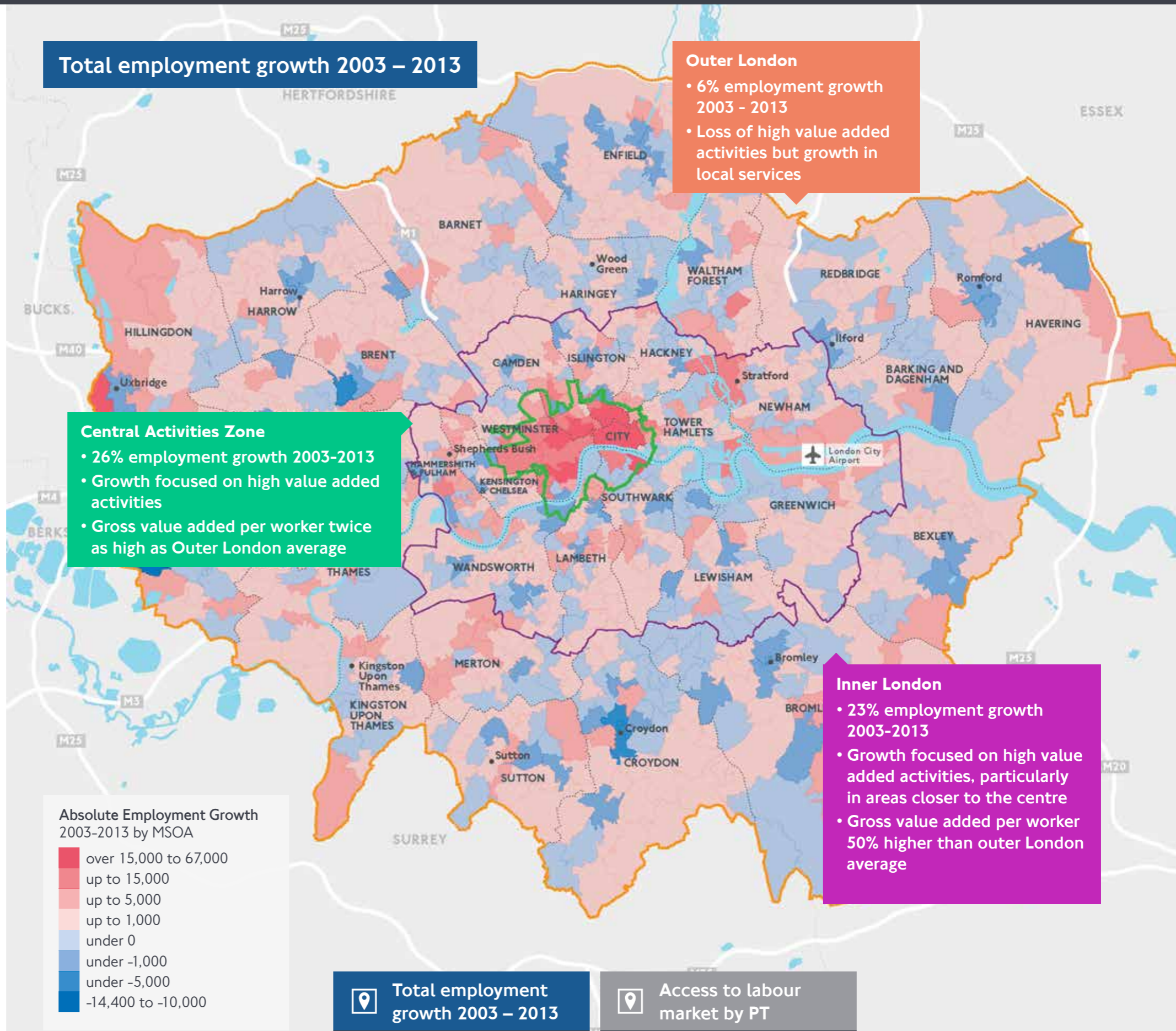
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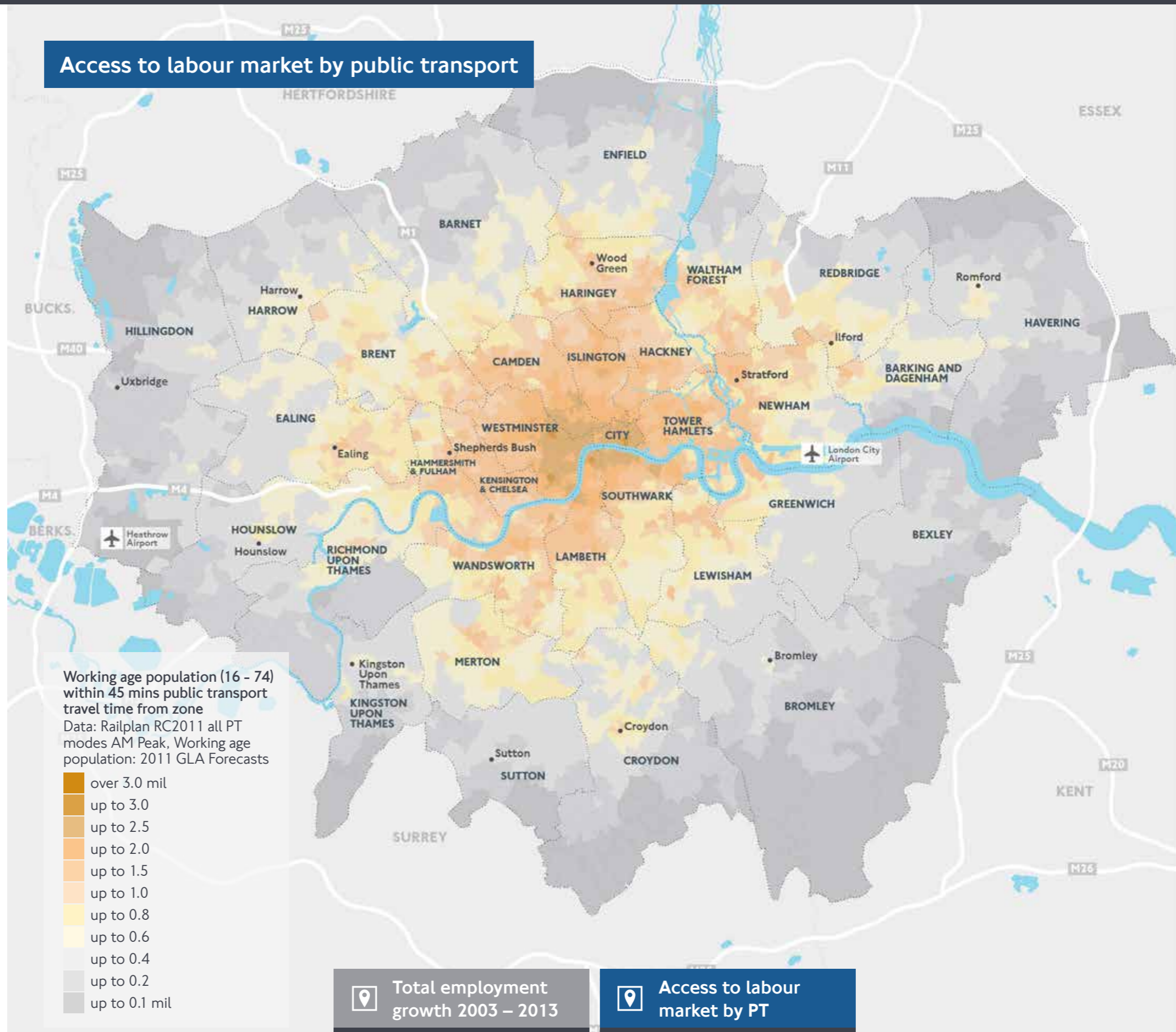


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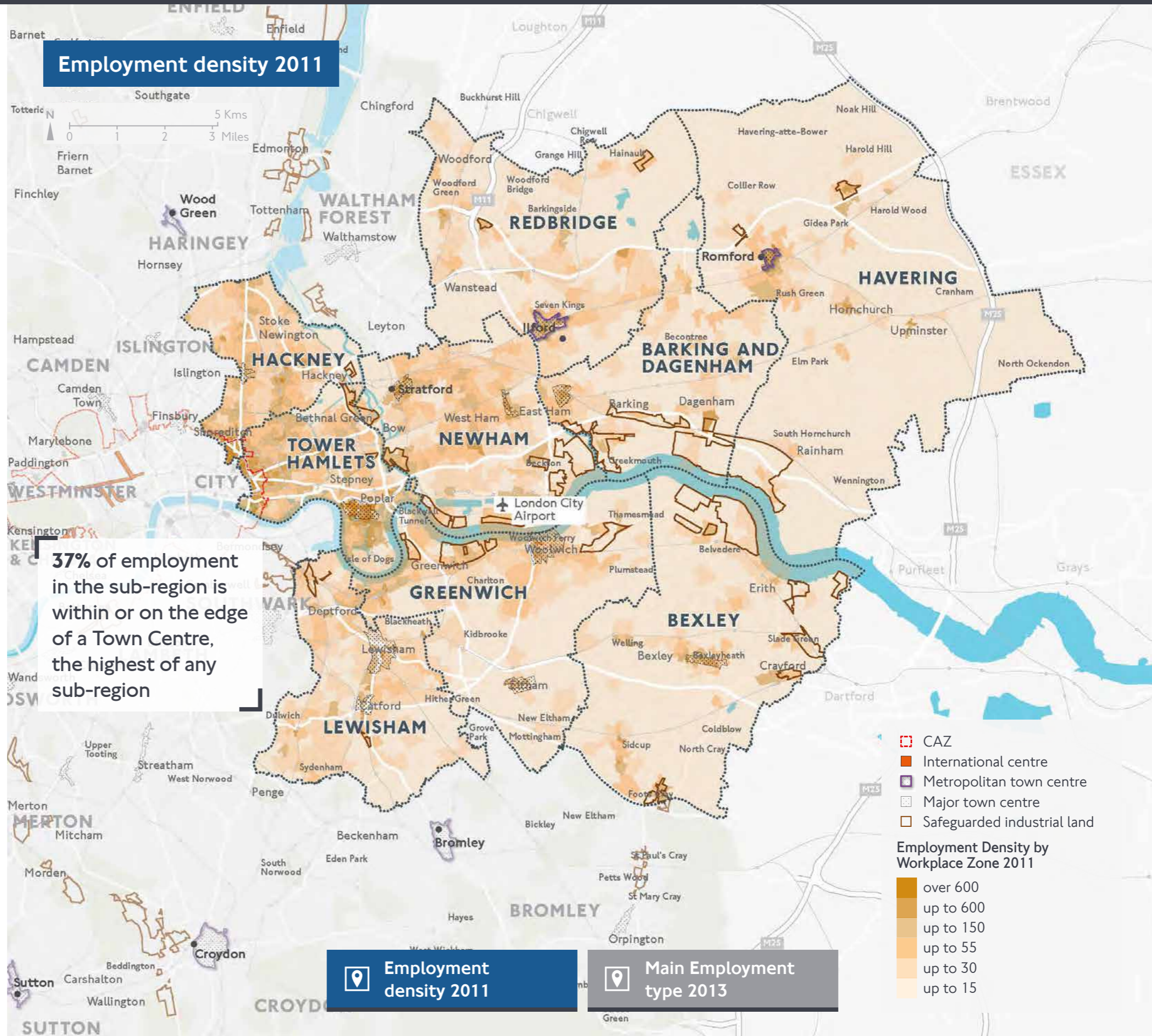


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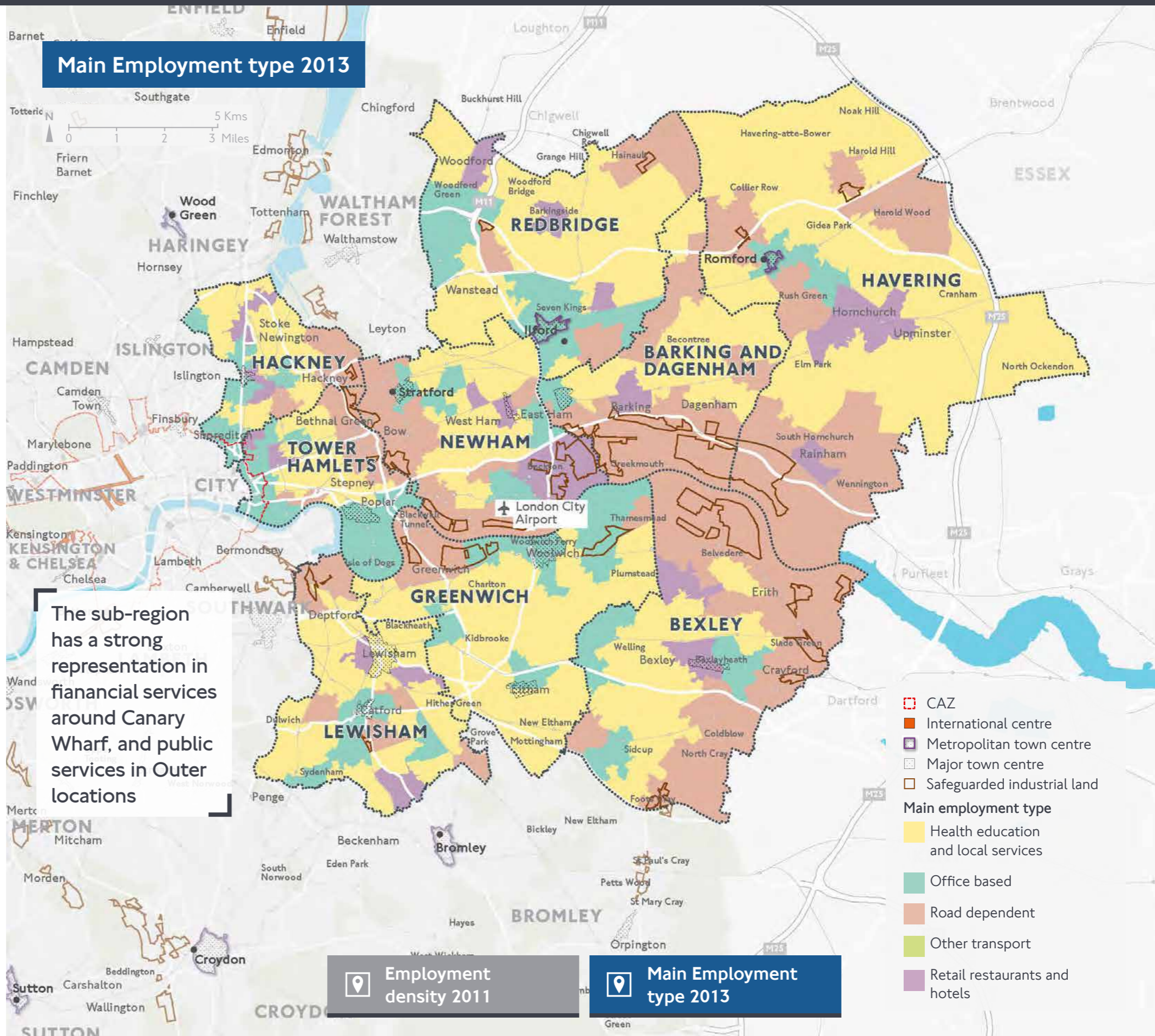


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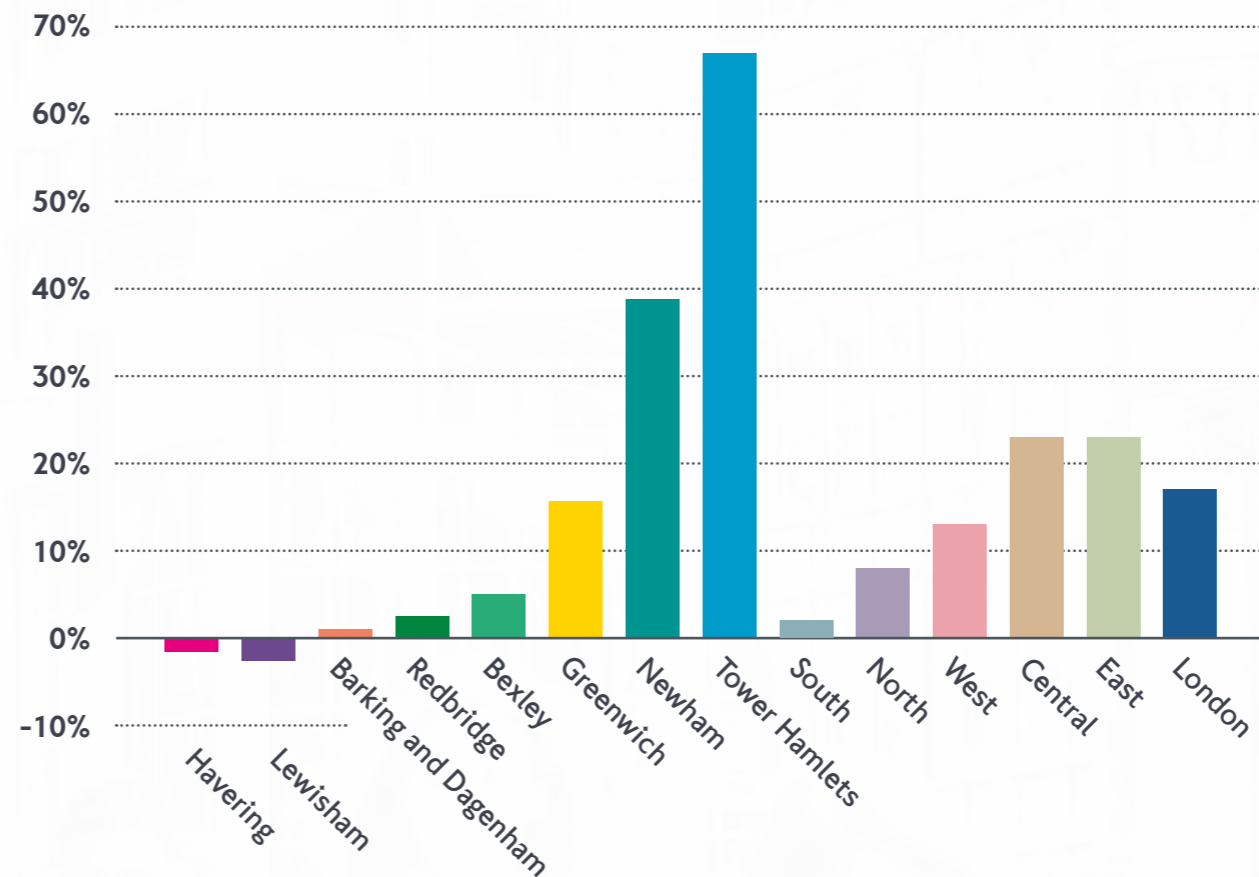
Most employment growth has occurred around the most accessible places by public transport

Employment growth in the sub-region has amongst the highest in London, and is comparable with the rate of growth seen in central London. However the distribution of this growth has been highly uneven, with the vast majority located at Canary Wharf, and a significant amount also focused on Stratford in Newham. The high rates of employment growth are also reflected in the sub-region's Gross Value Added, which has been the highest in London. Maintaining connectivity by both public transport and highway will be vital to support future employment growth in the sub-region.

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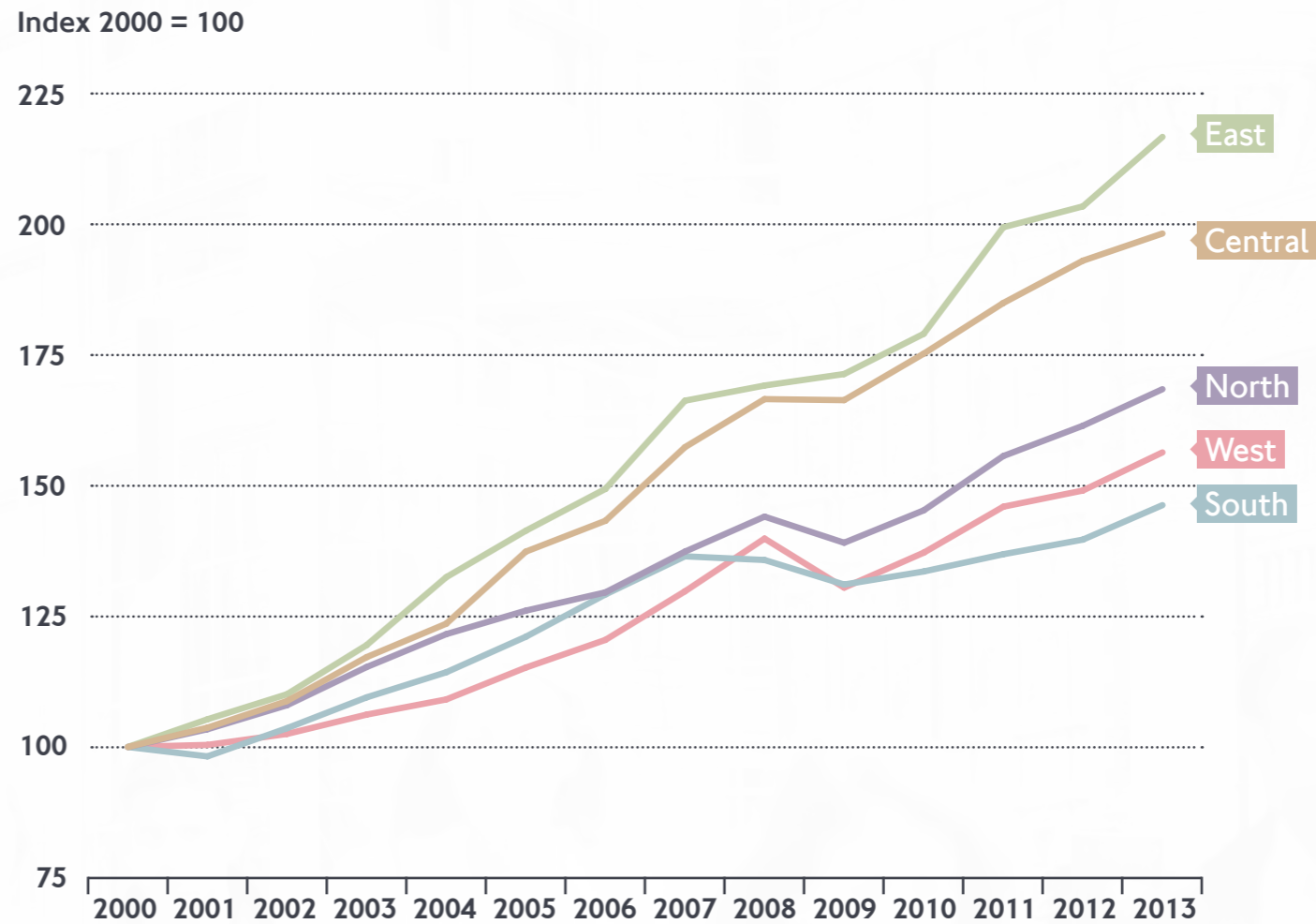


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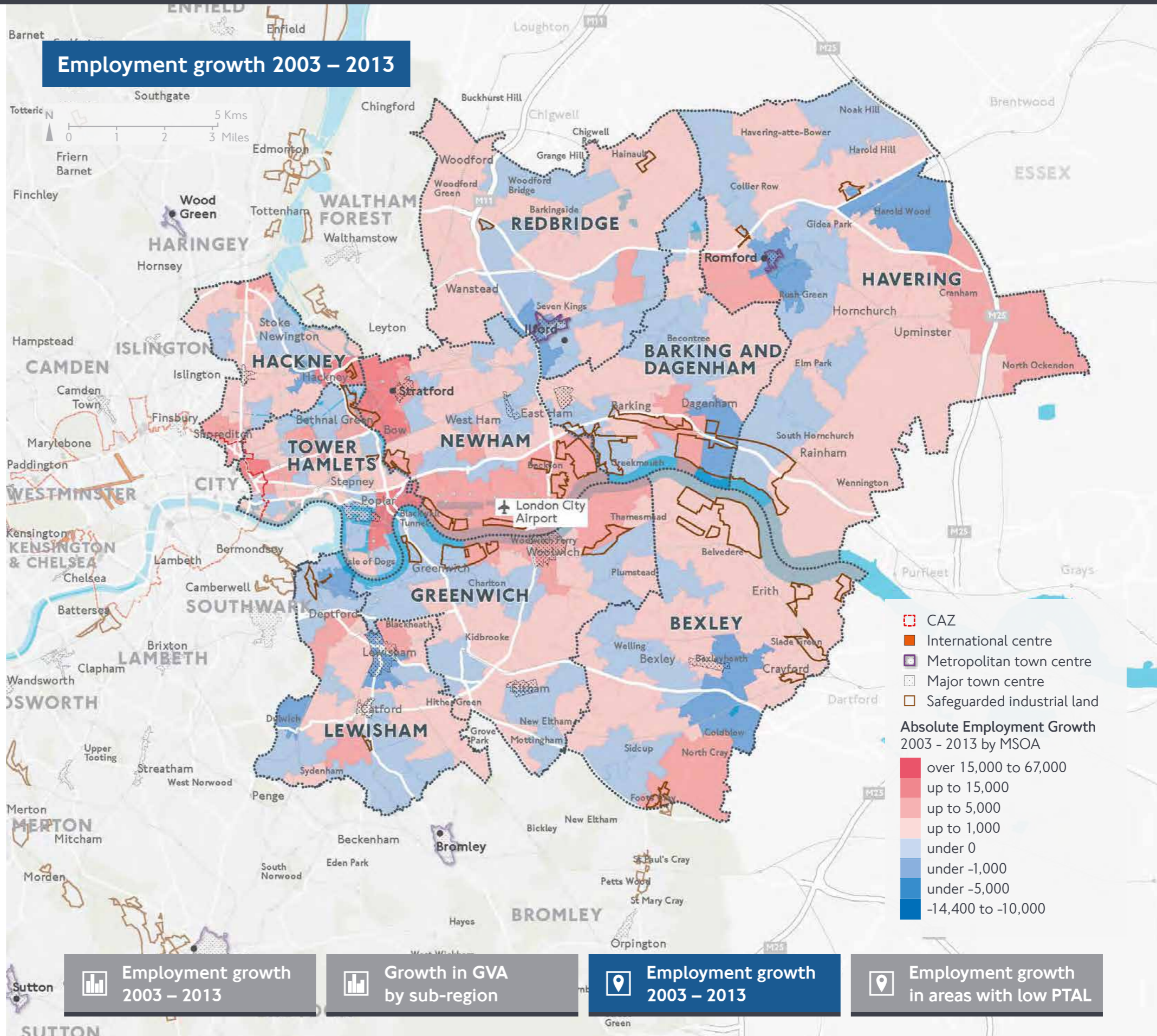
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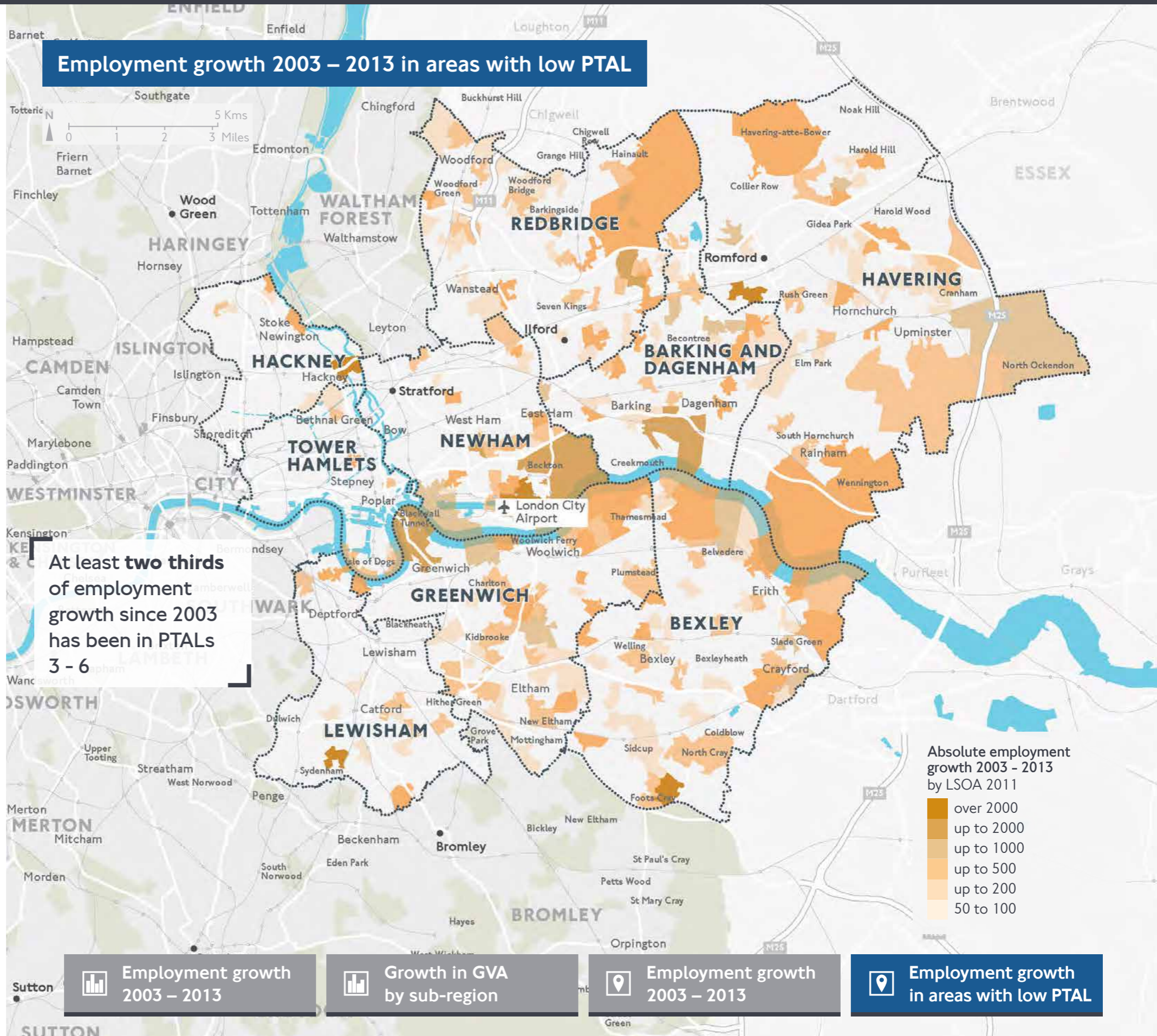
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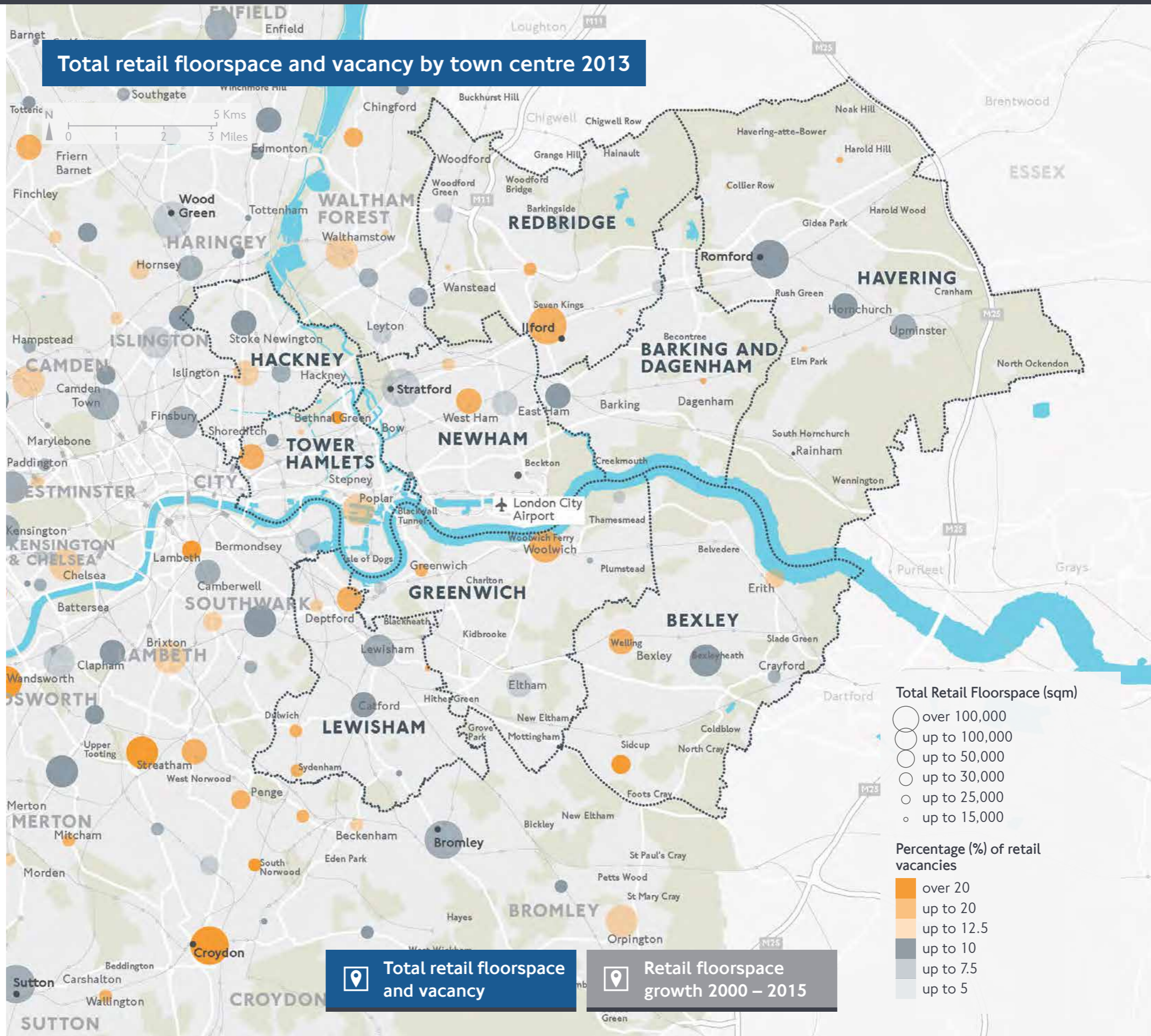


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The amount of retail floorspace has increased by 2% up to 2011, although since then further floorspace has been added at Stratford Westfield.

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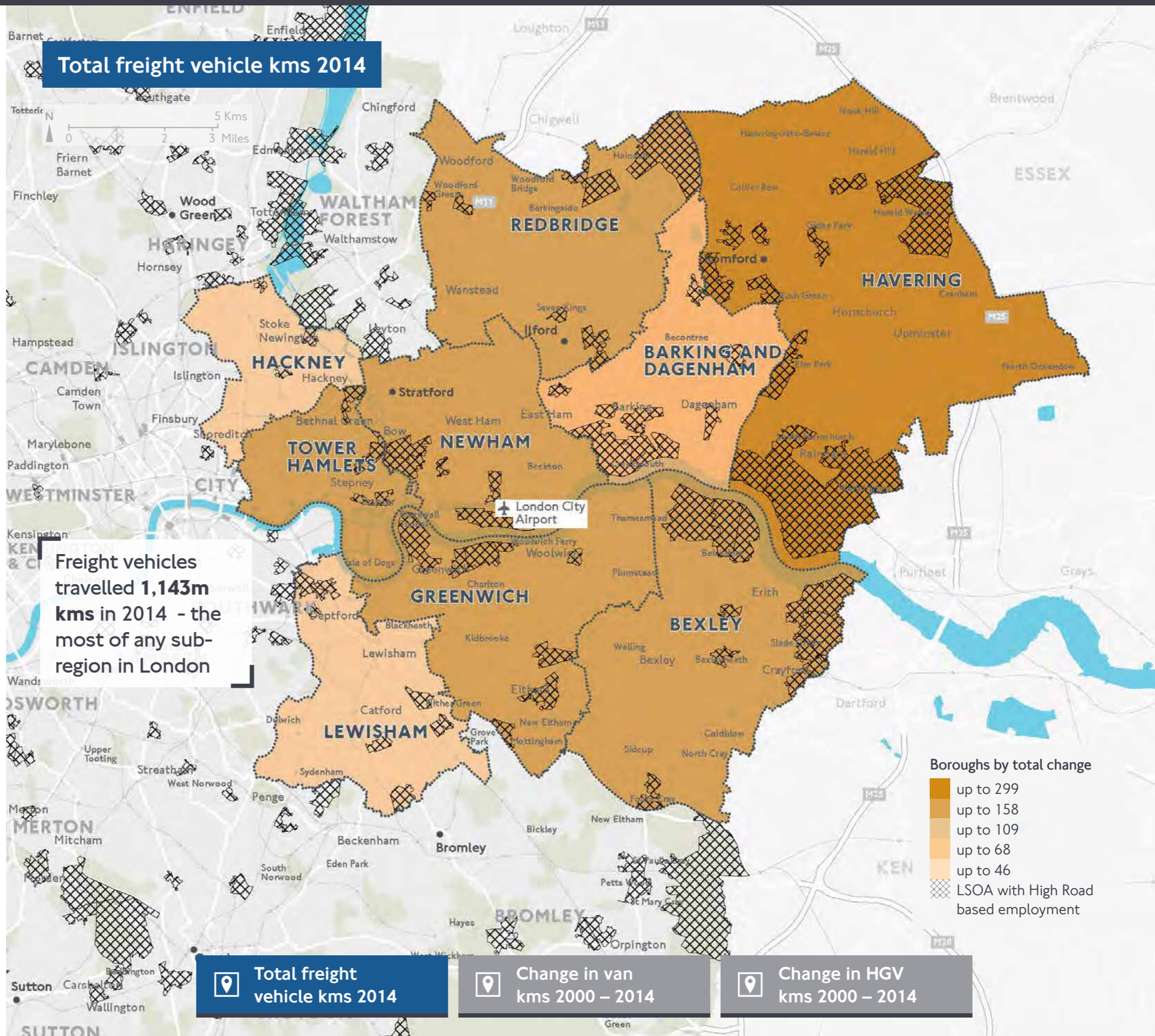


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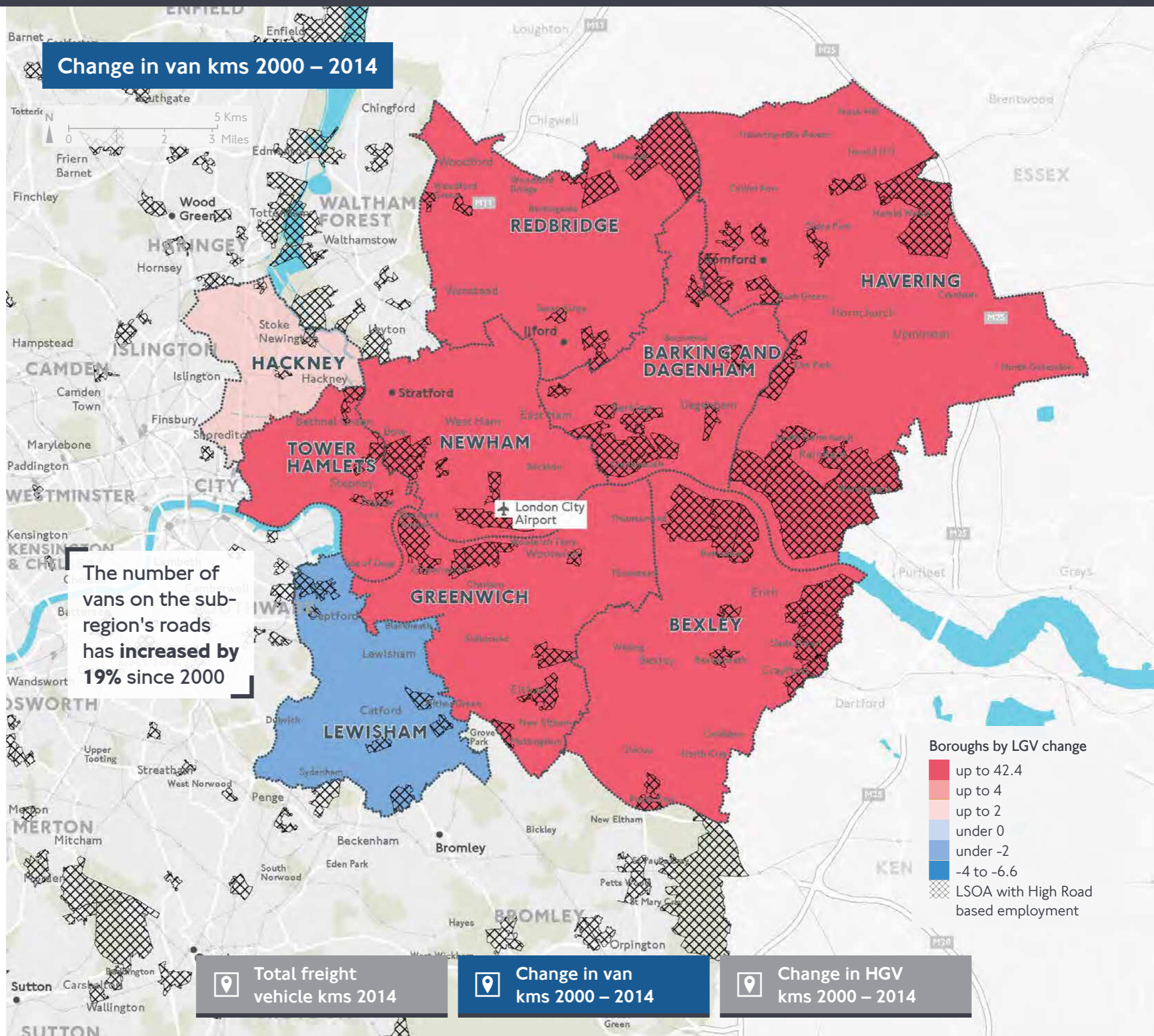
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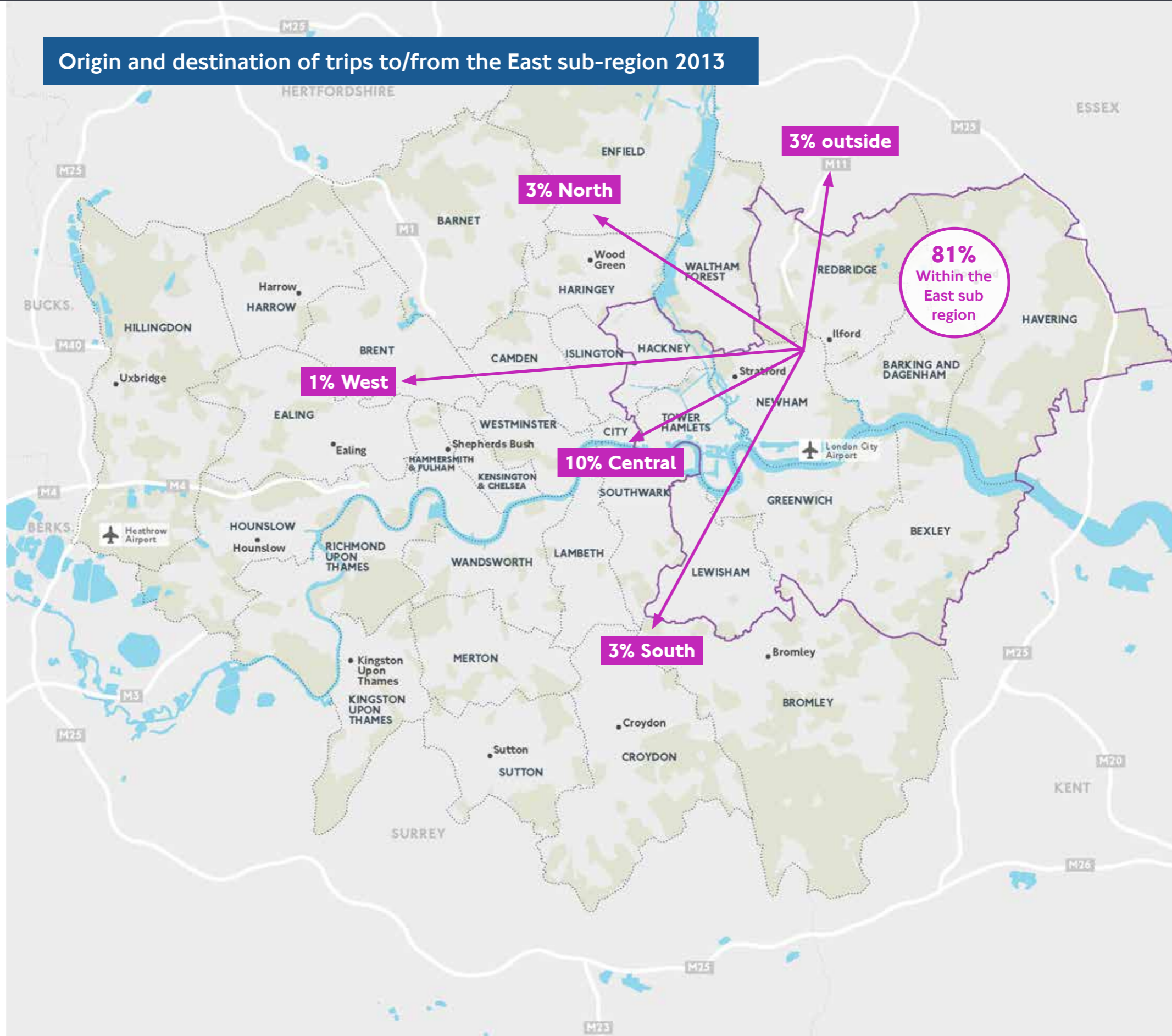
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Most trips in the East start and finish within the sub-region

Although residents of East London make trips to many areas within and outside London, the majority of trips have both their origin and destination within the sub-region. Commuting trips are the most likely to be made outside East London, particularly to central London, whilst education, shopping and leisure trips are all much more likely to be internal to the sub-region. This reinforces the need to ensure a well functioning transport network that can support the huge range of local movements, particularly by bus, walking and cycling, as well as the need for a network that can support both orbital and radial movements.

A relatively high proportion of trips to the East sub-region are made from the South and North sub-regions, largely to access employment opportunities at Canary Wharf and Stratford.

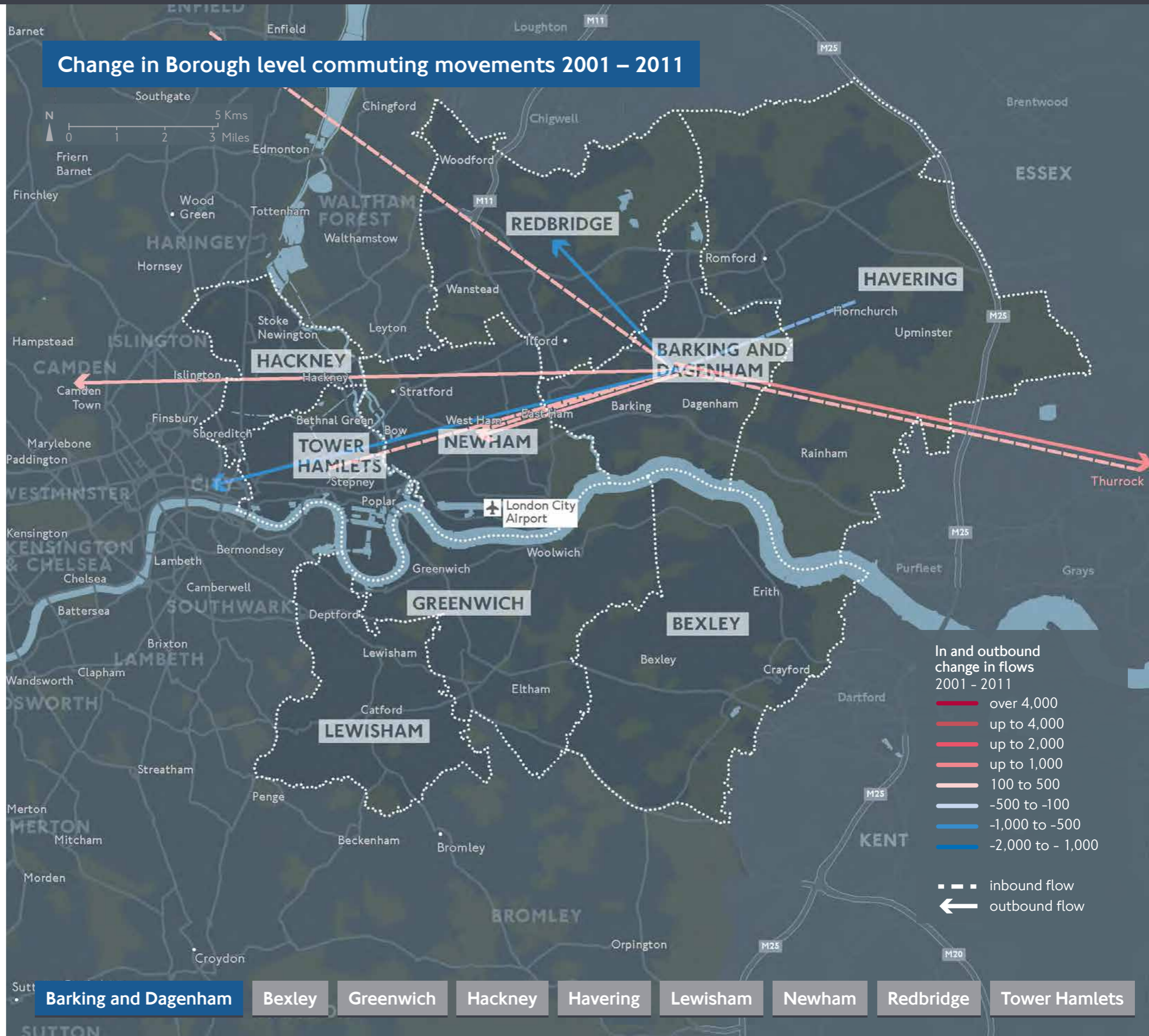


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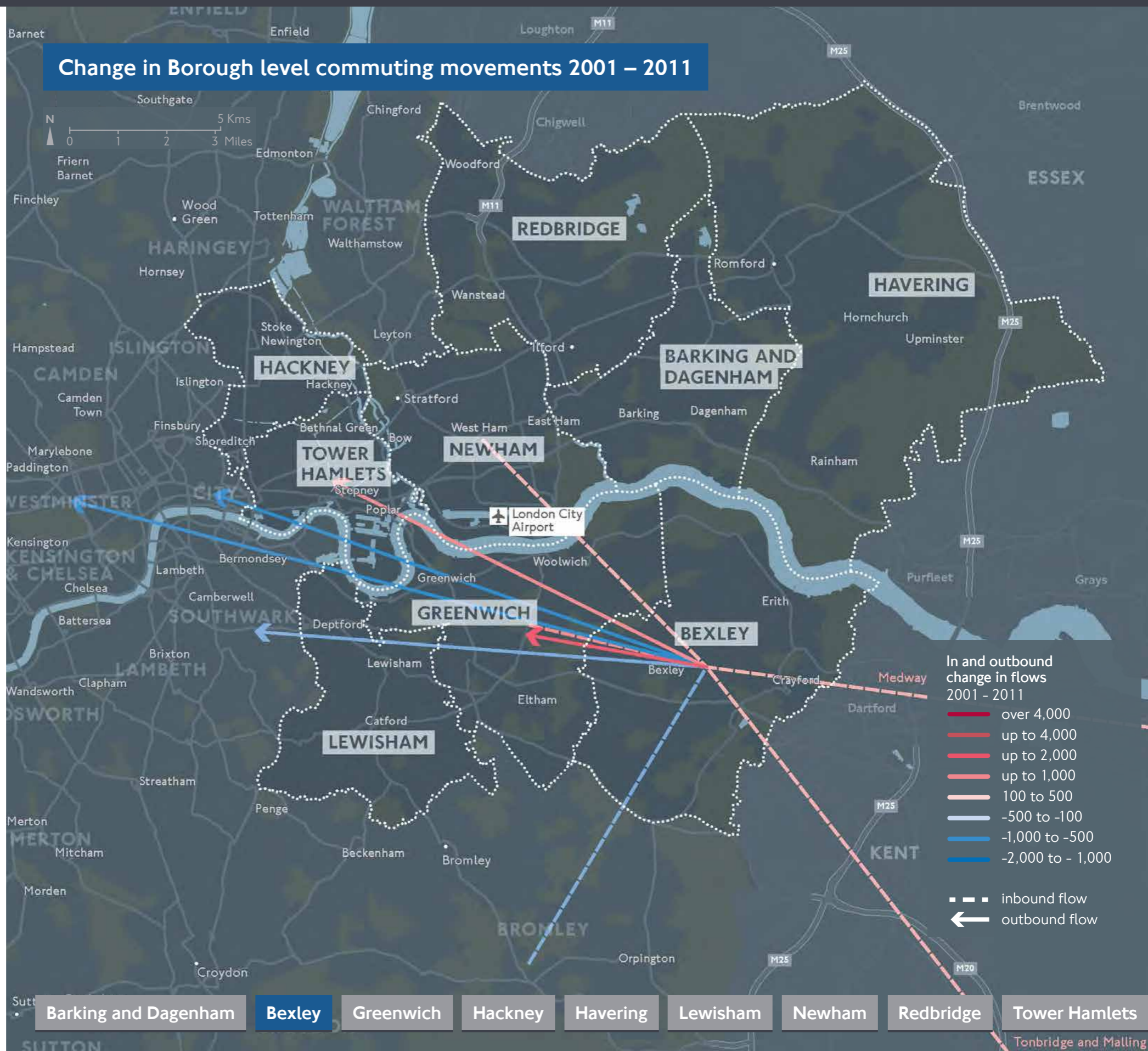


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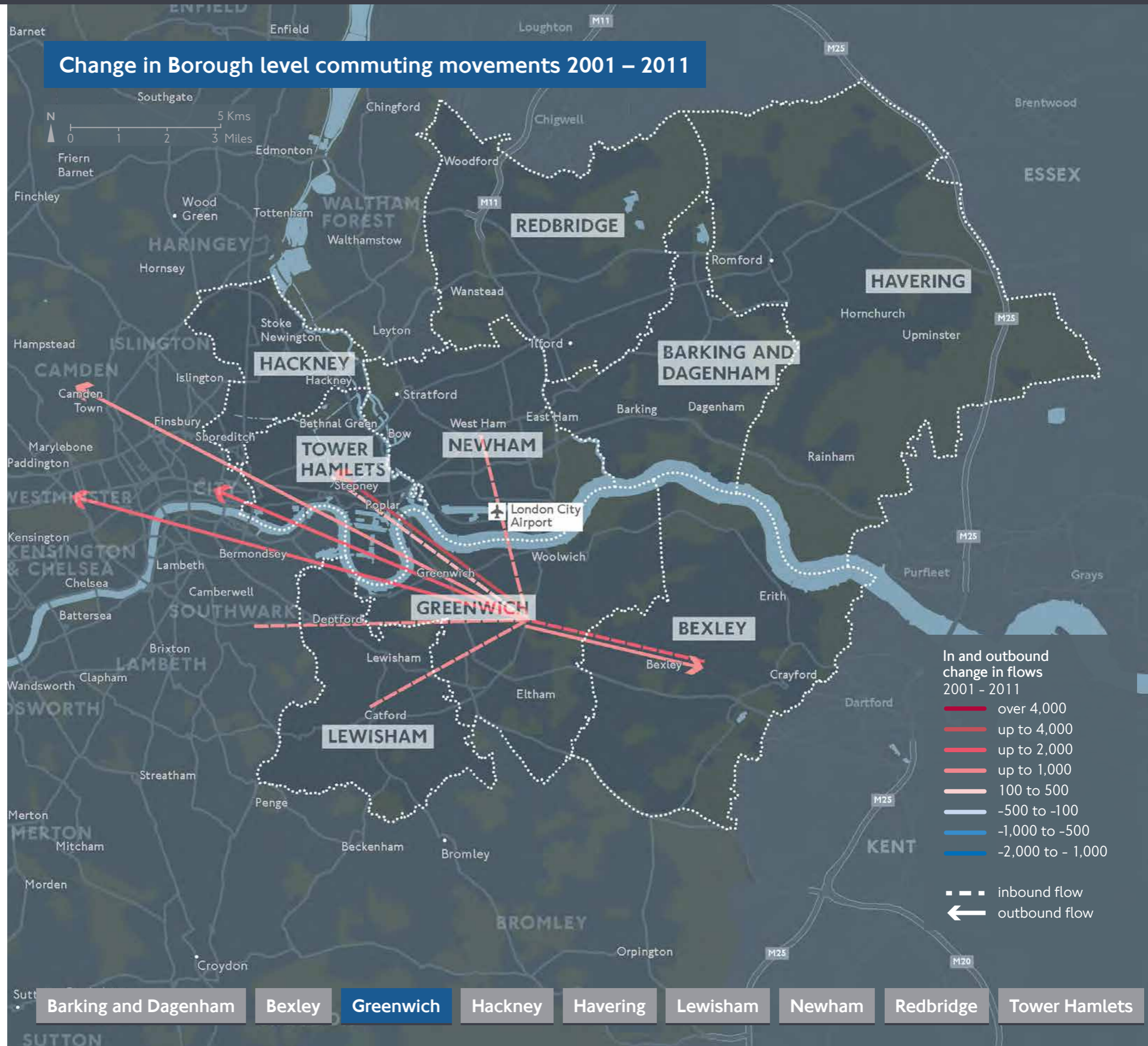
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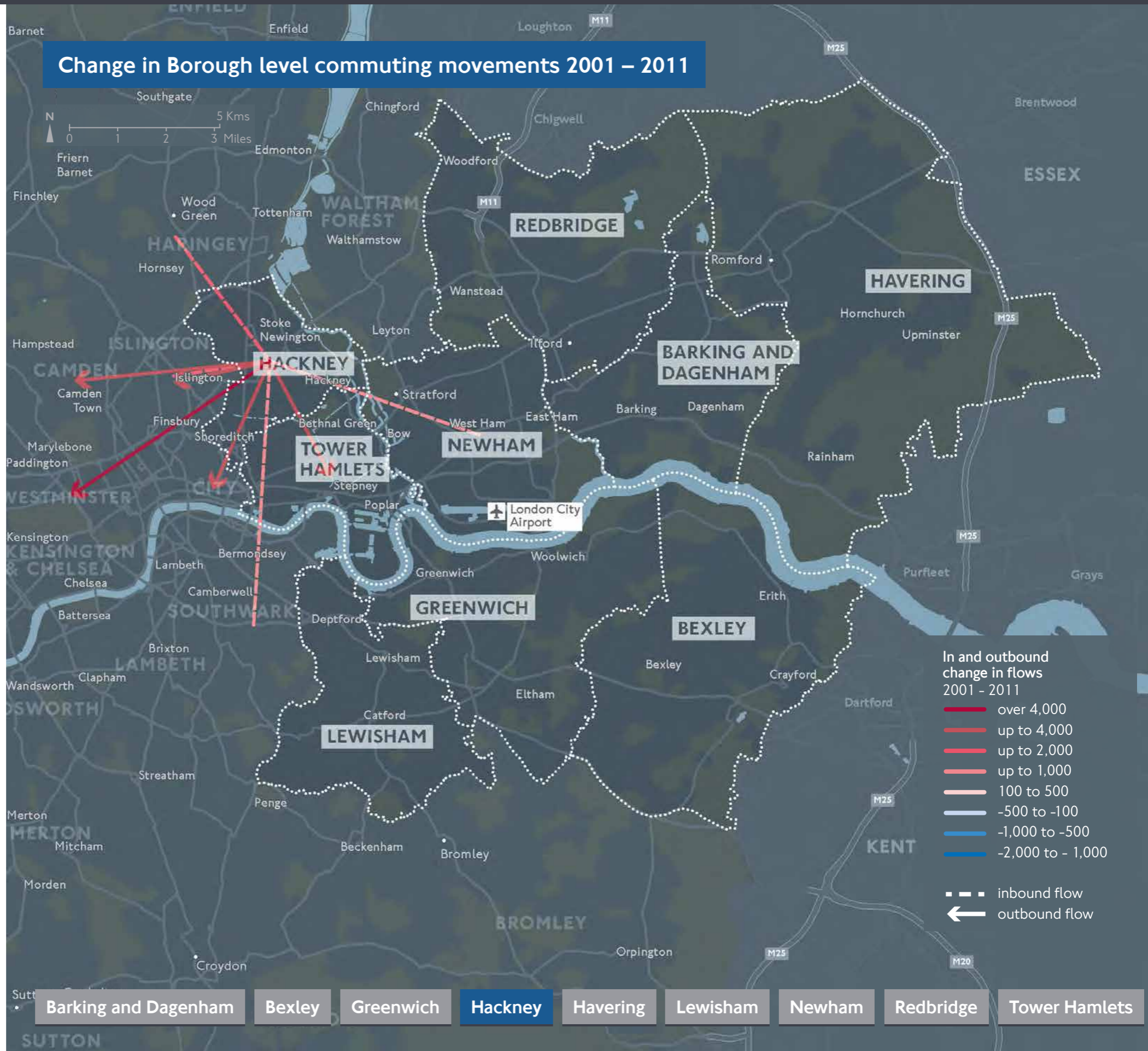


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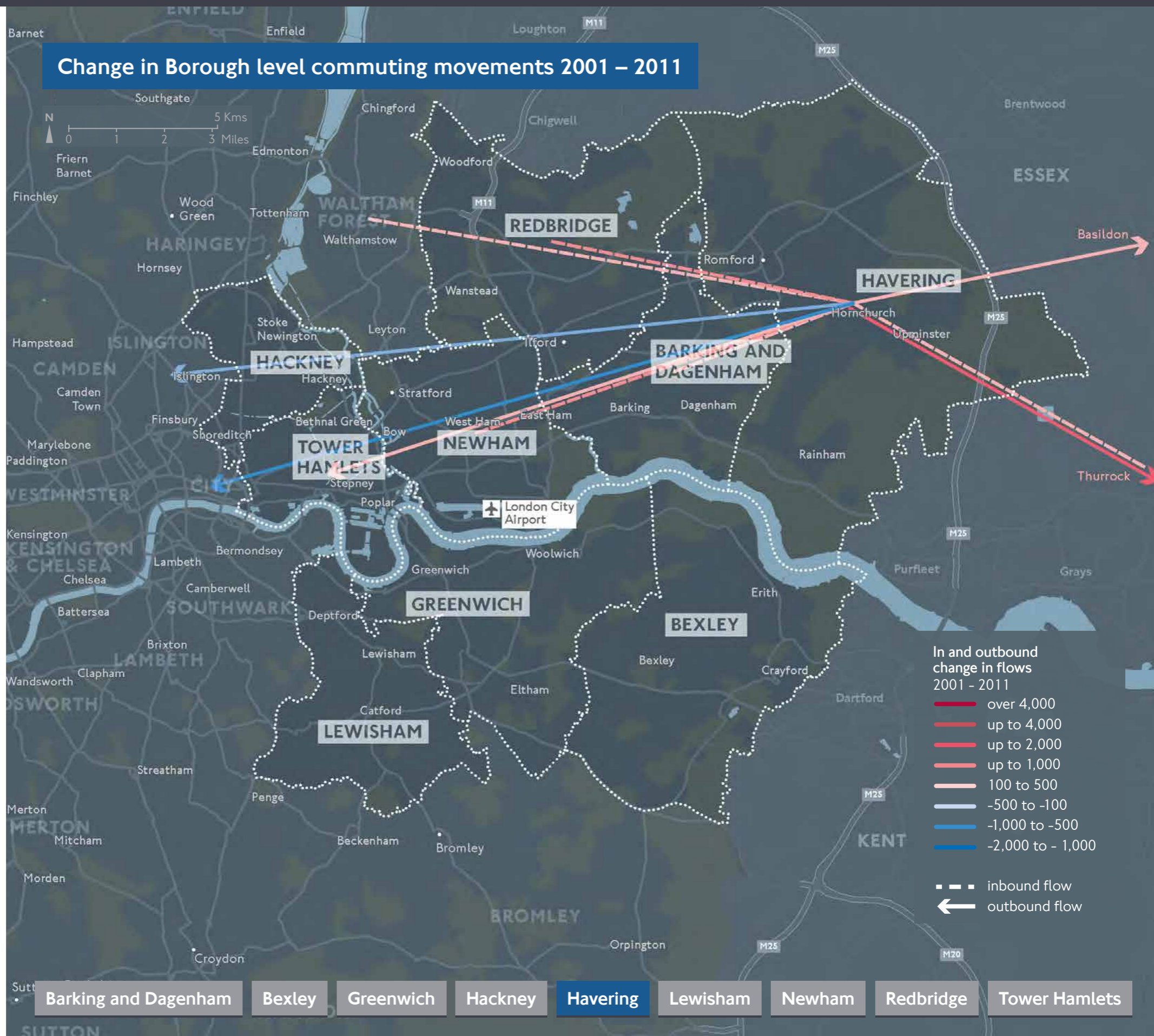


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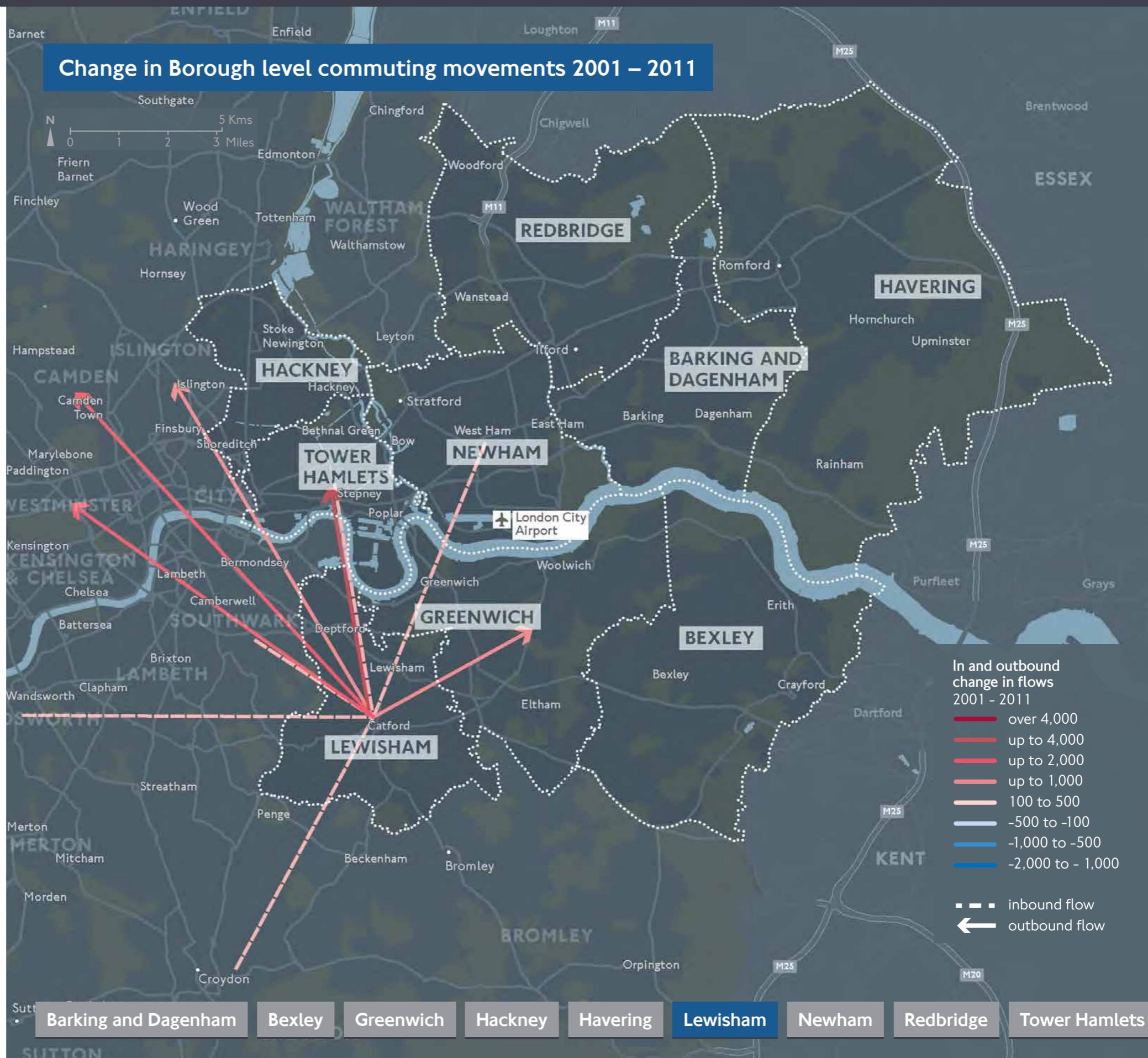


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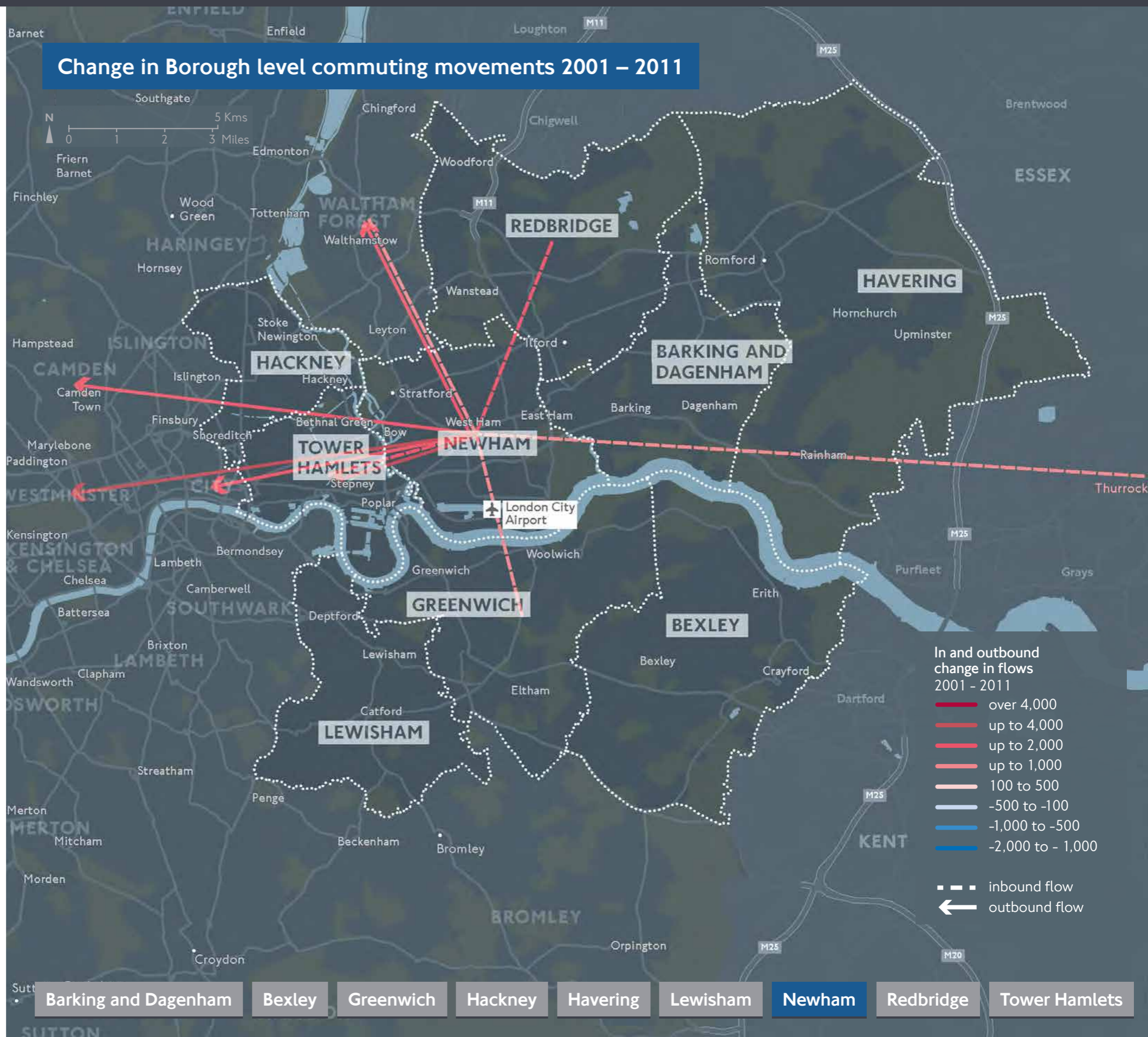


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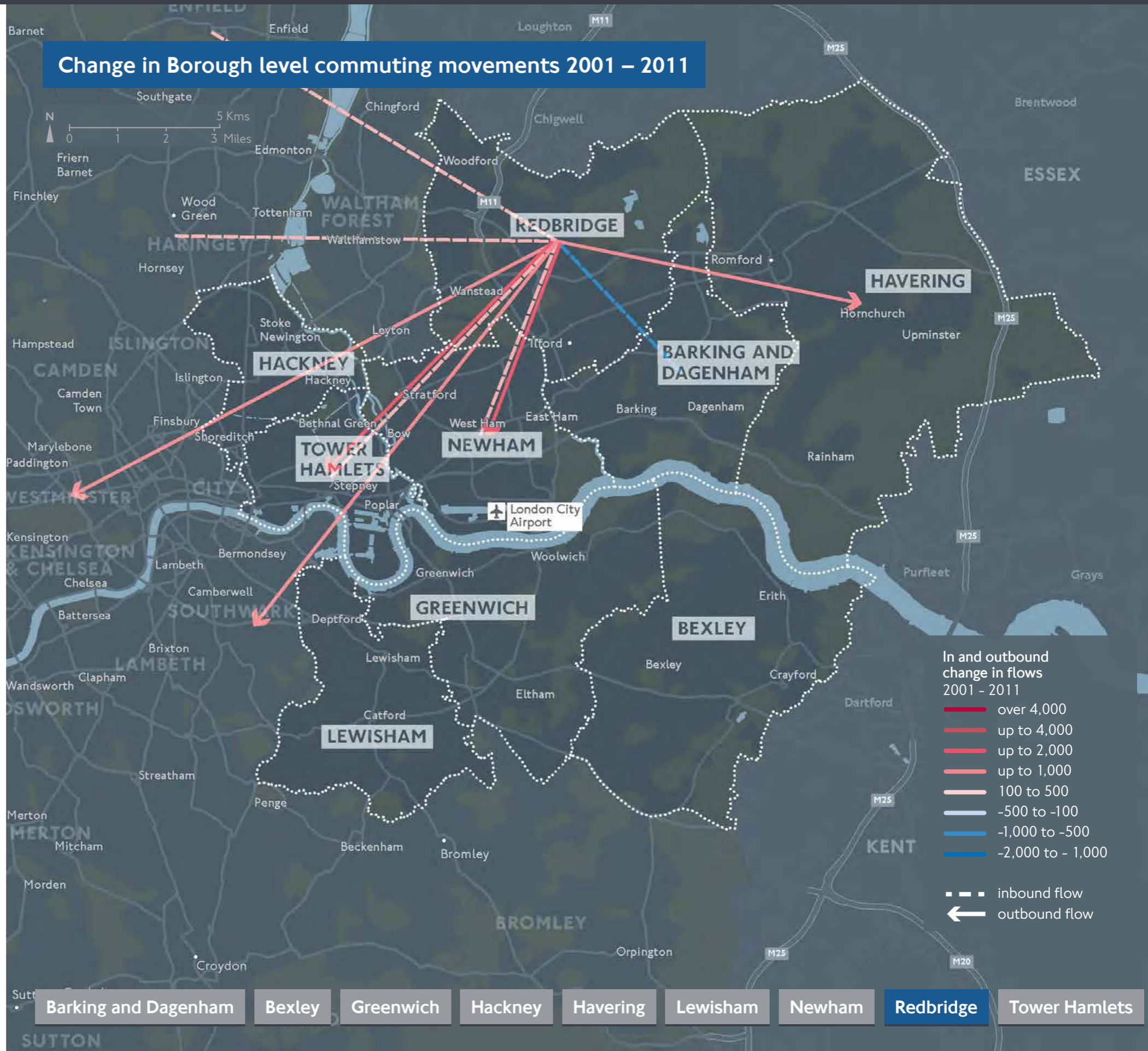


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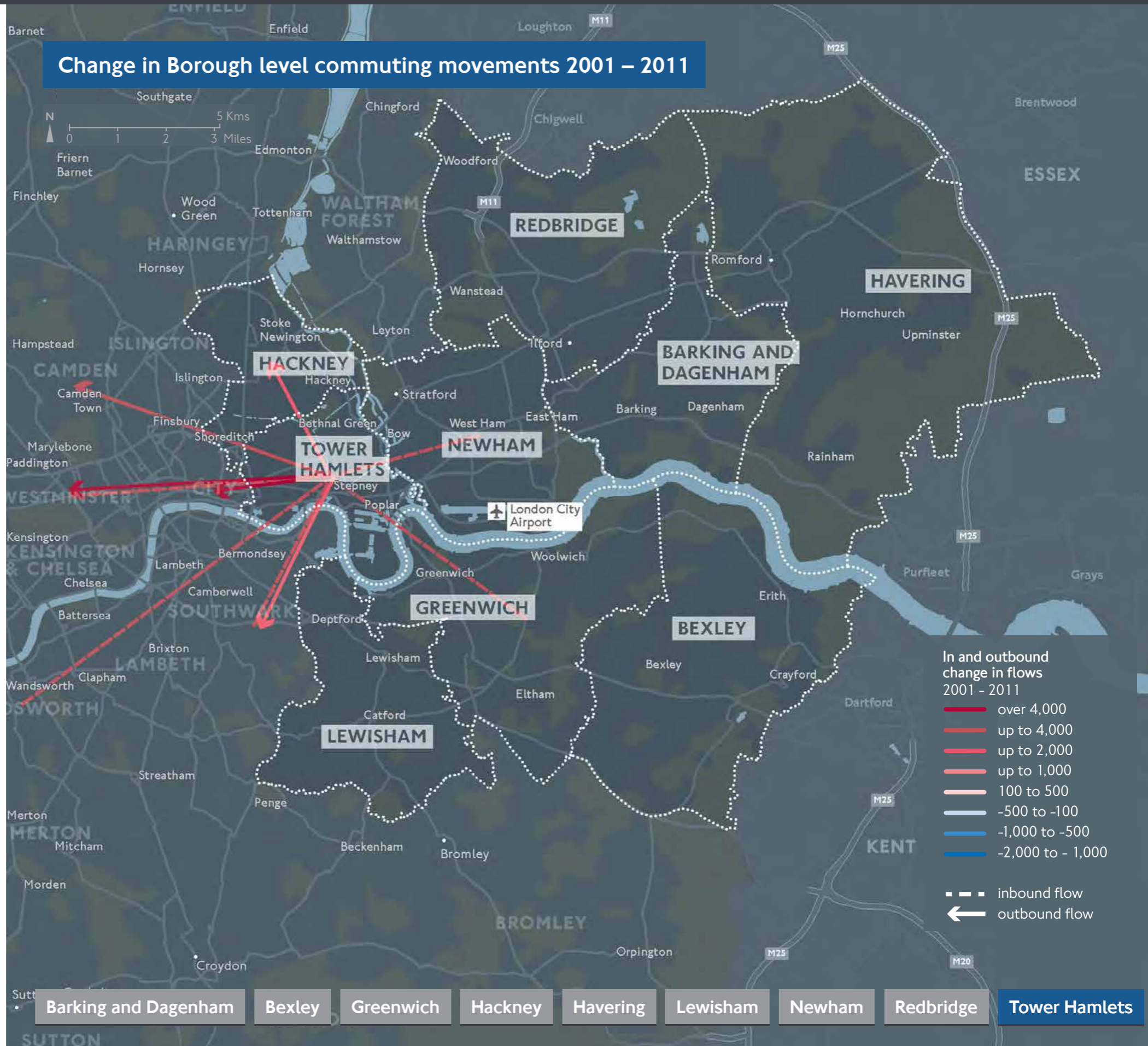


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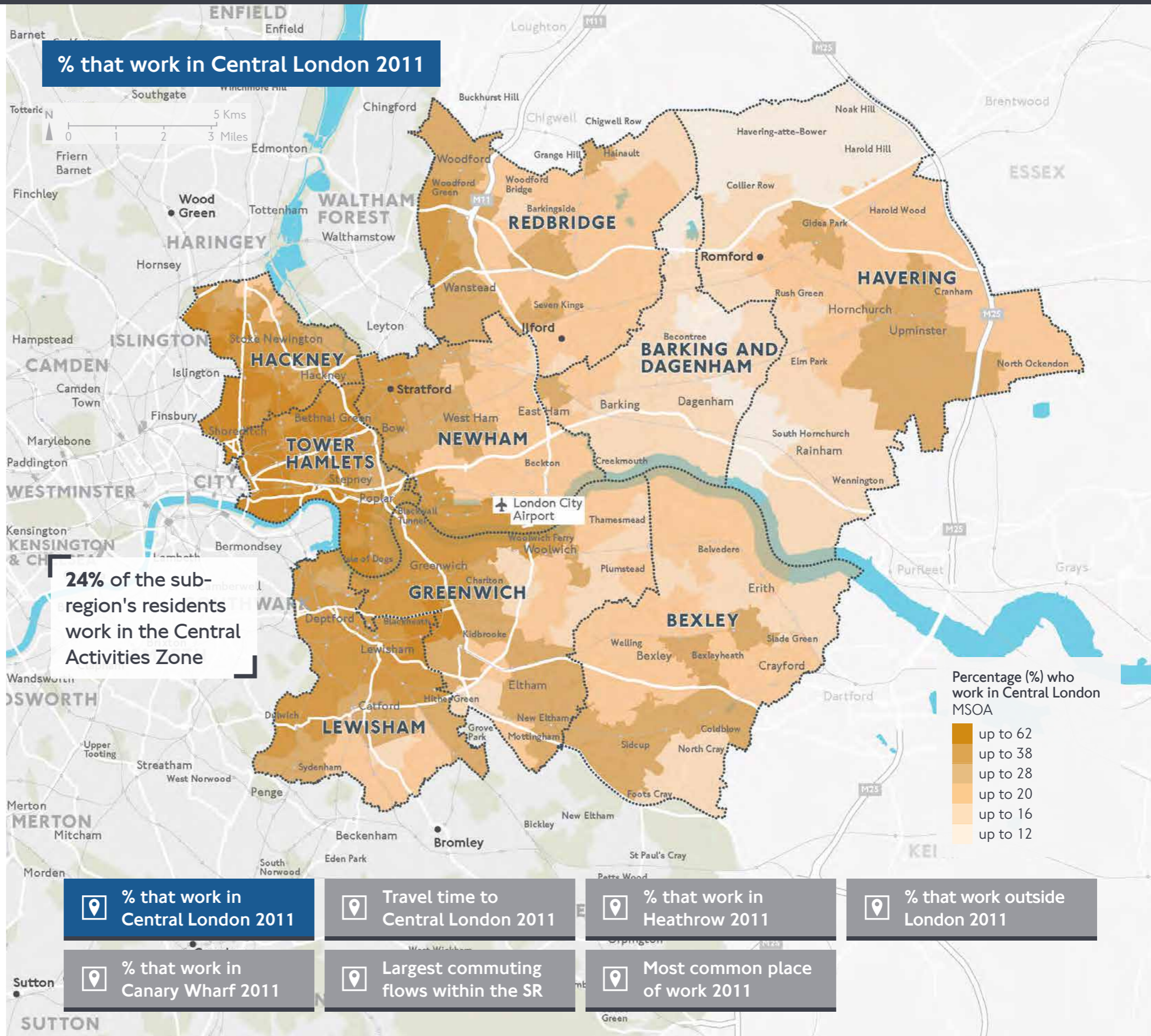
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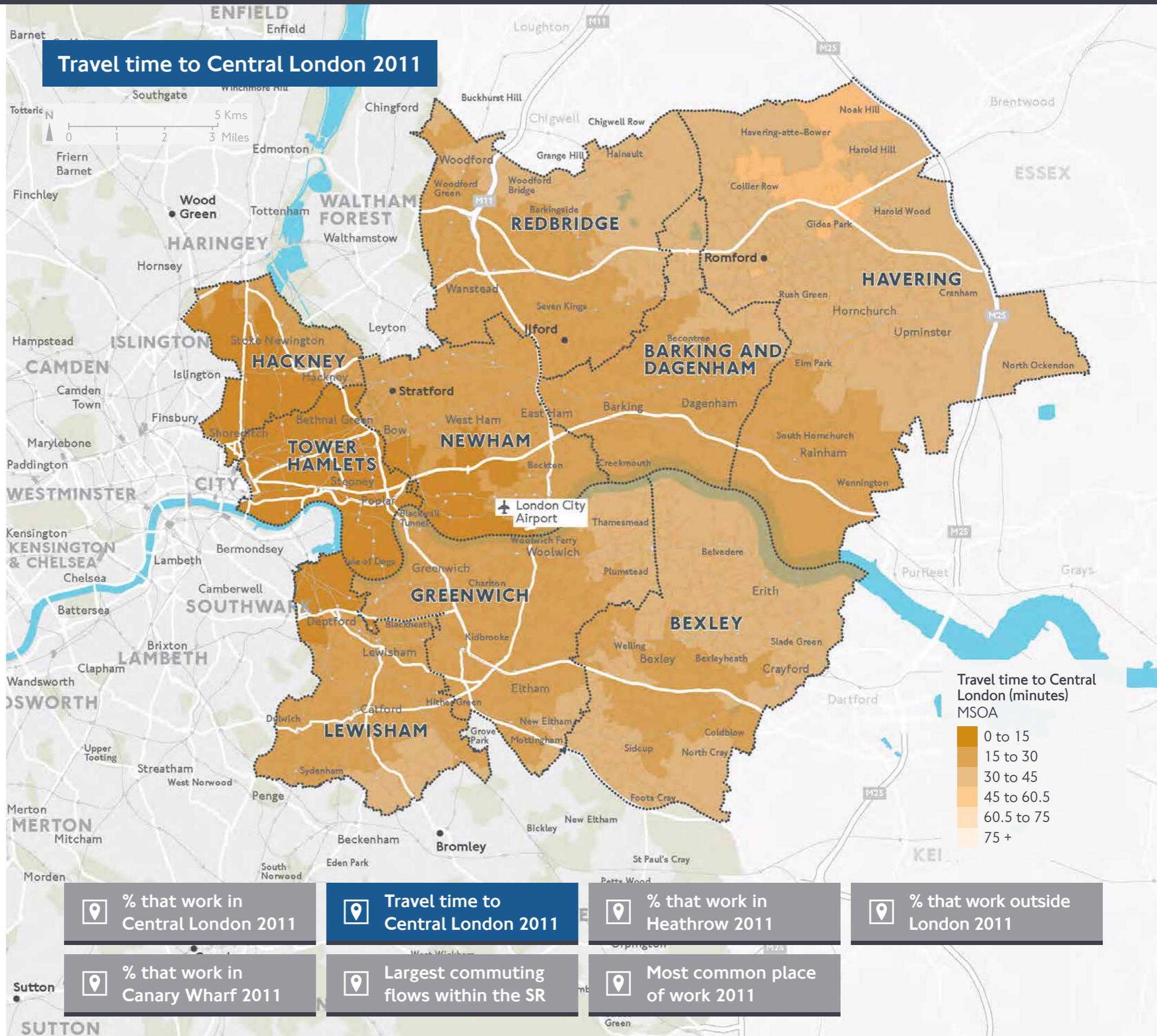
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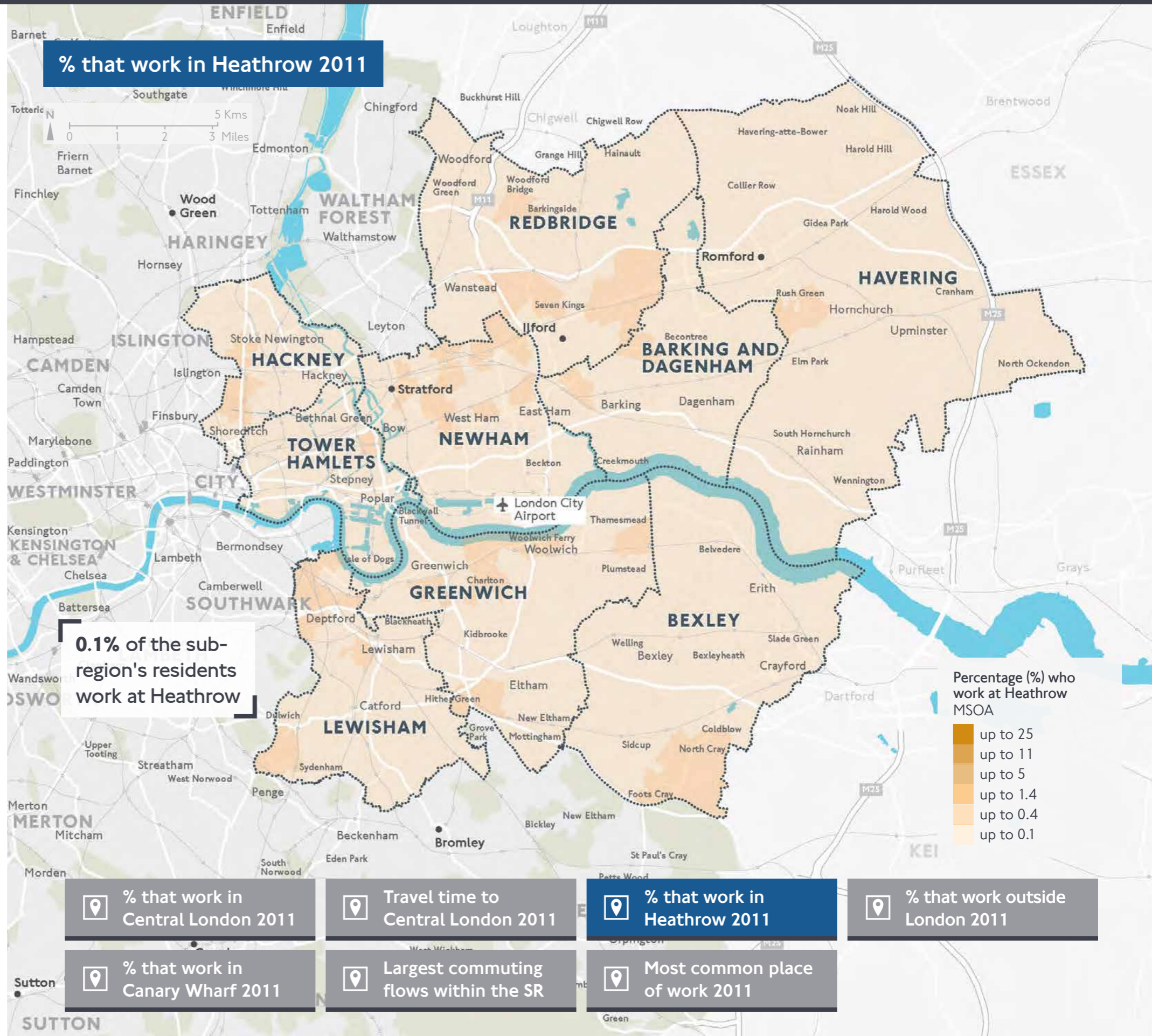
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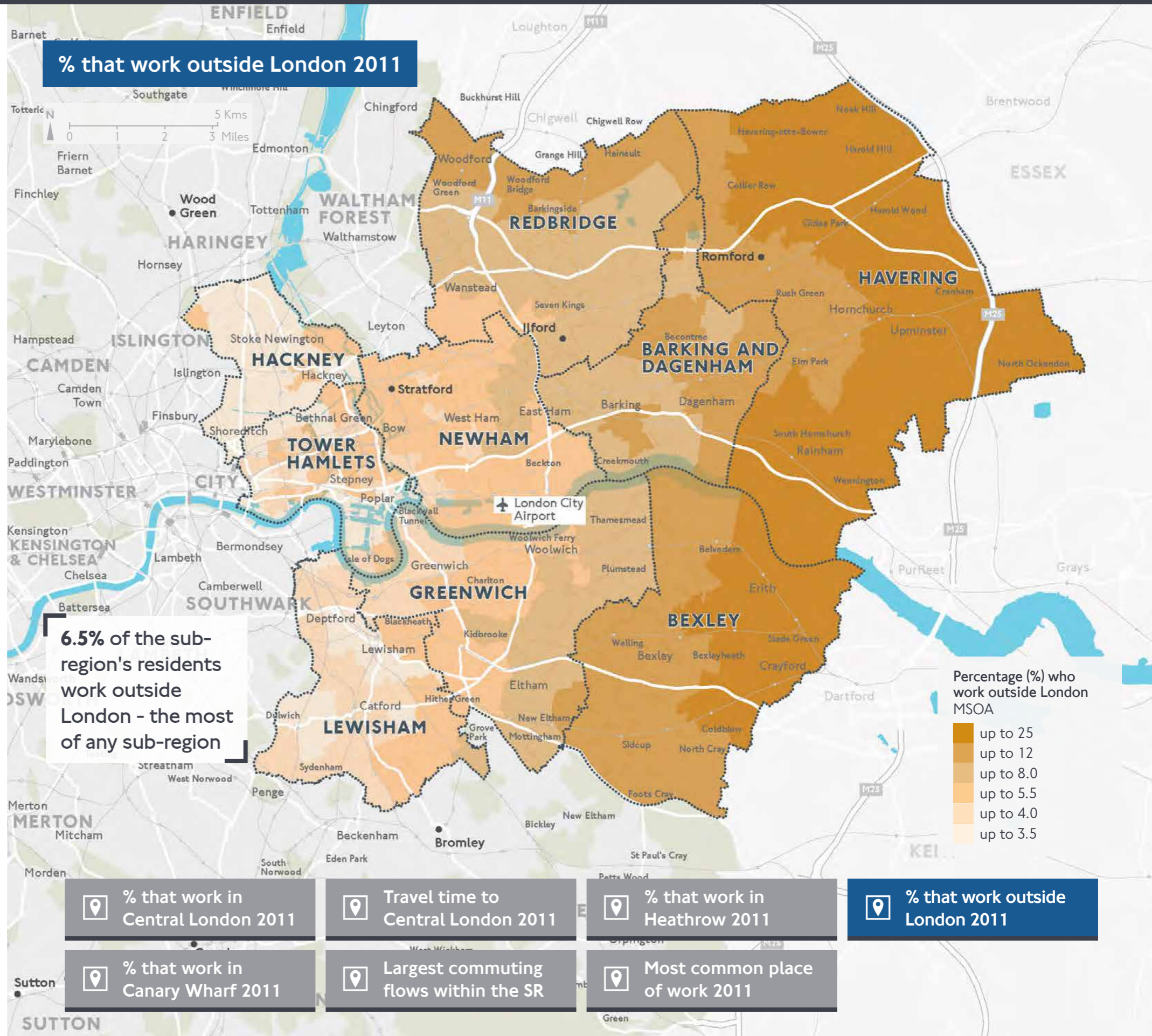
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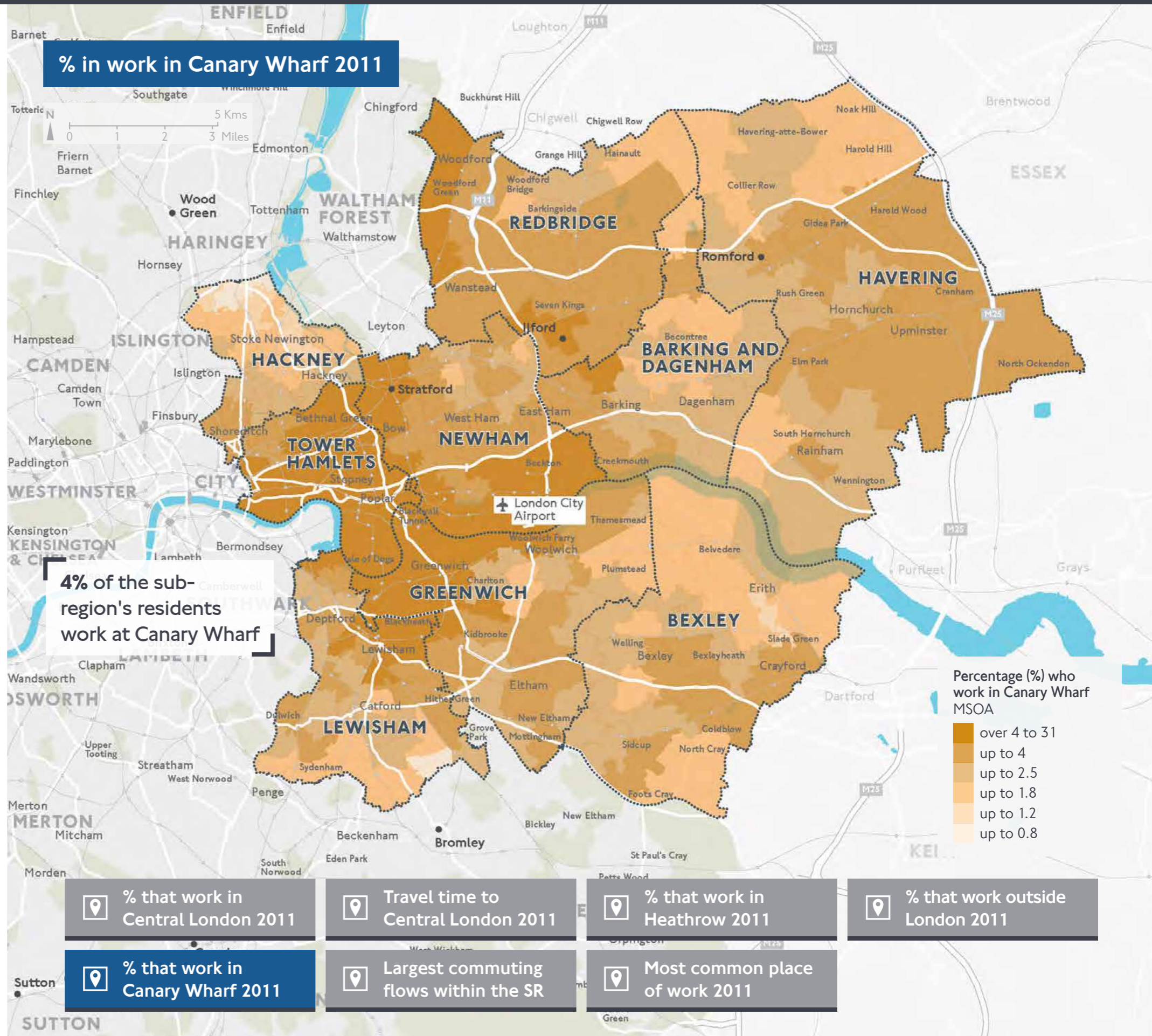
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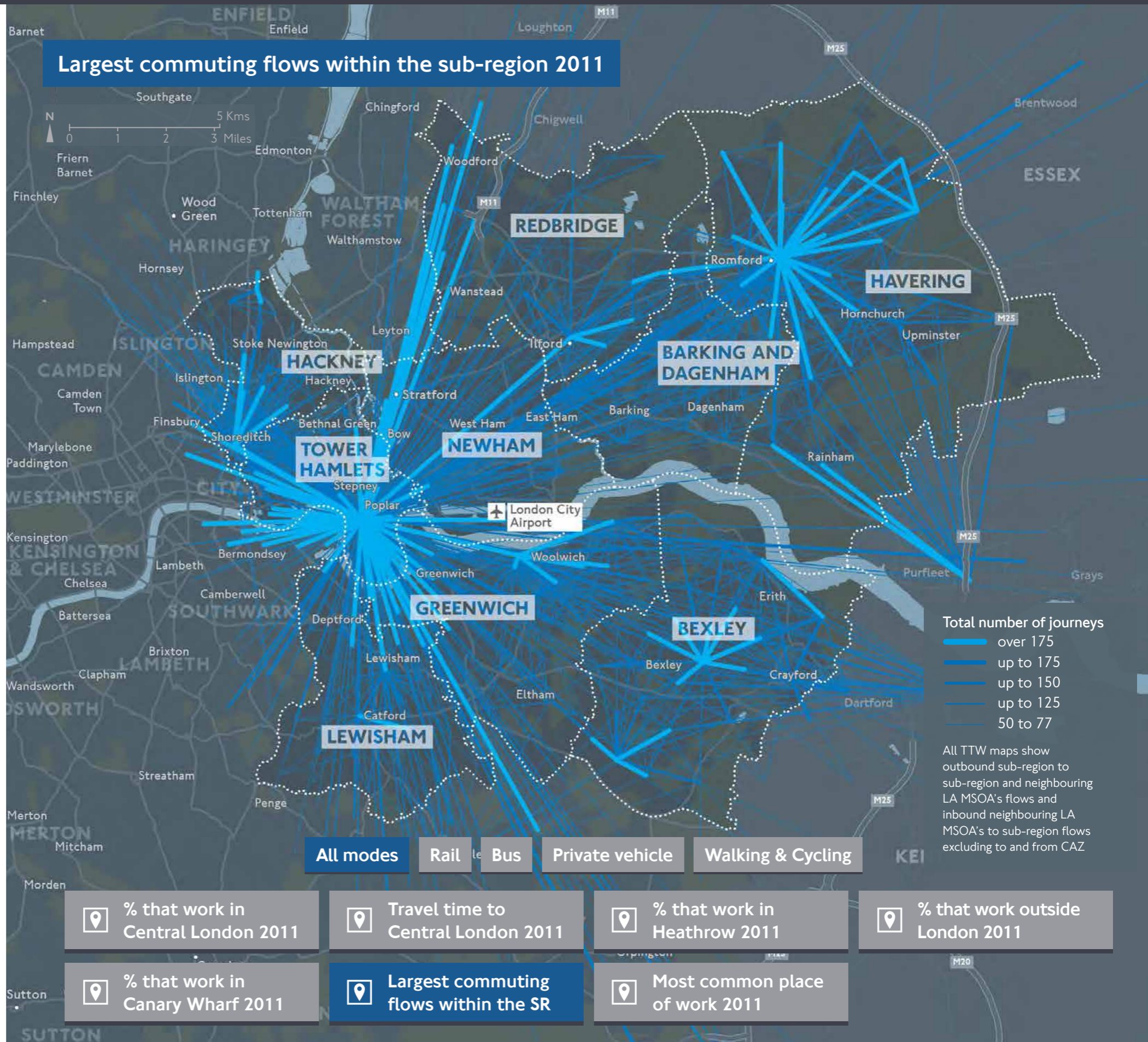
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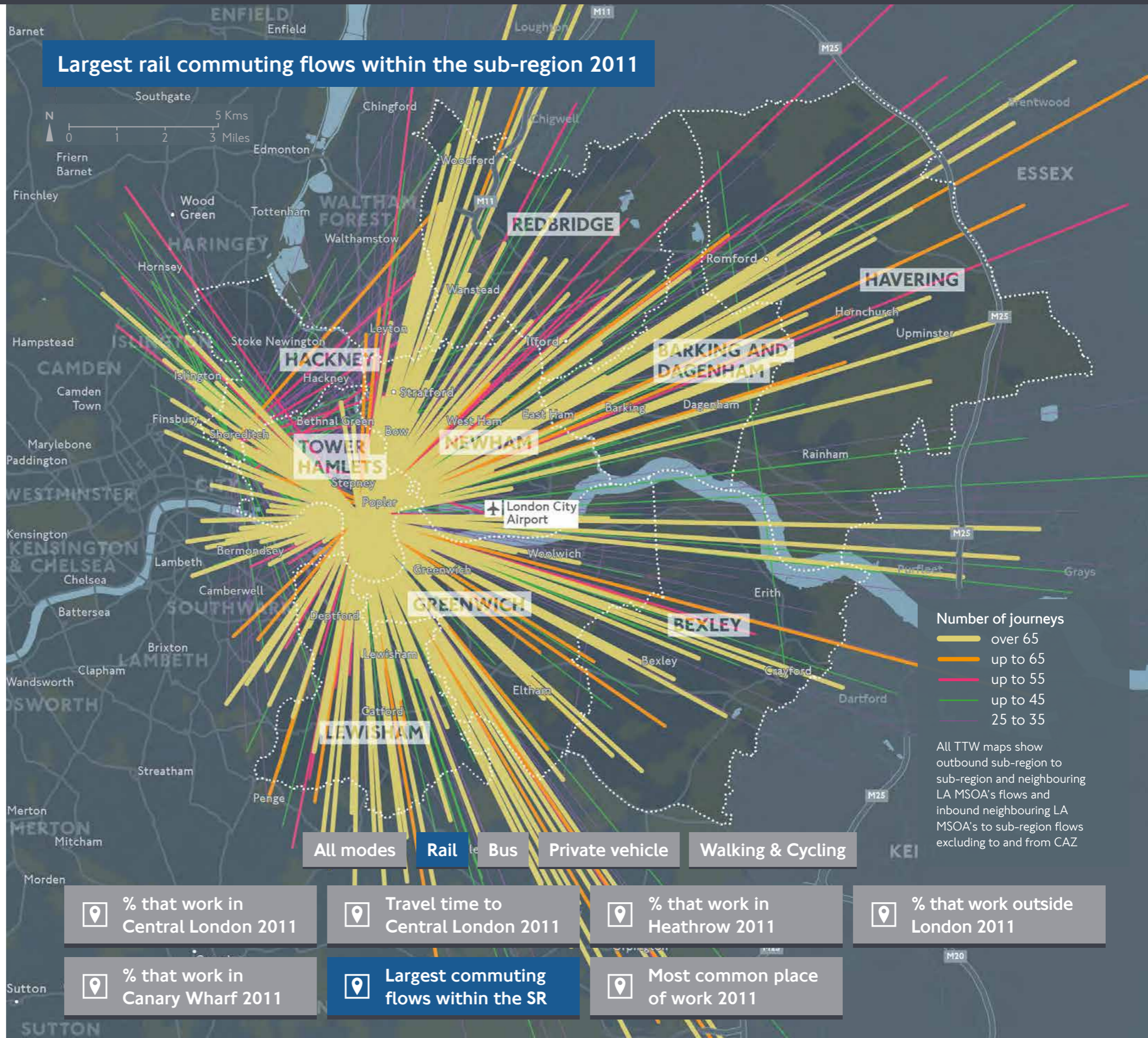
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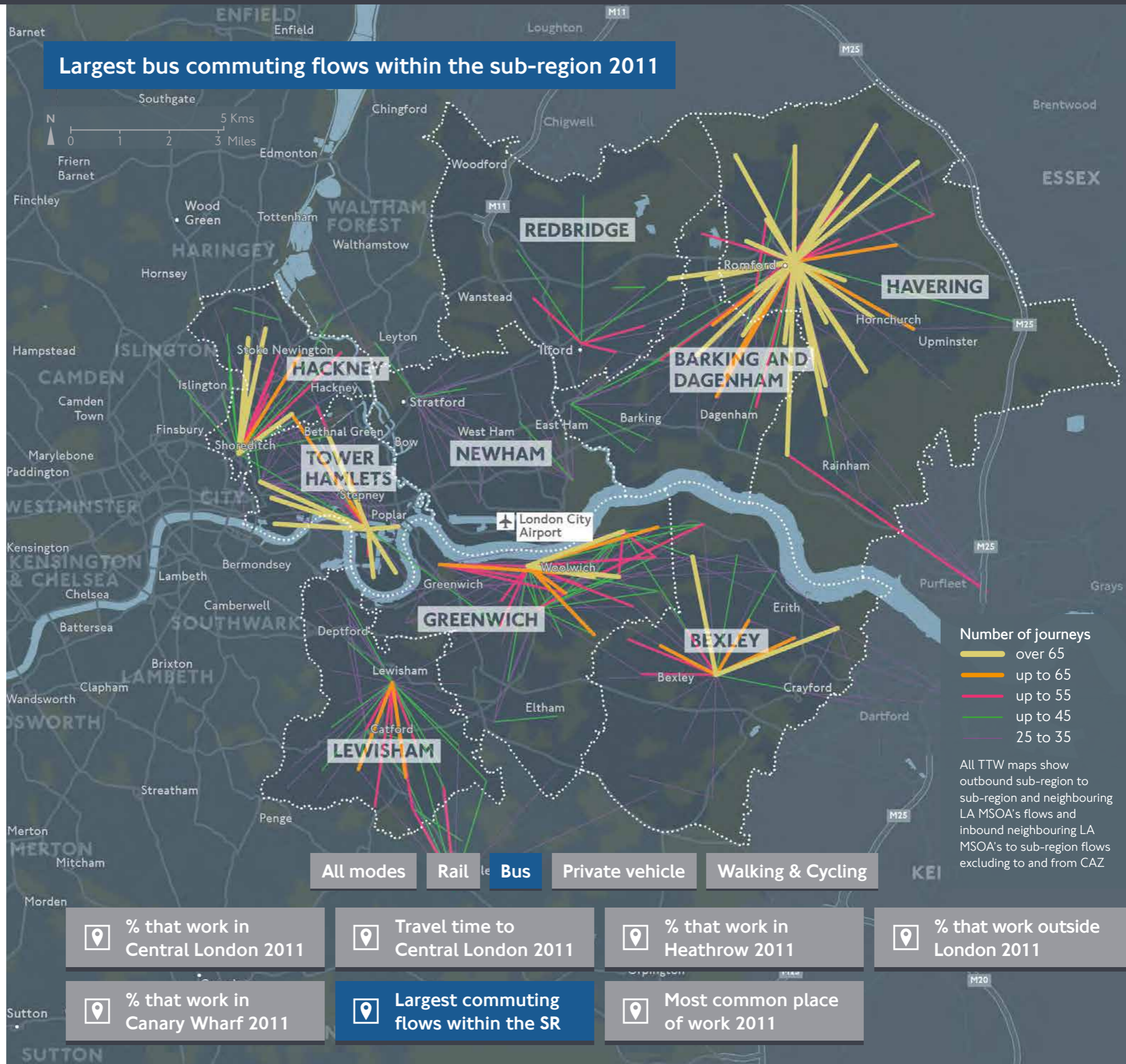
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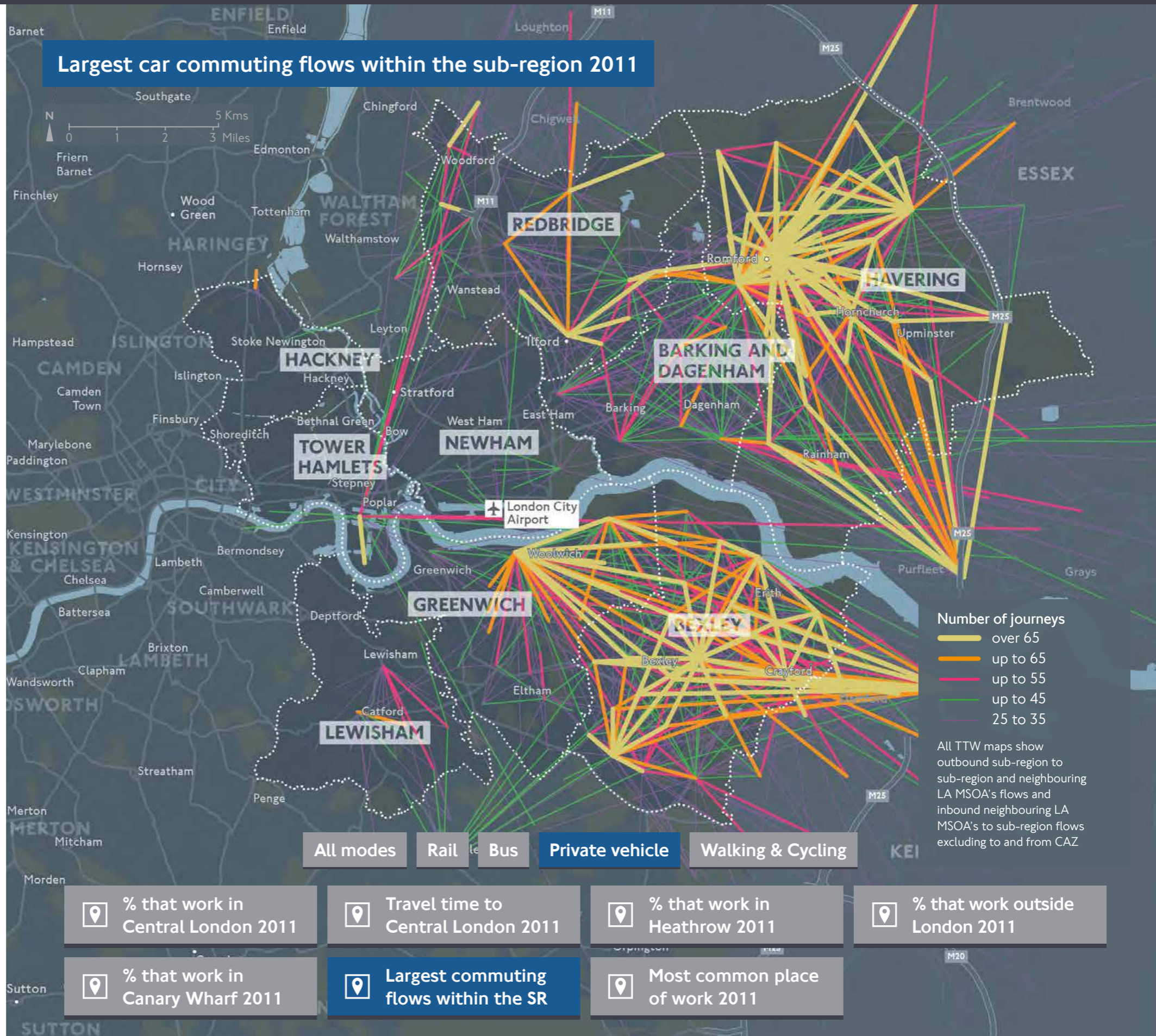
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Number of journeys
— over 65
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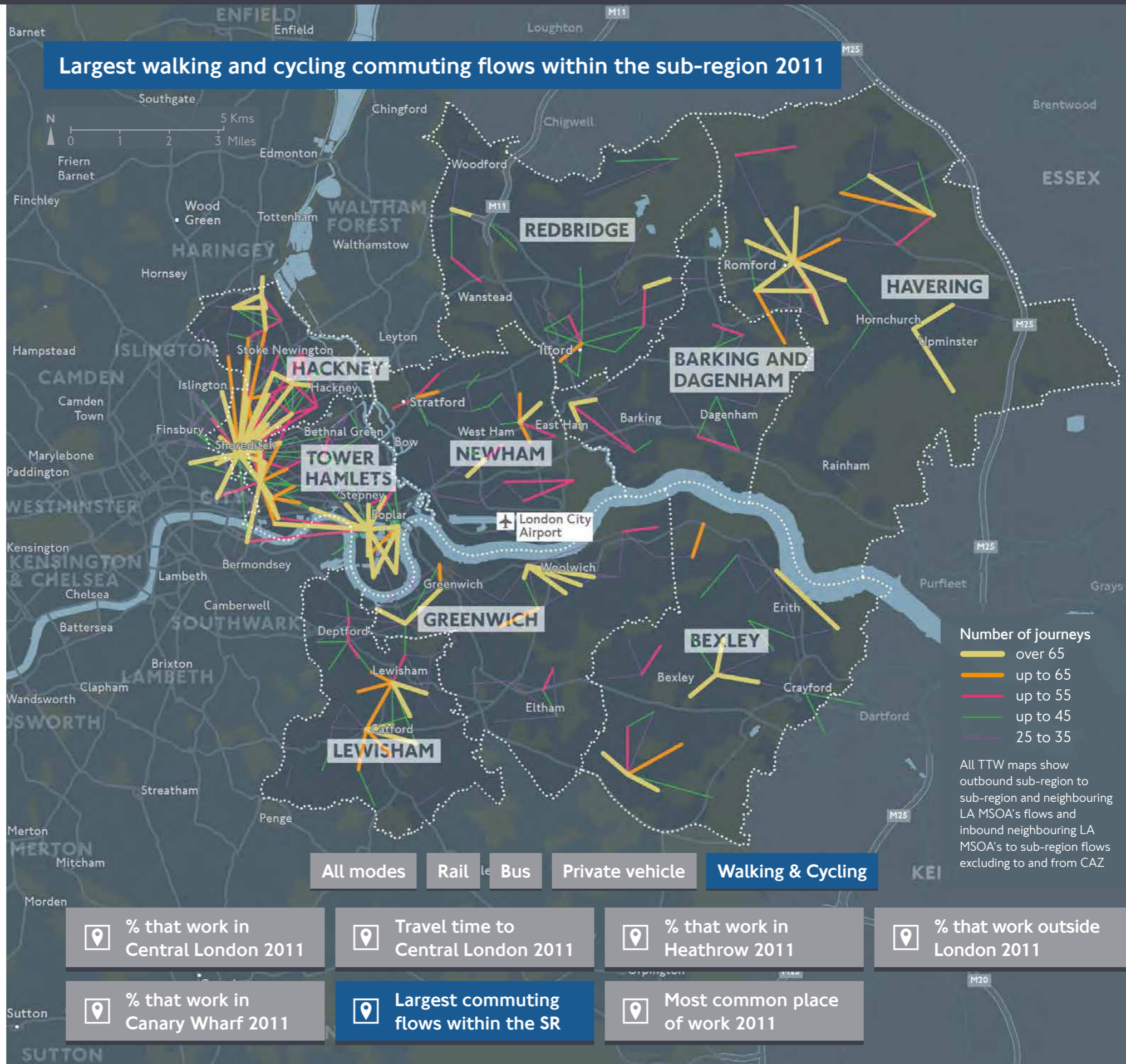
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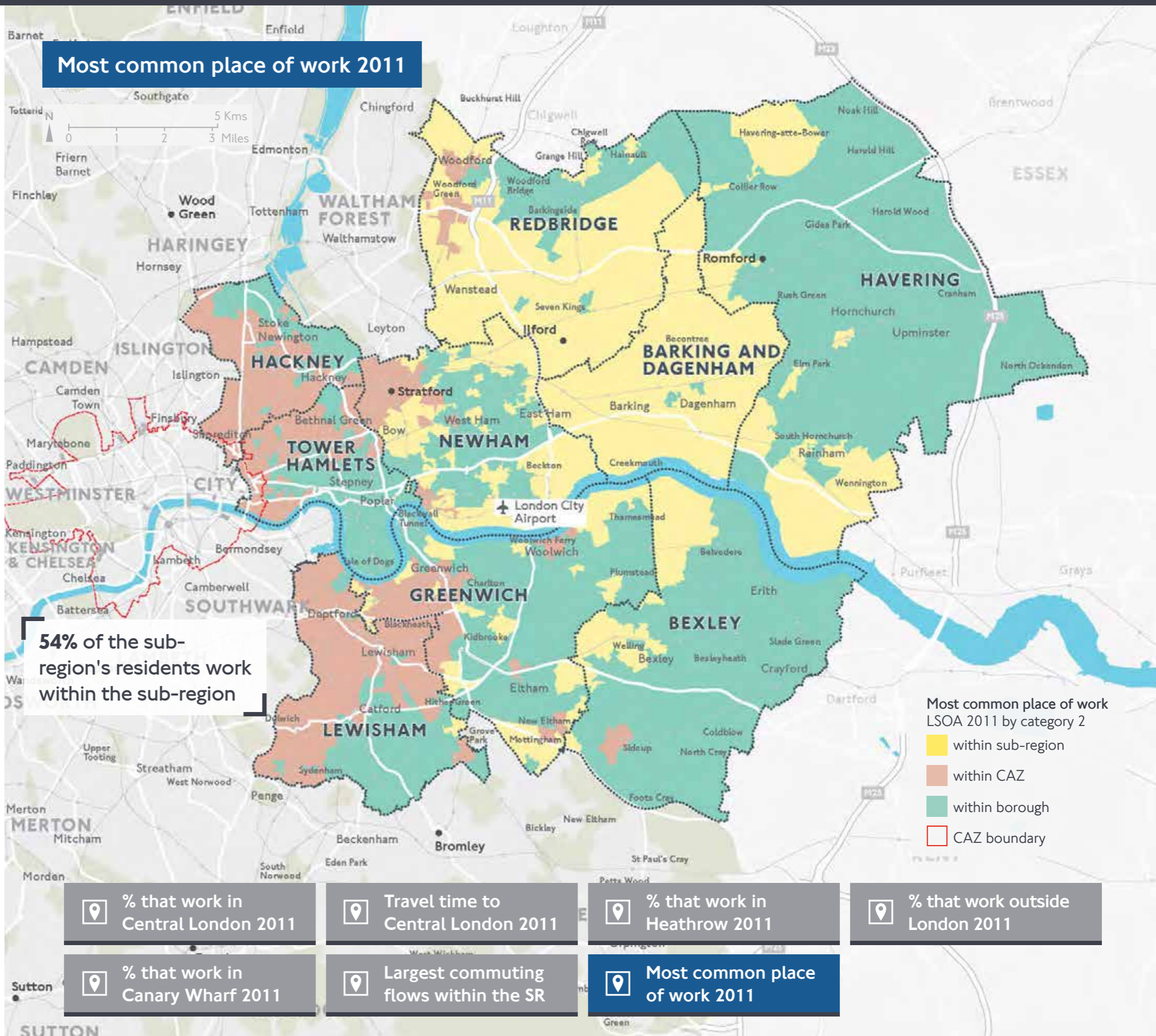
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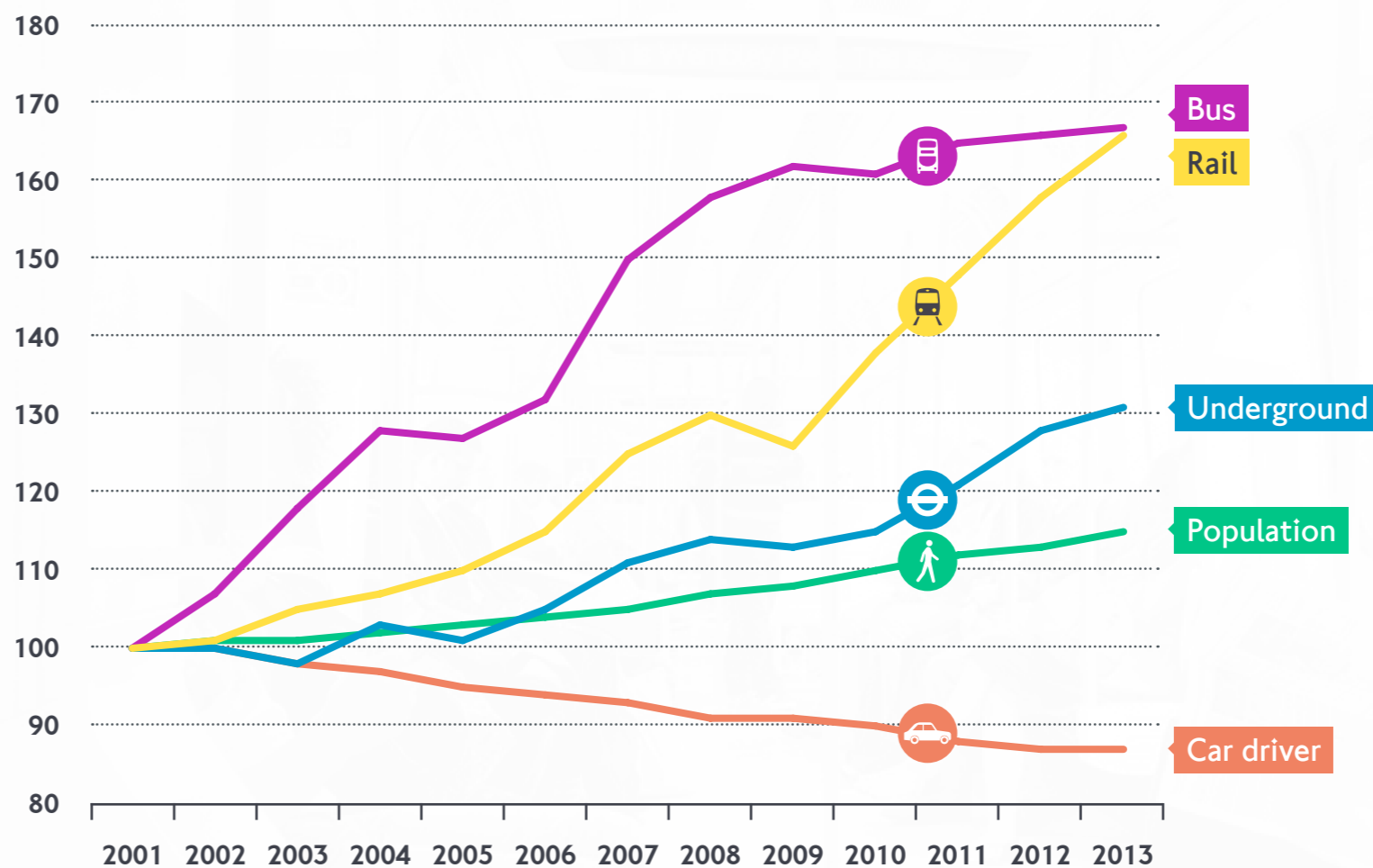
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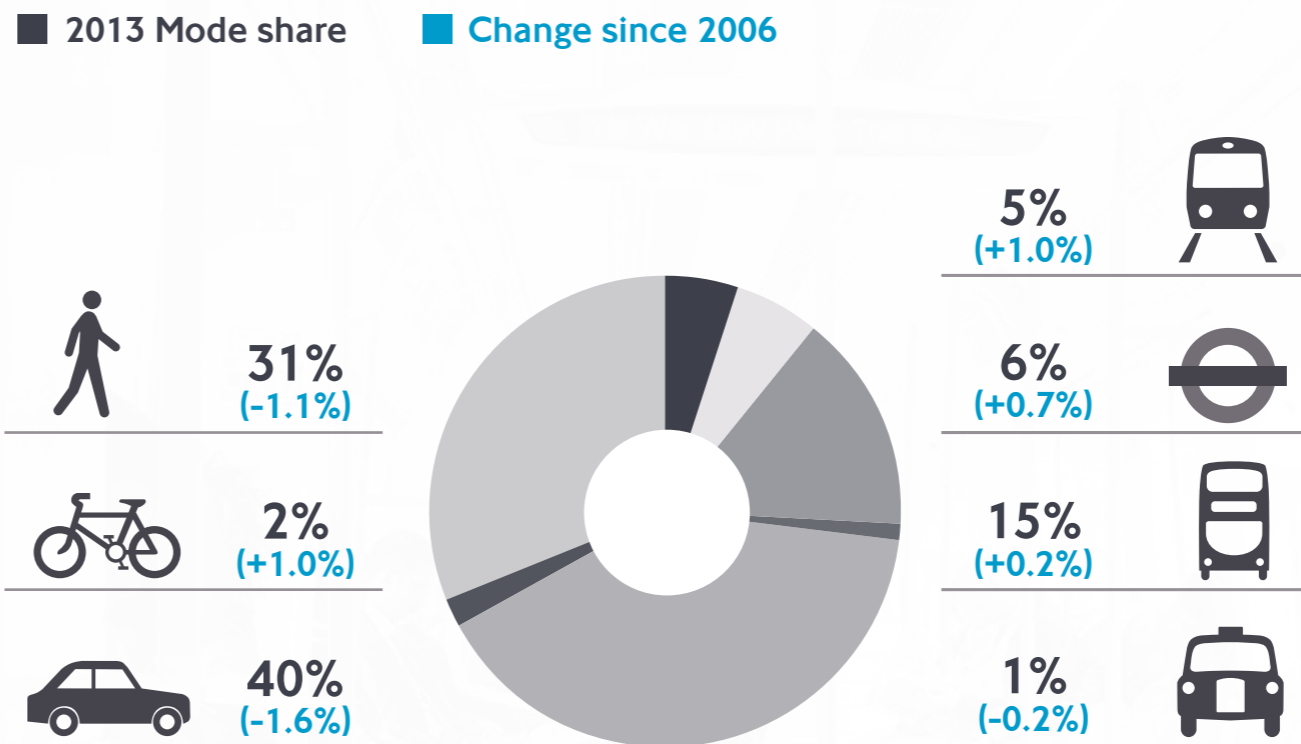
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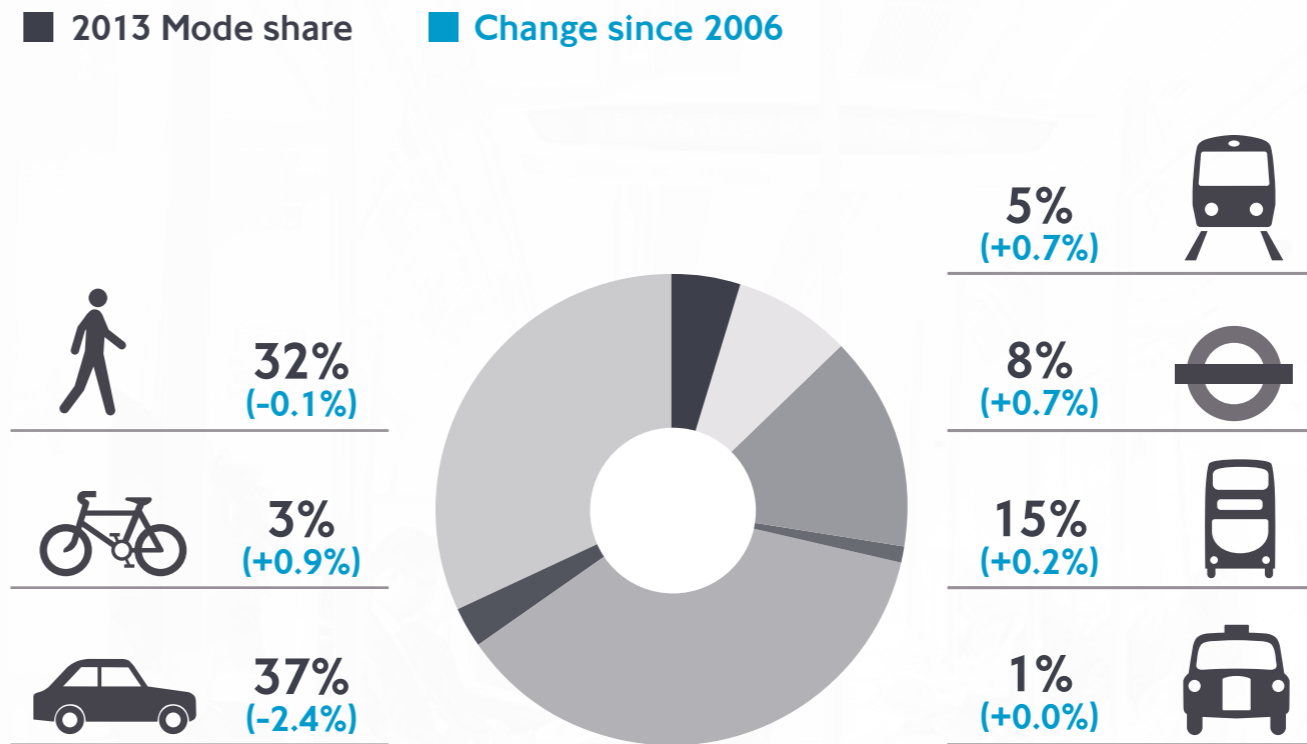
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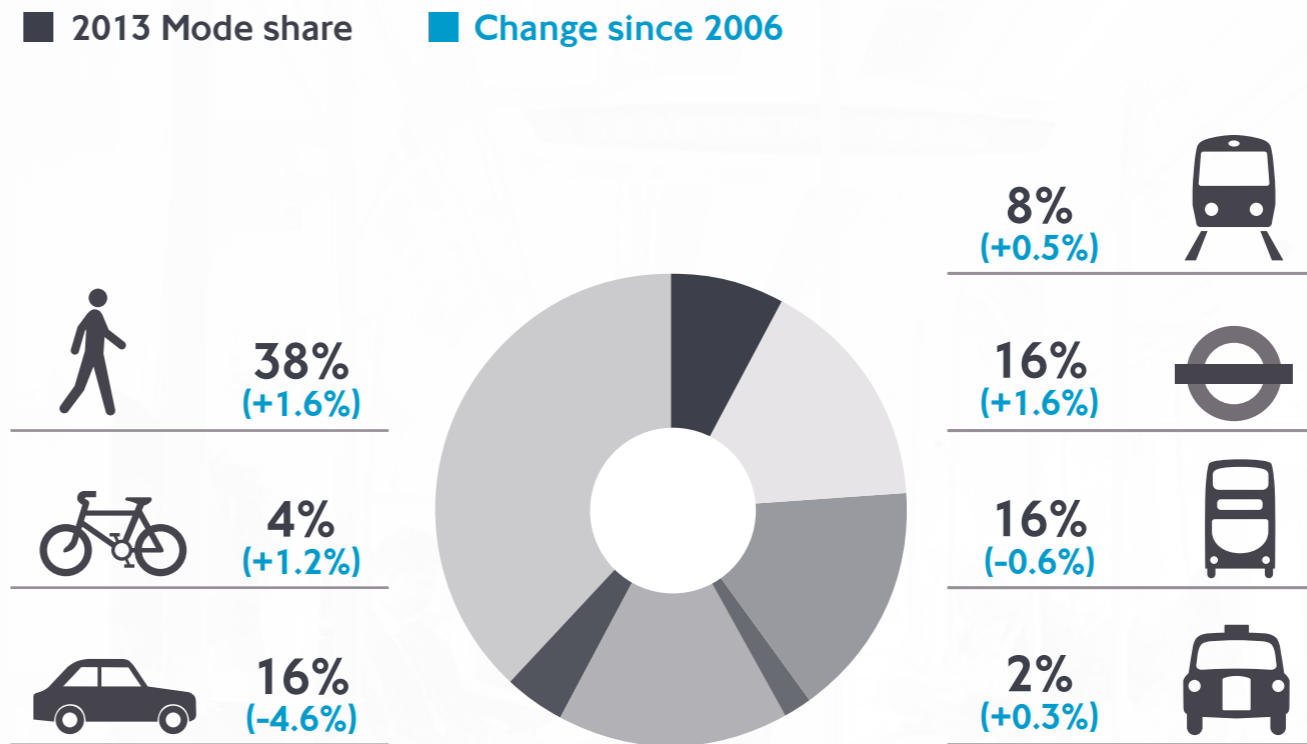
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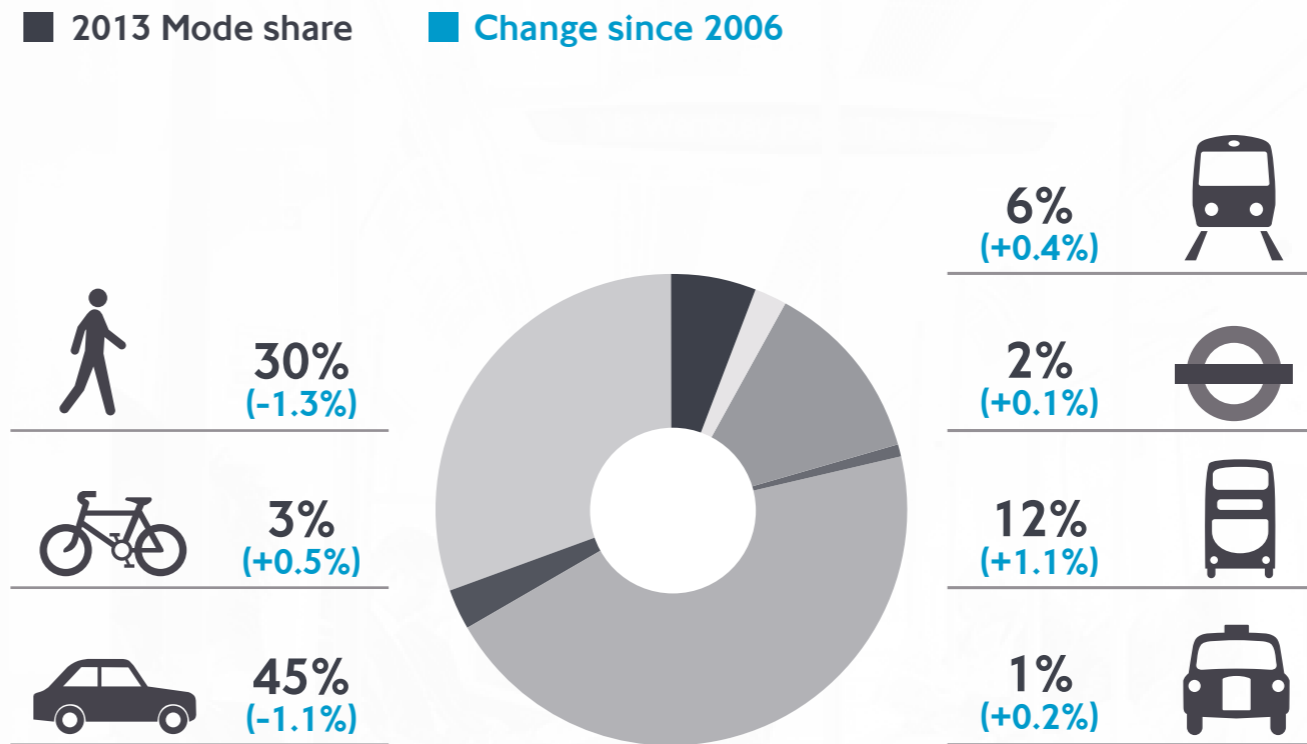
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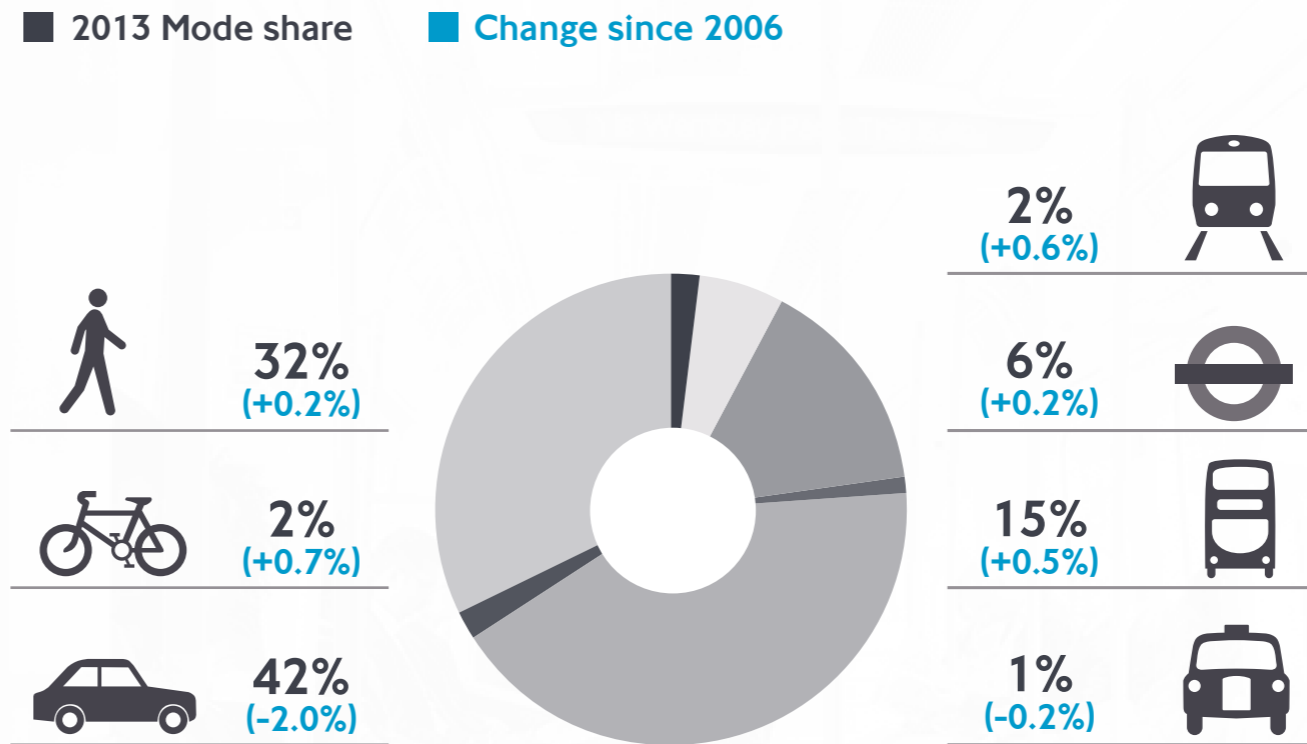
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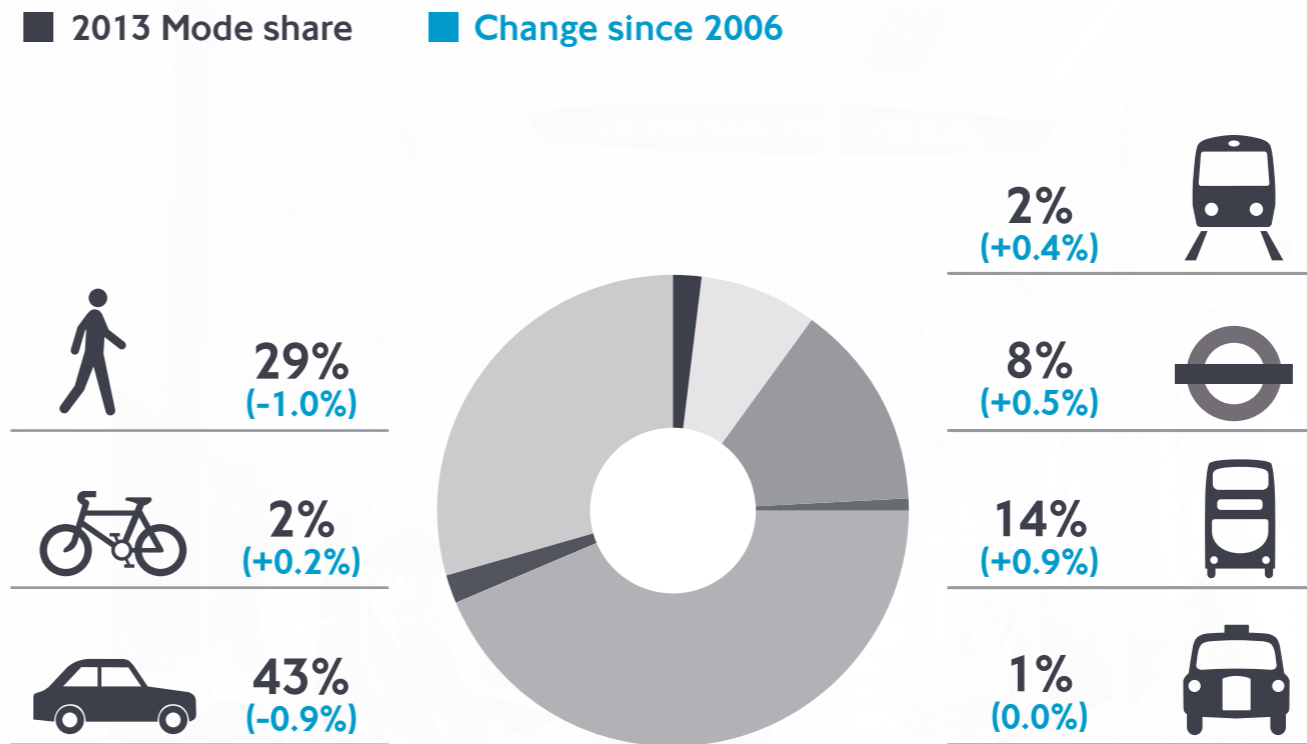
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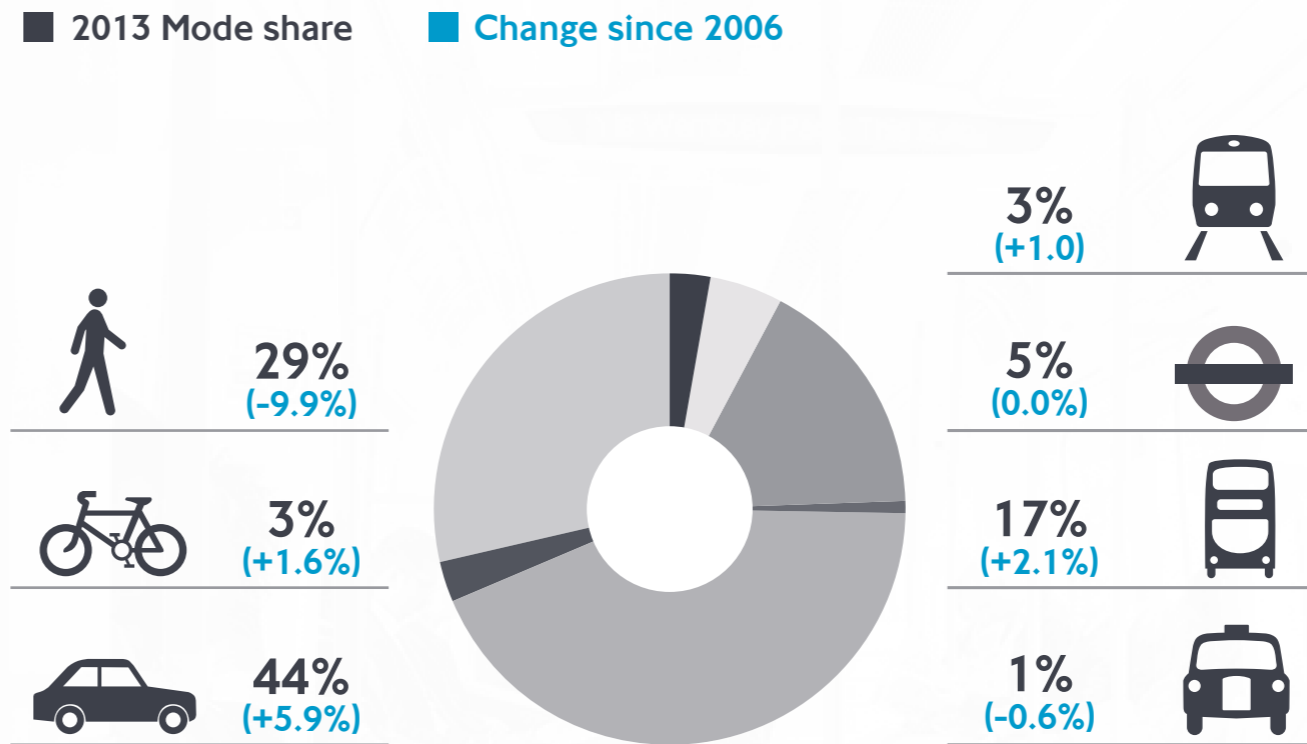
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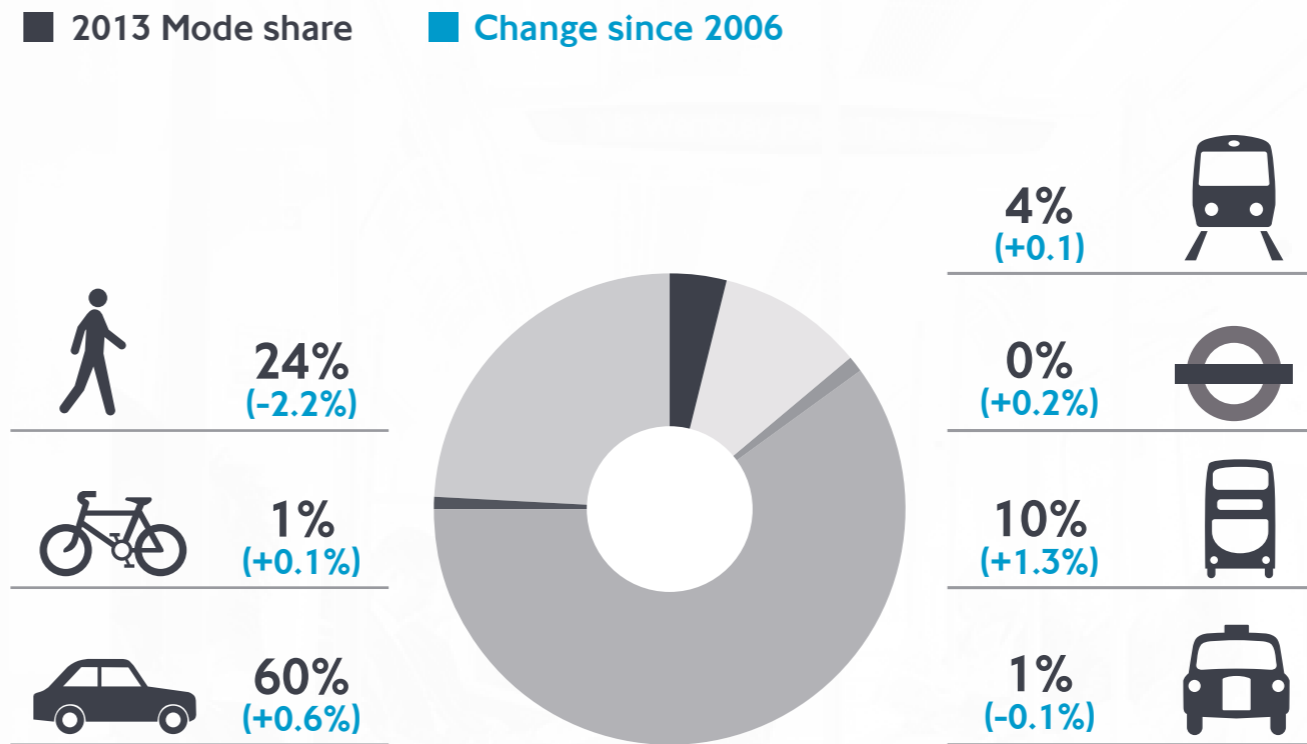
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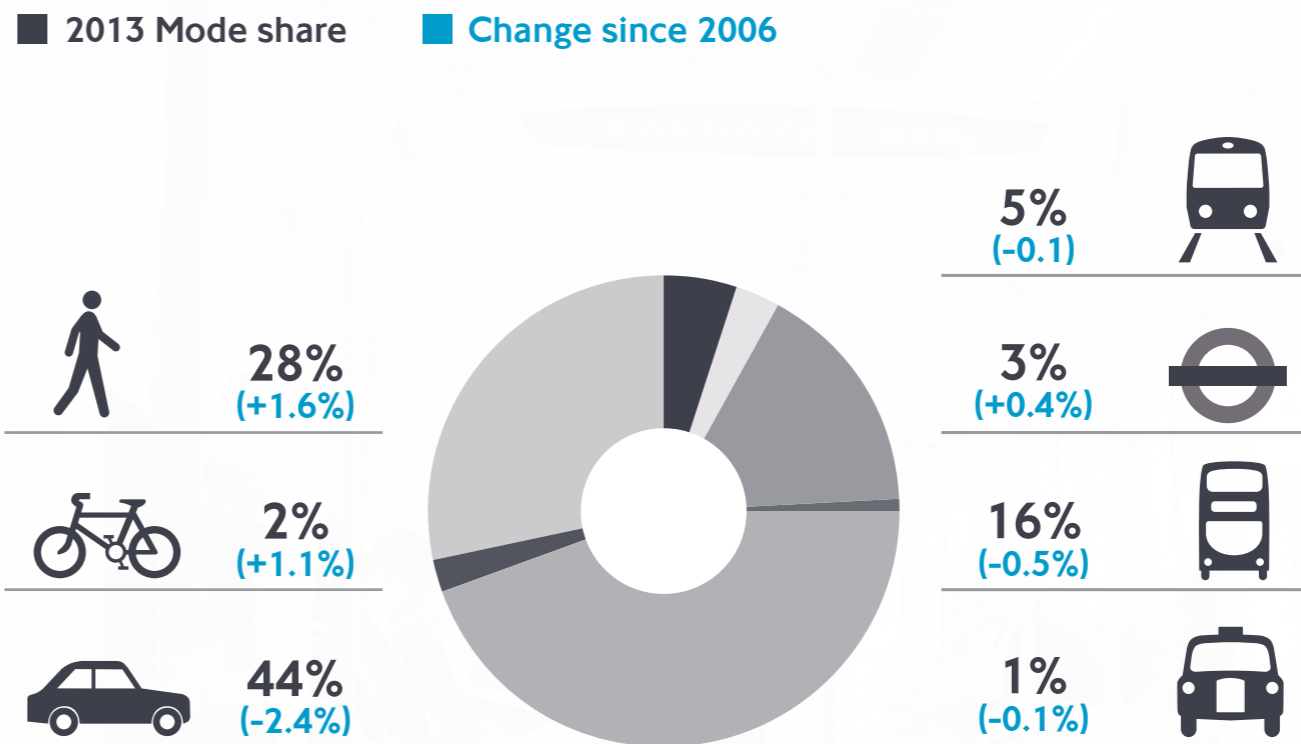
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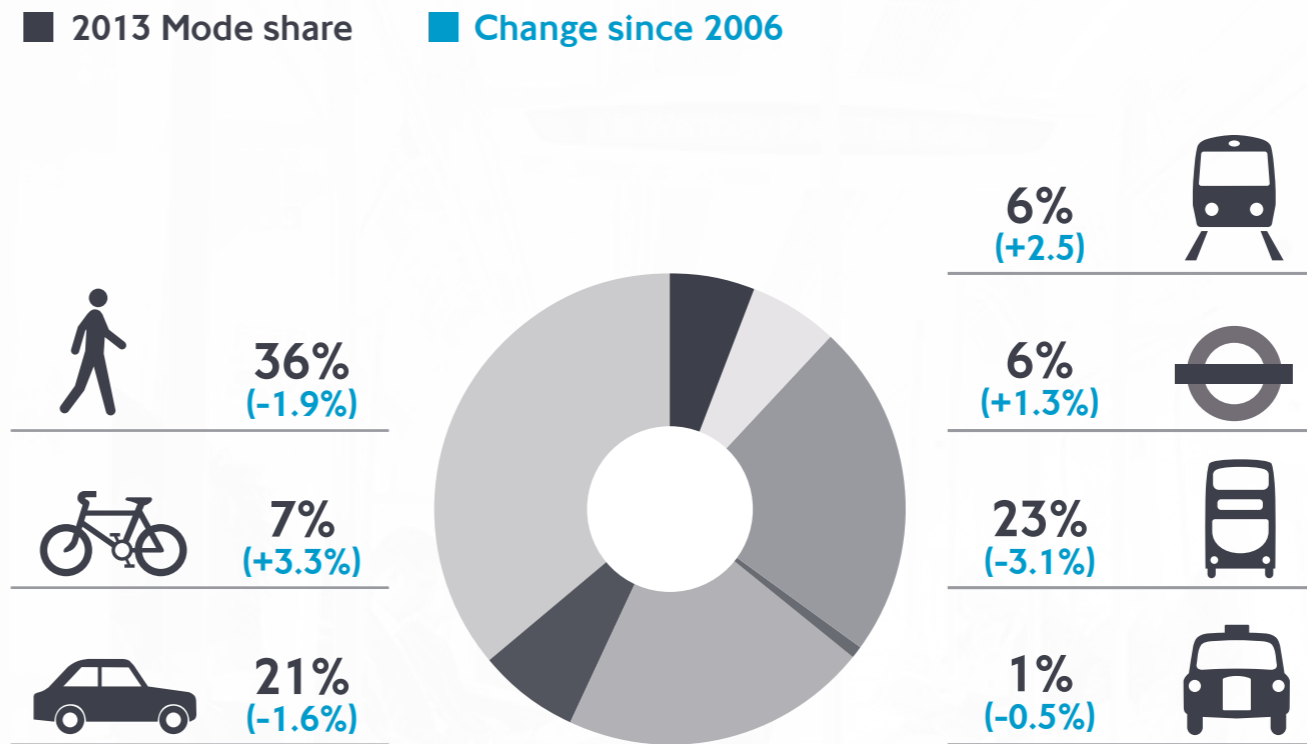
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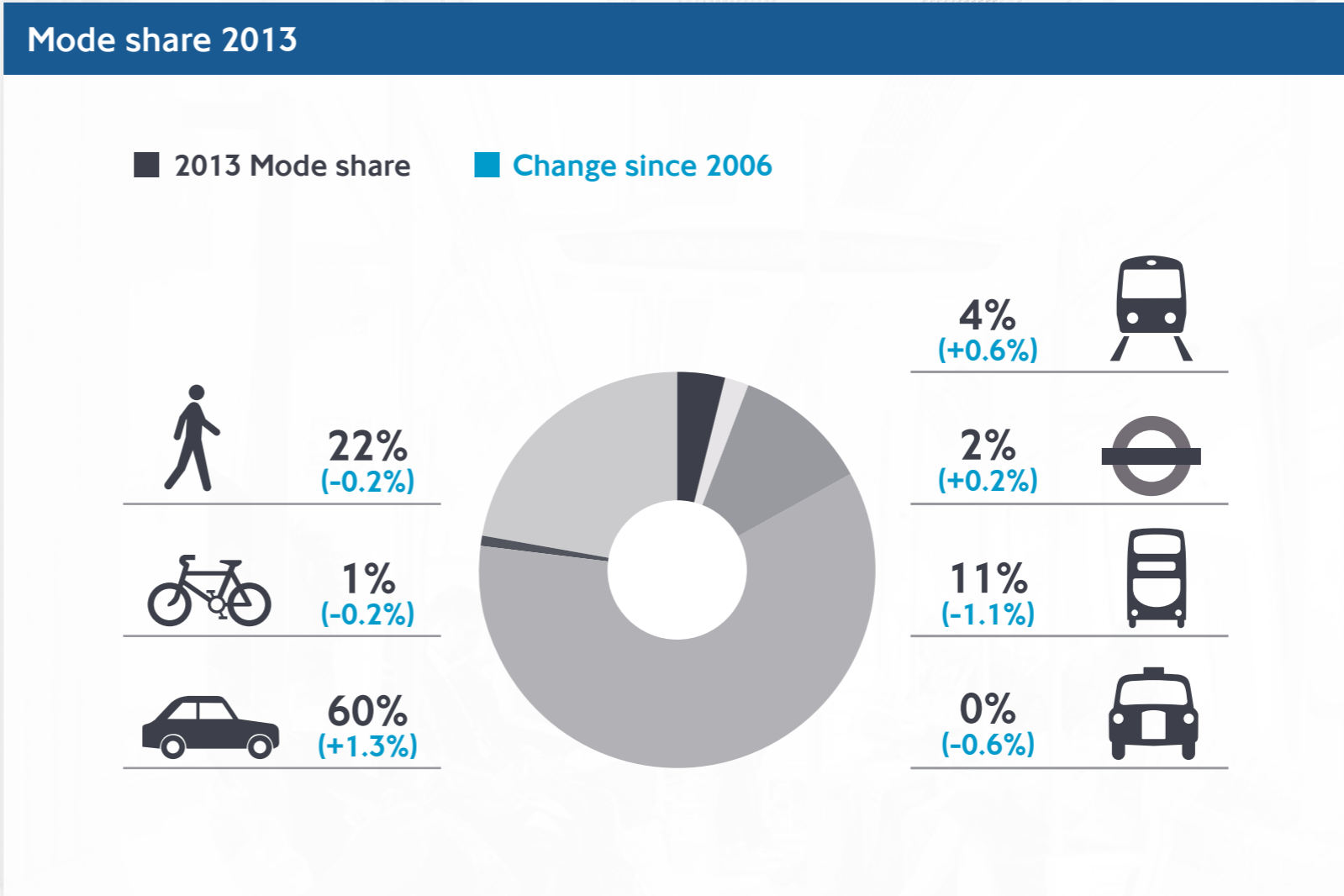


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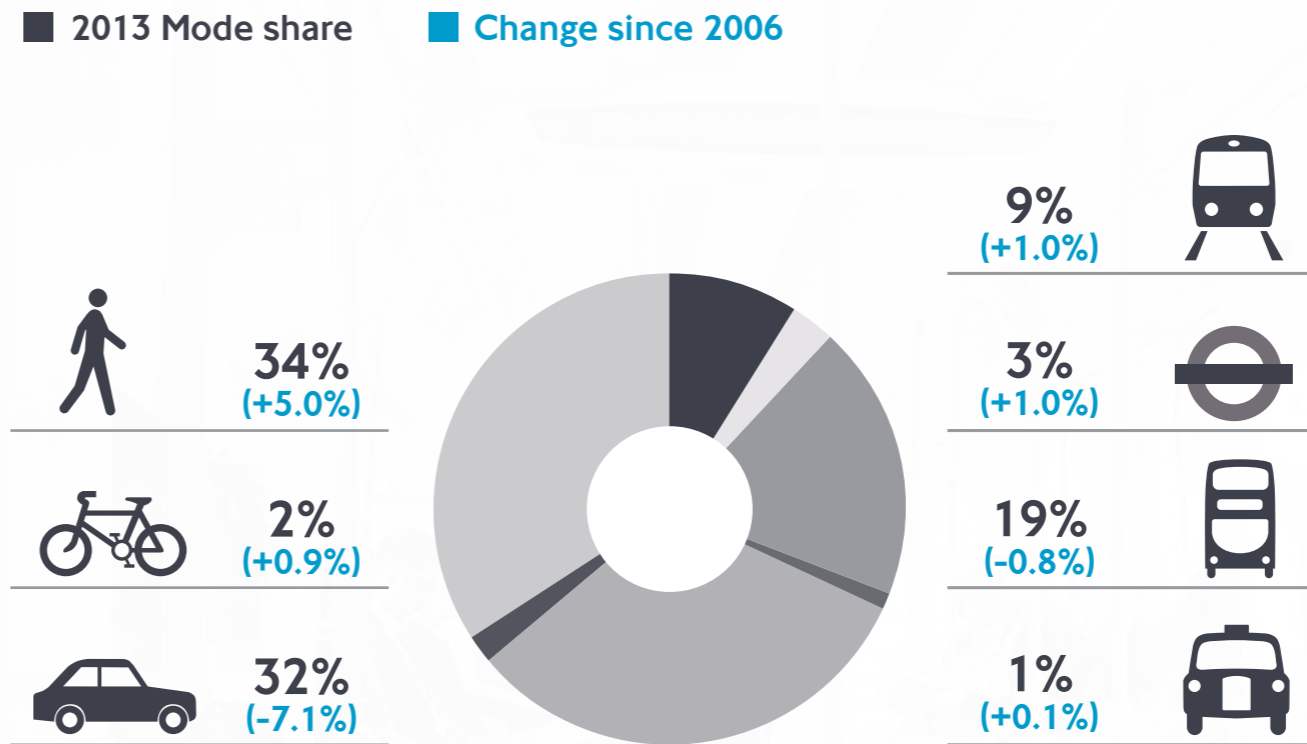
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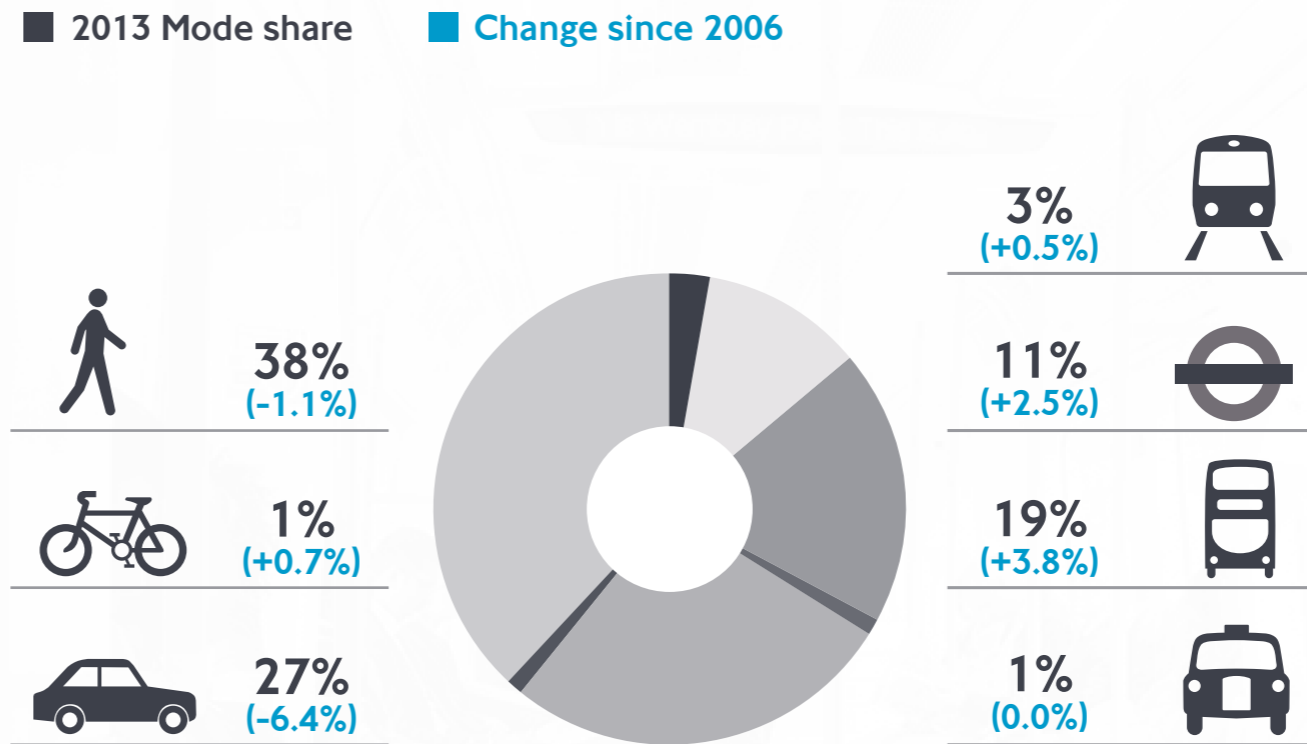
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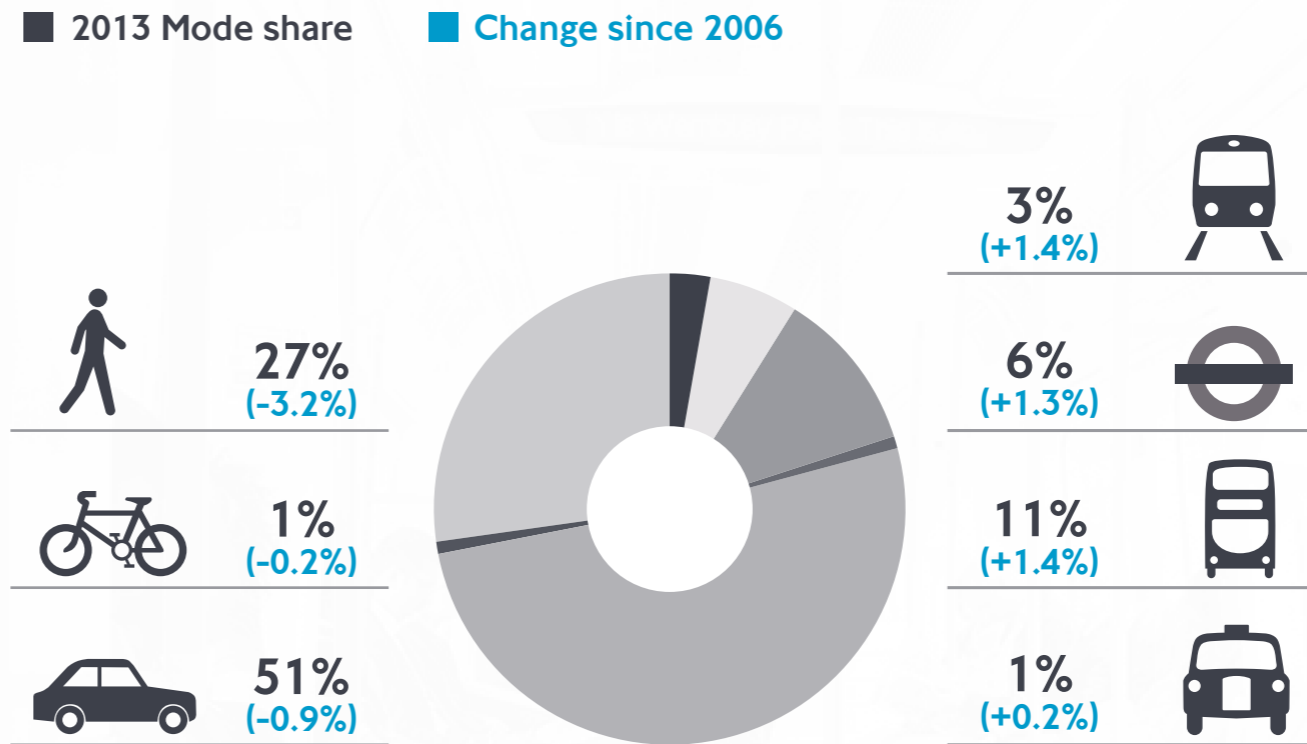
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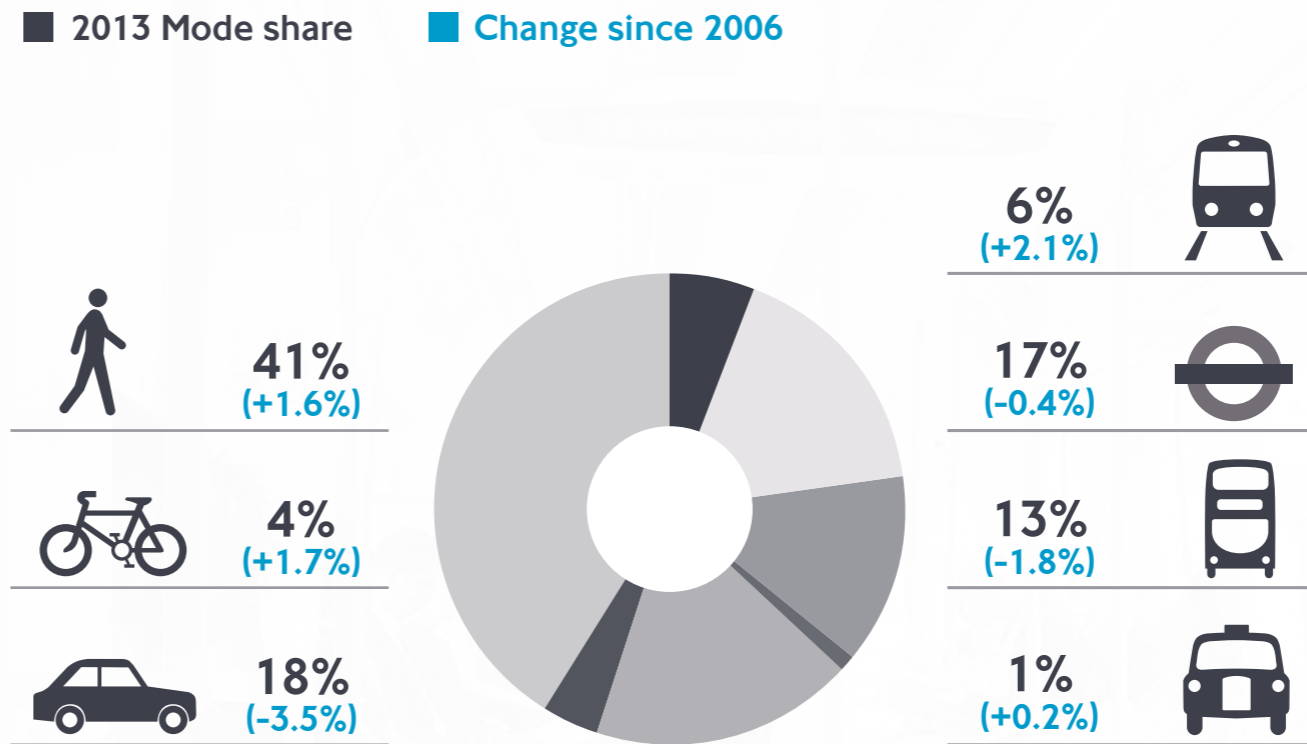
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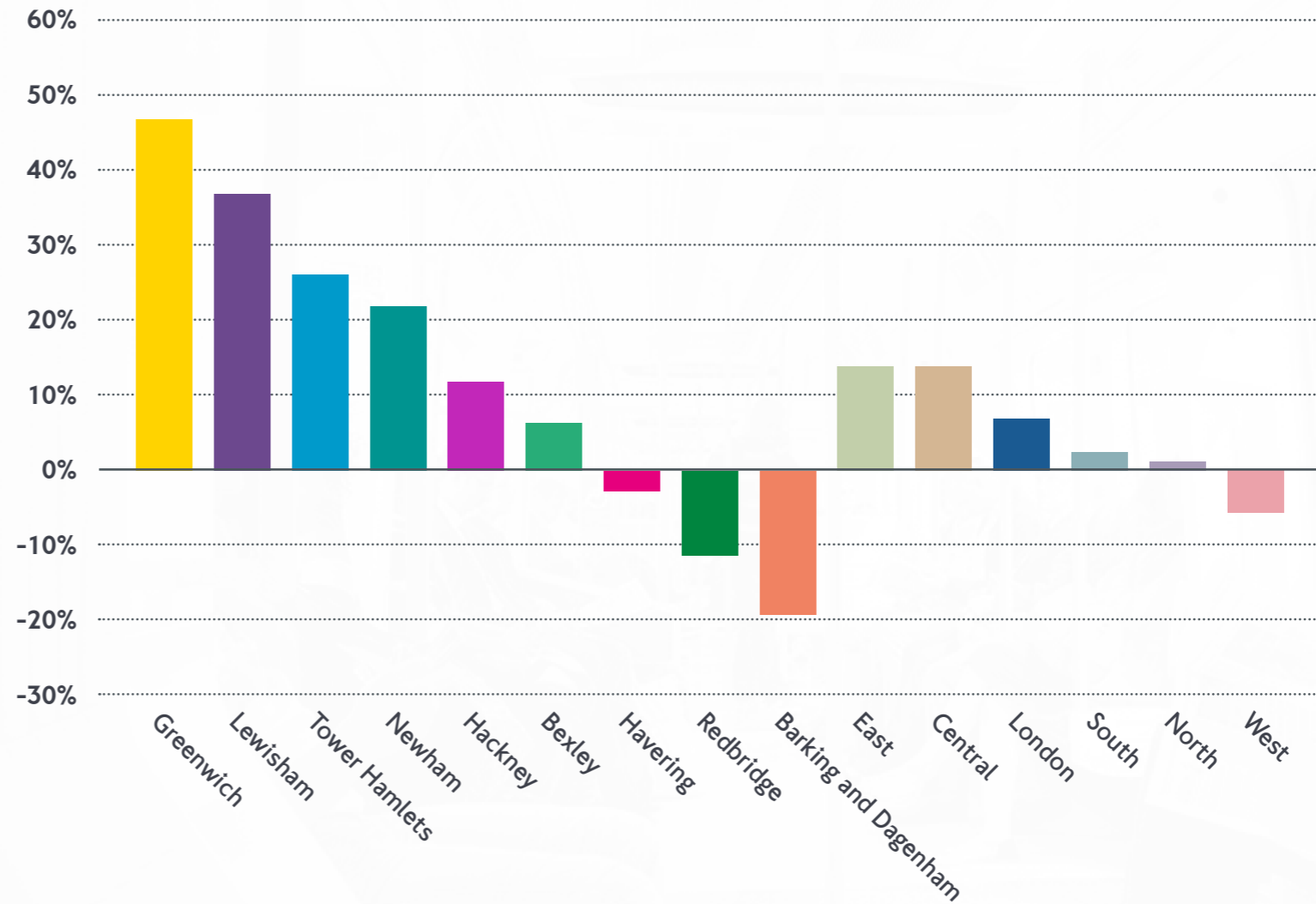
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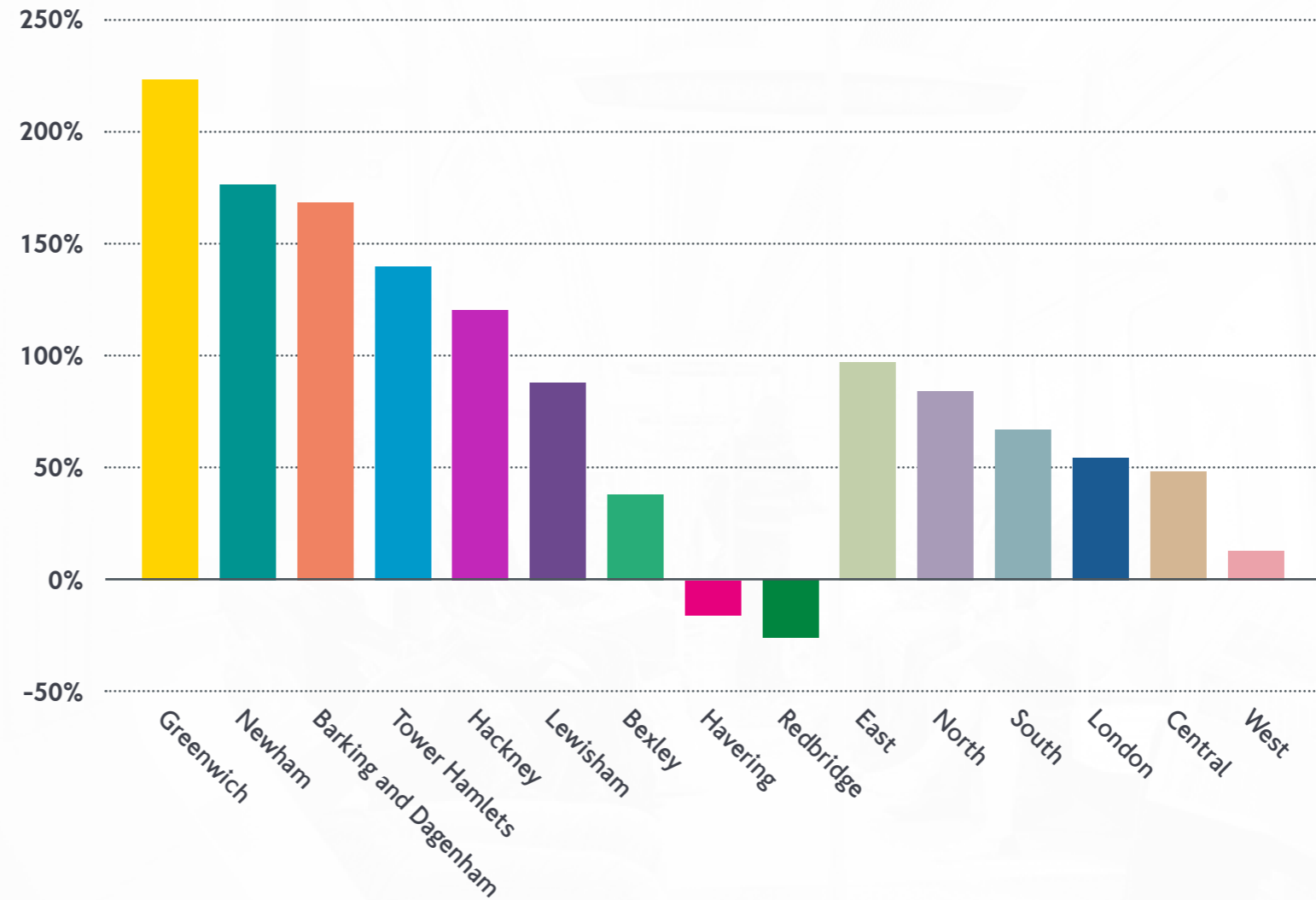
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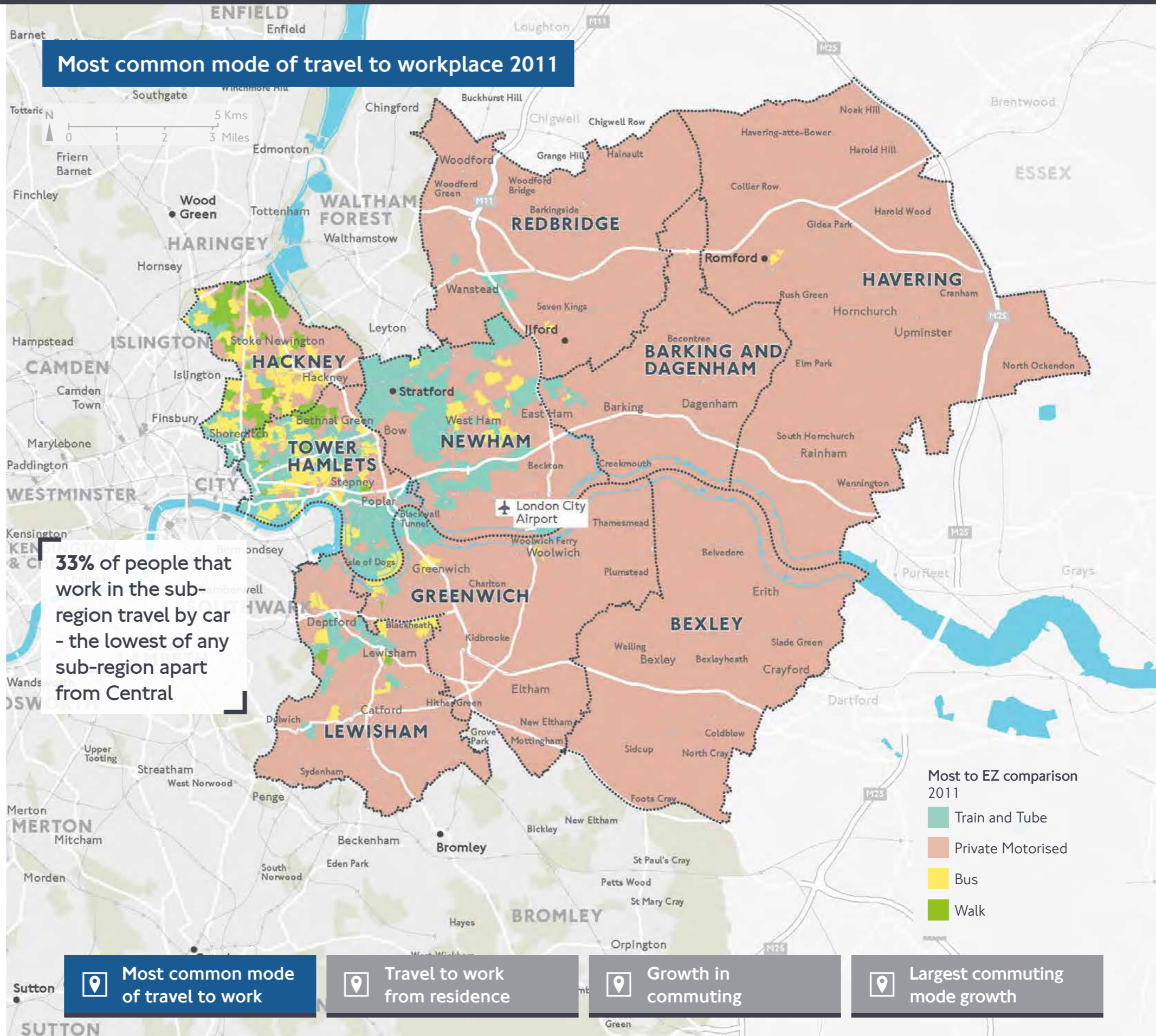
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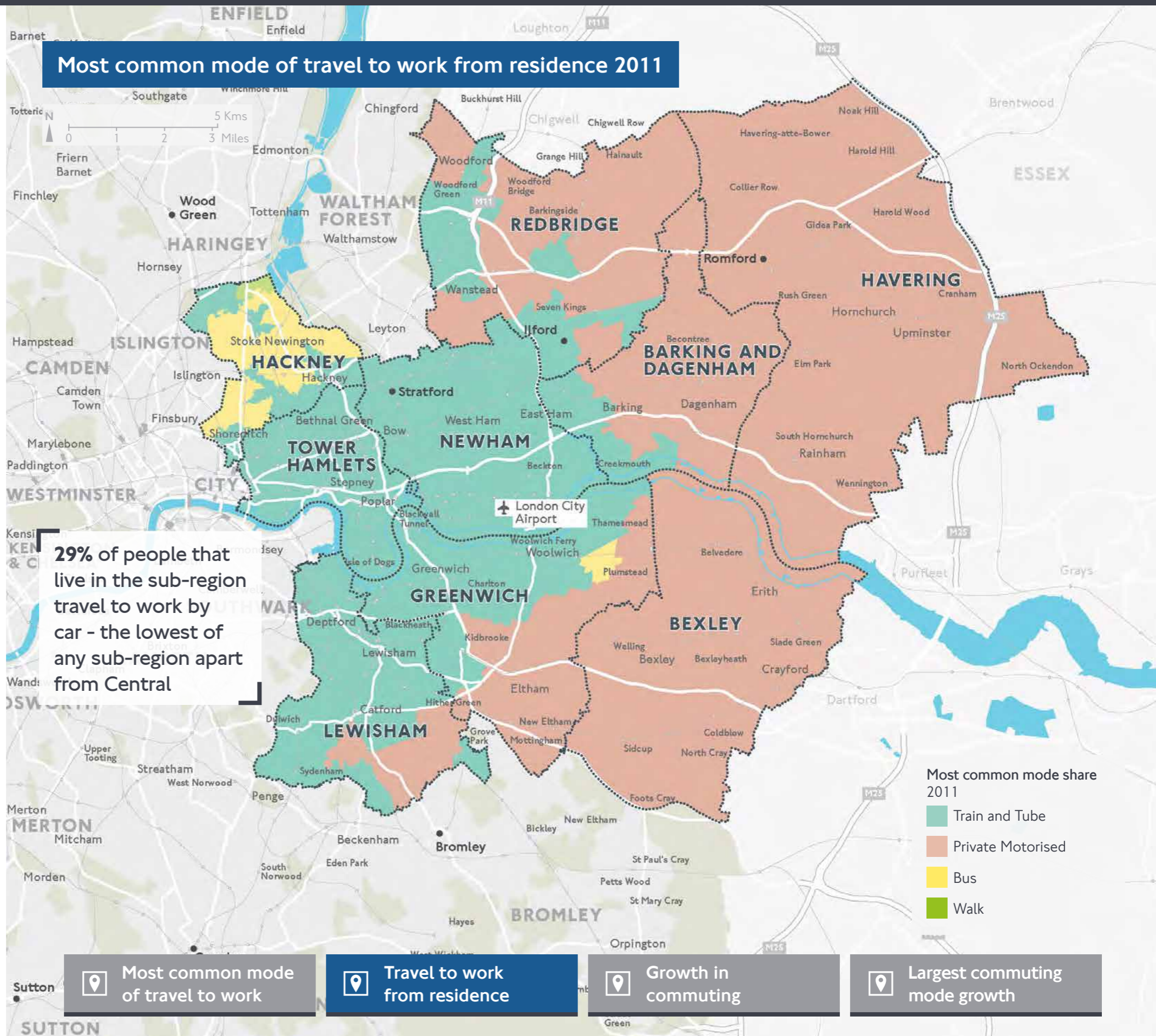
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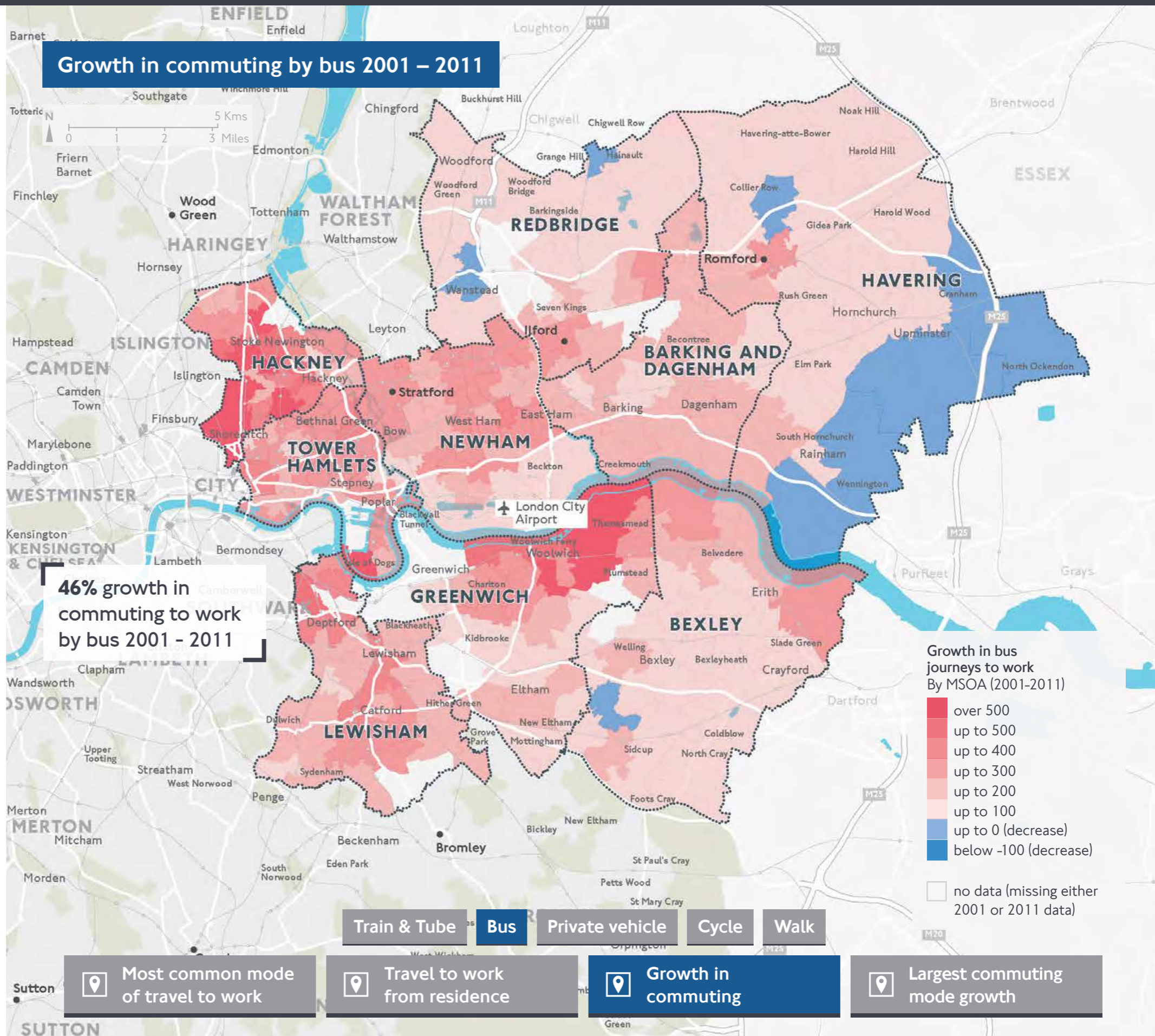
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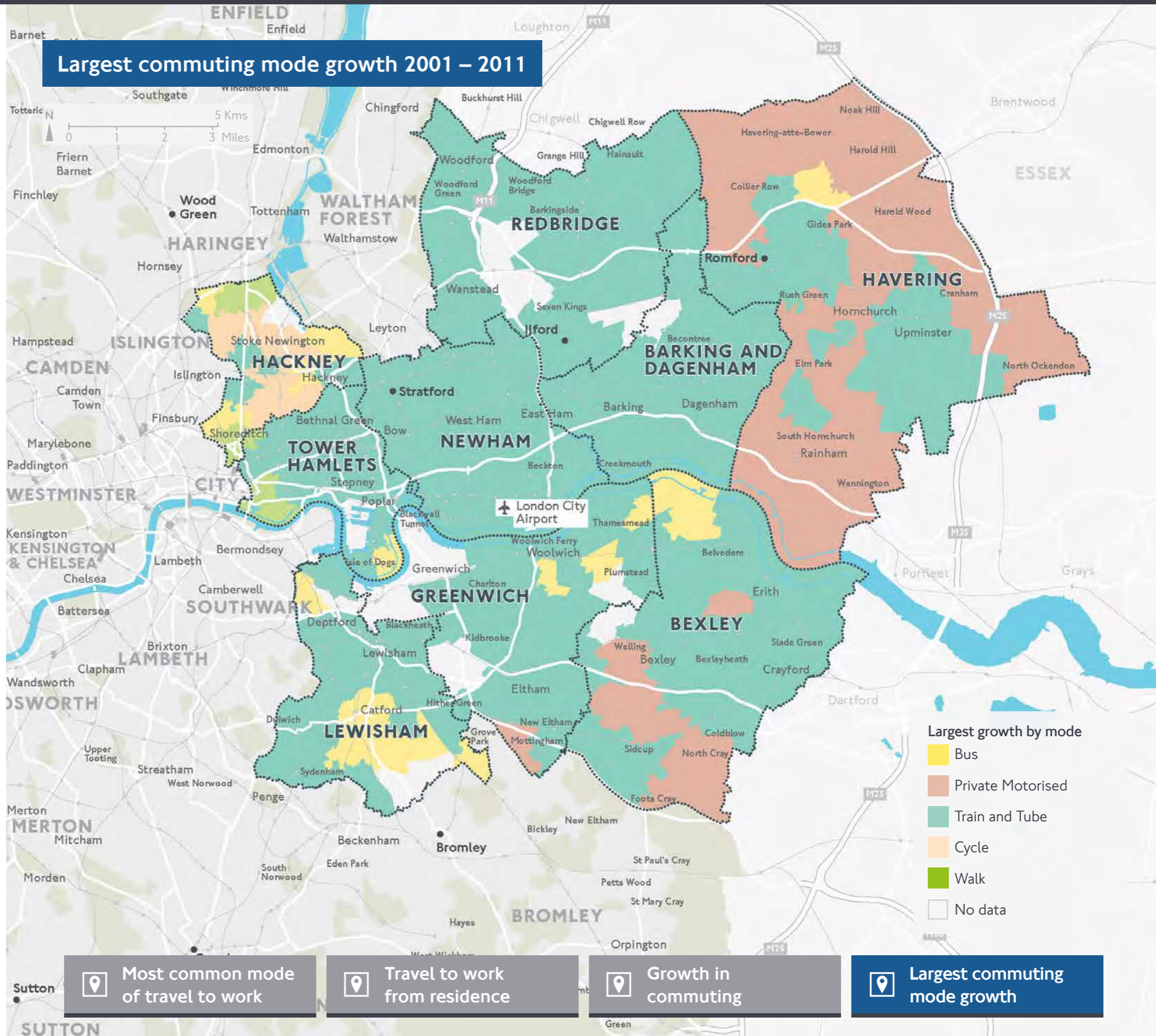
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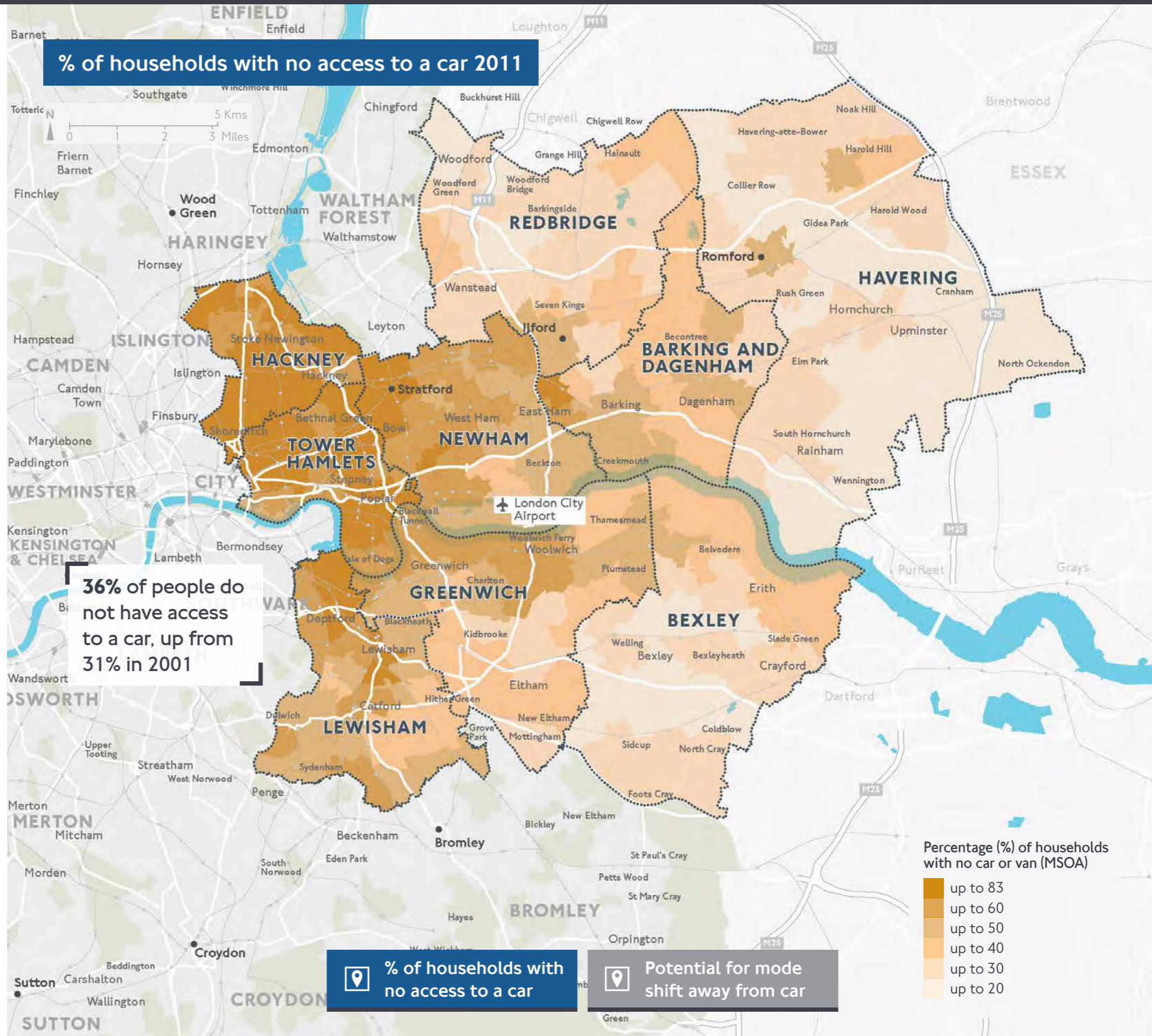


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% of households with no access to a car 2011

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Potential for mode shift away from car

Percentage (%) of households with no car or van (MSOA)

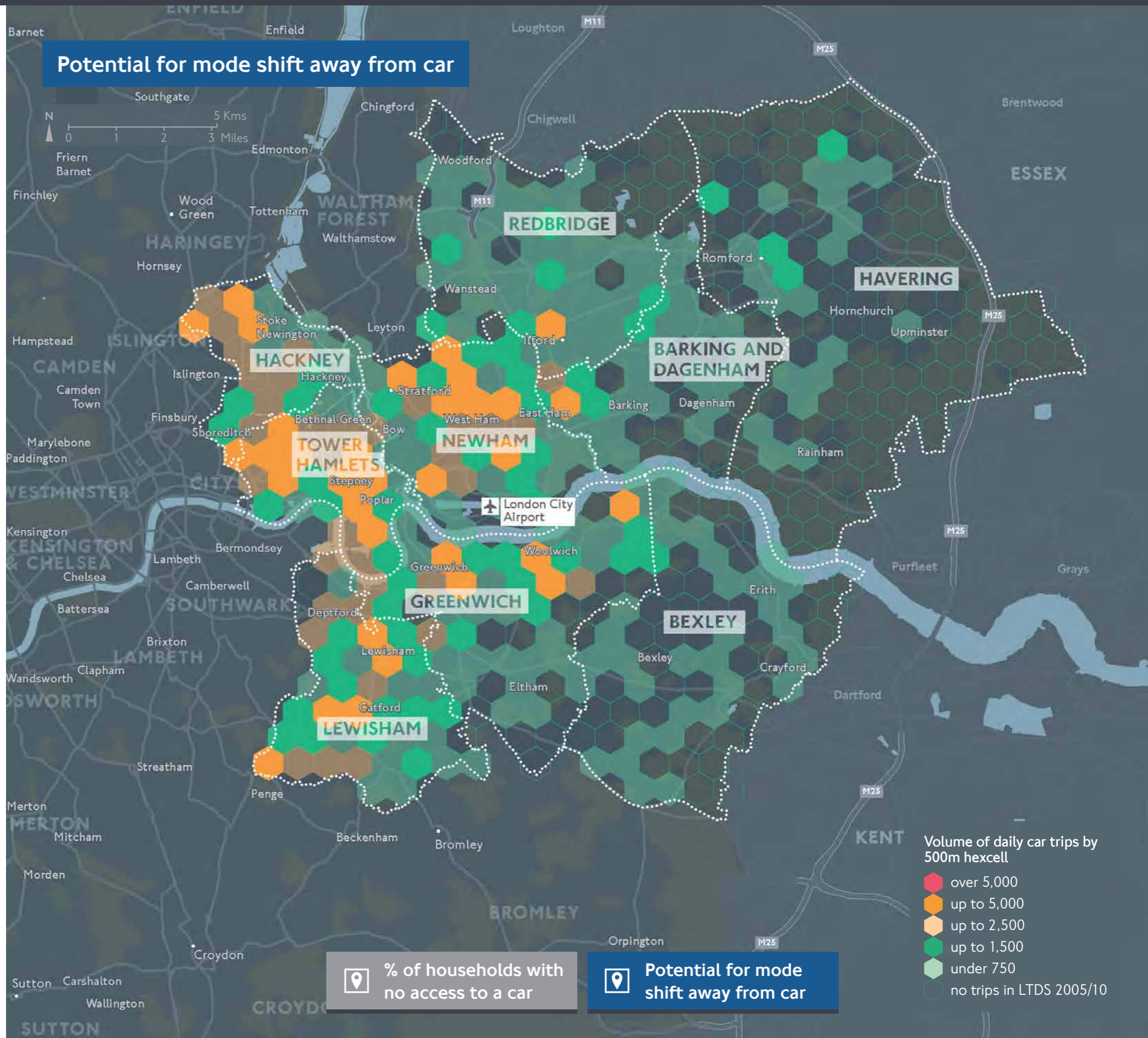
- up to 83
- up to 60
- up to 50
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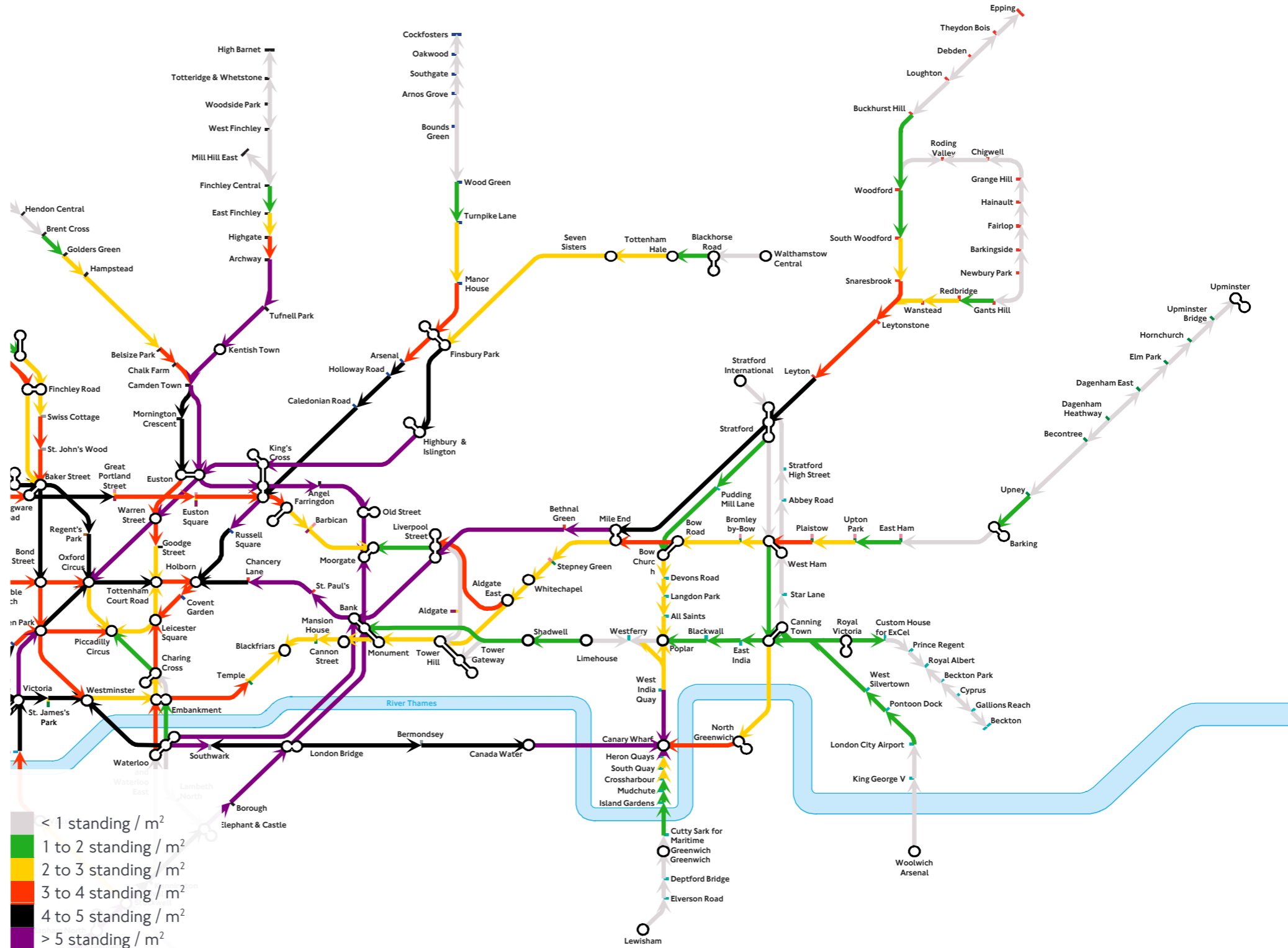
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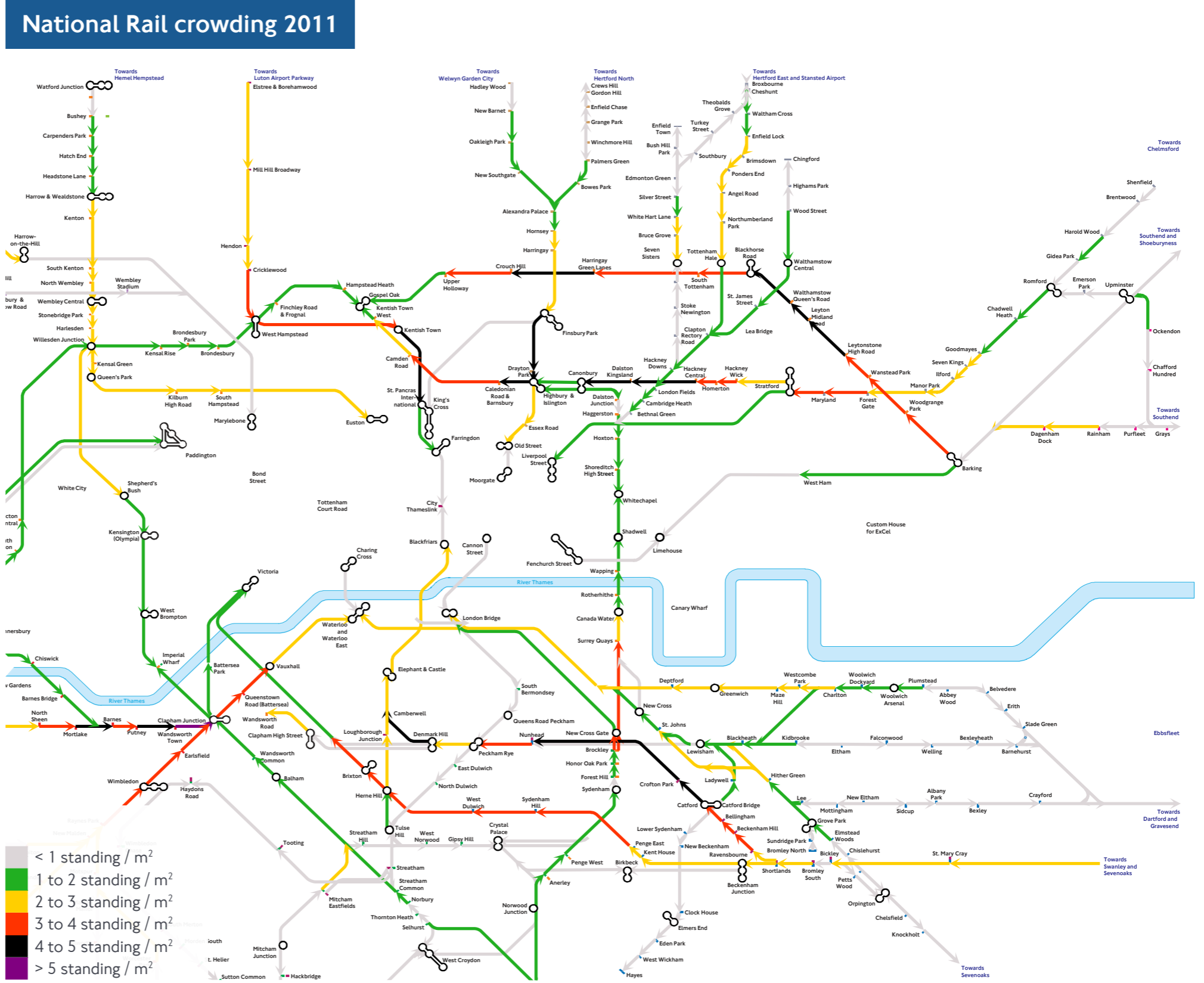
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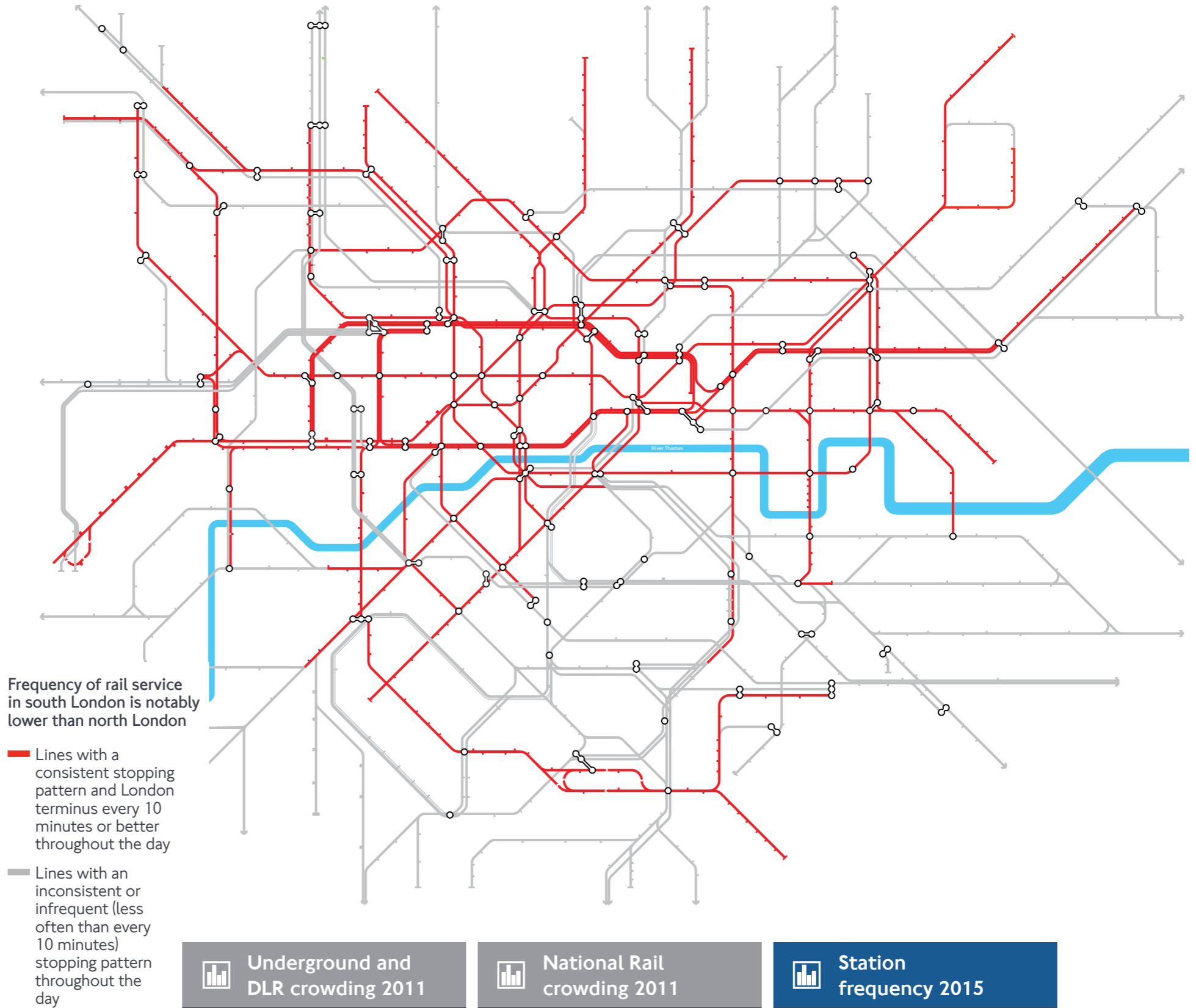
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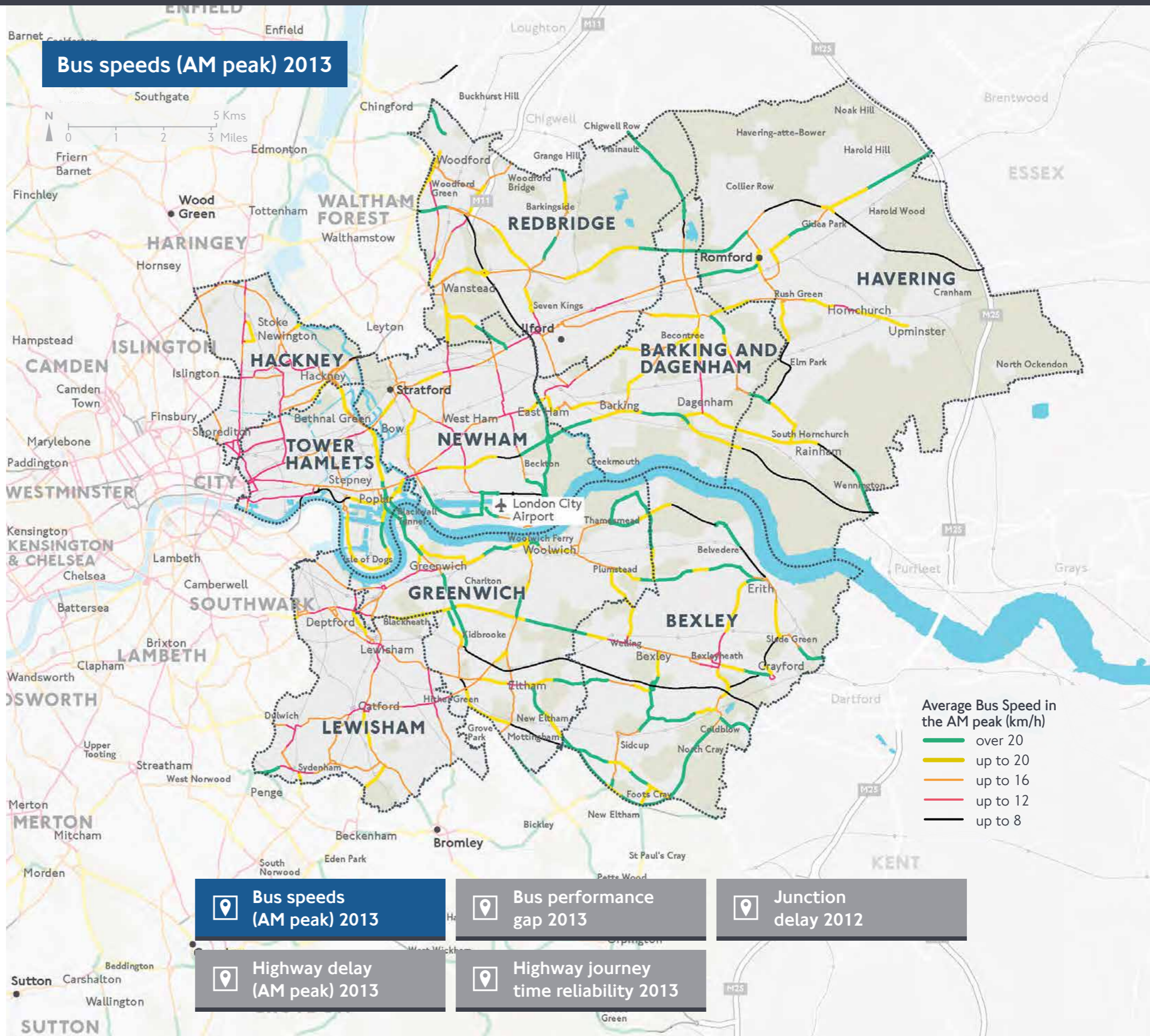


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Bus speeds (AM peak) 2013

Average Bus Speed in the AM peak (km/h)

- over 20
- up to 20
- up to 16
- up to 12
- up to 8

Bus speeds (AM peak) 2013

Bus performance gap 2013

Junction delay 2012

Highway delay (AM peak) 2013

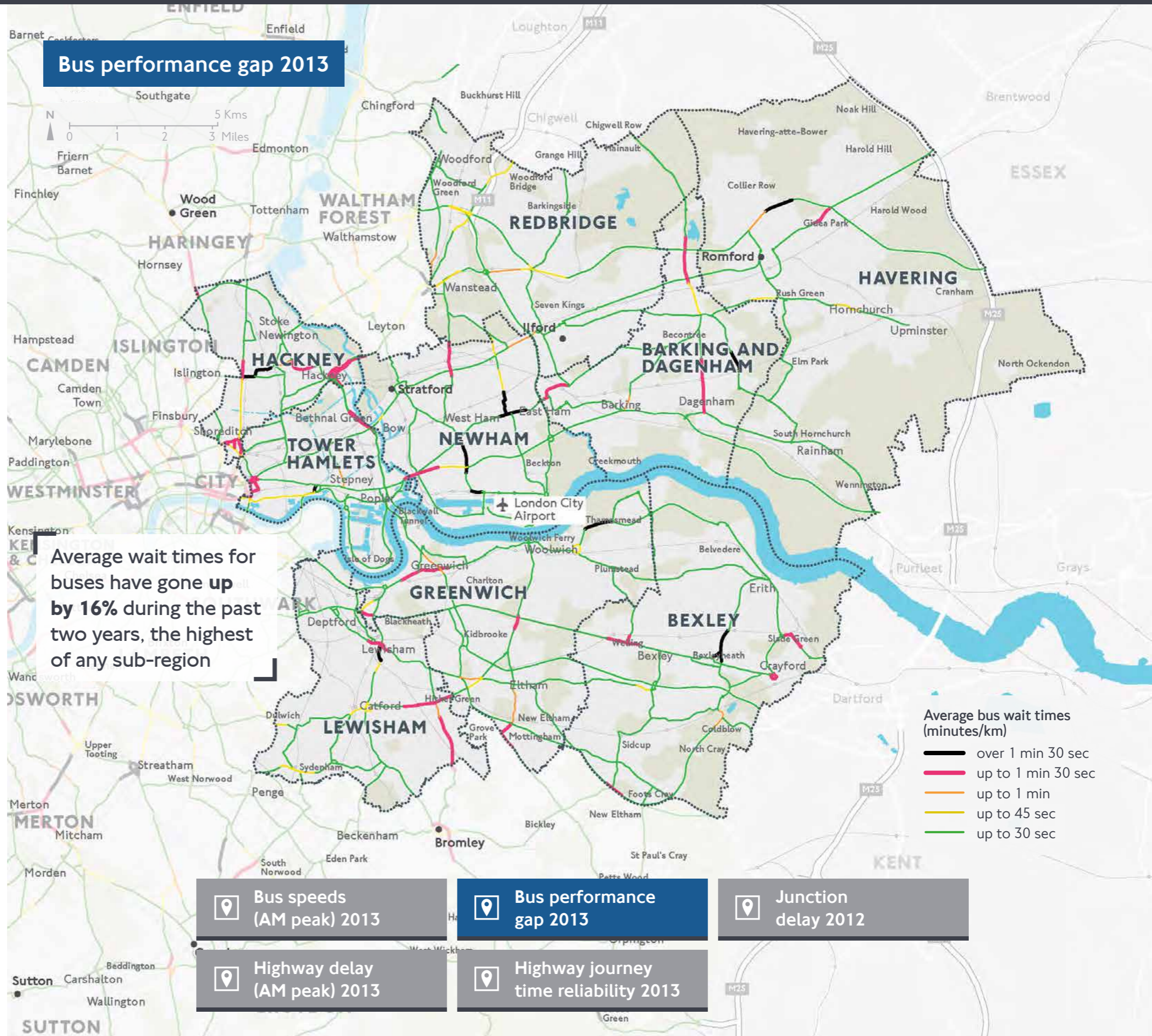
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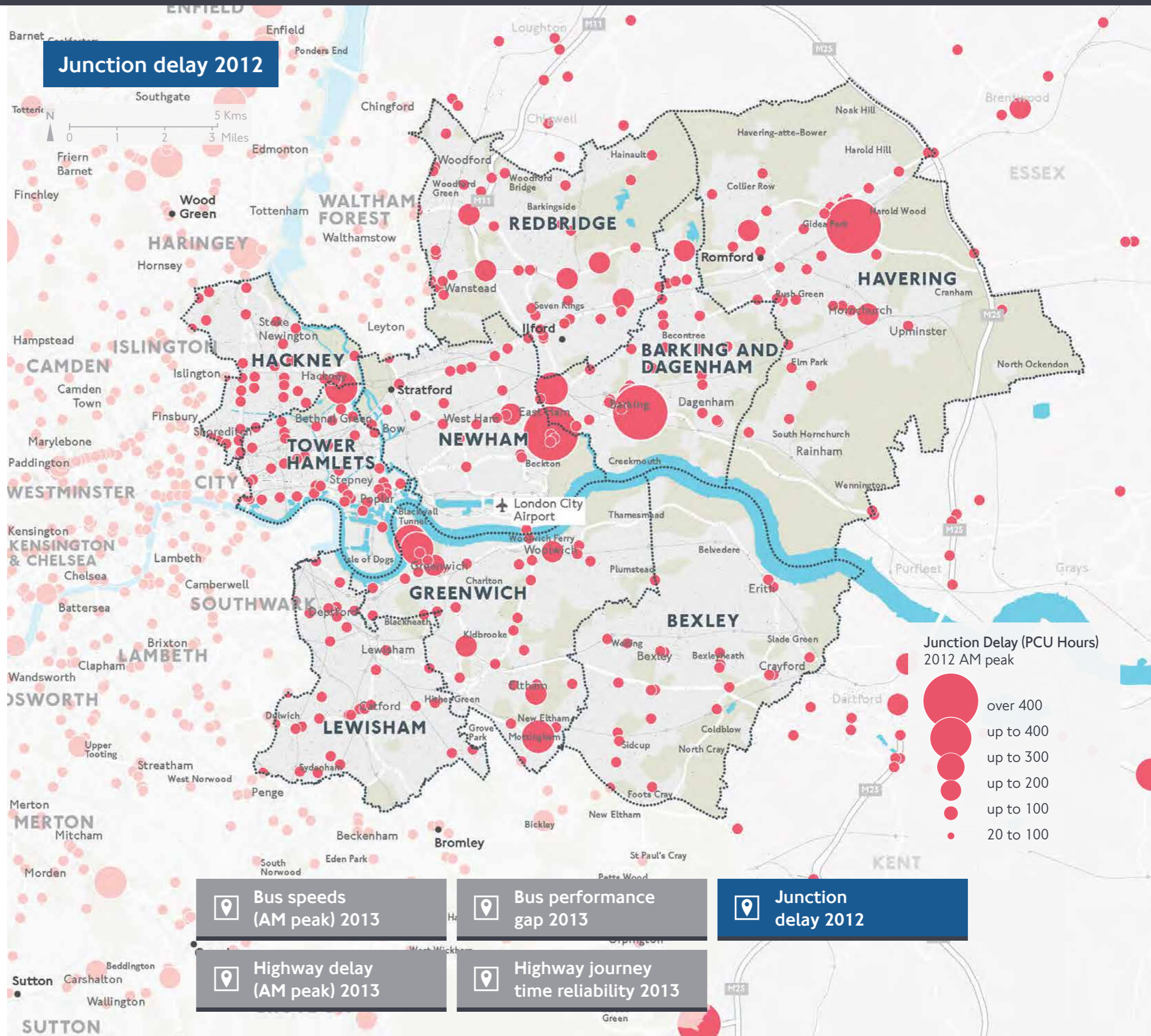
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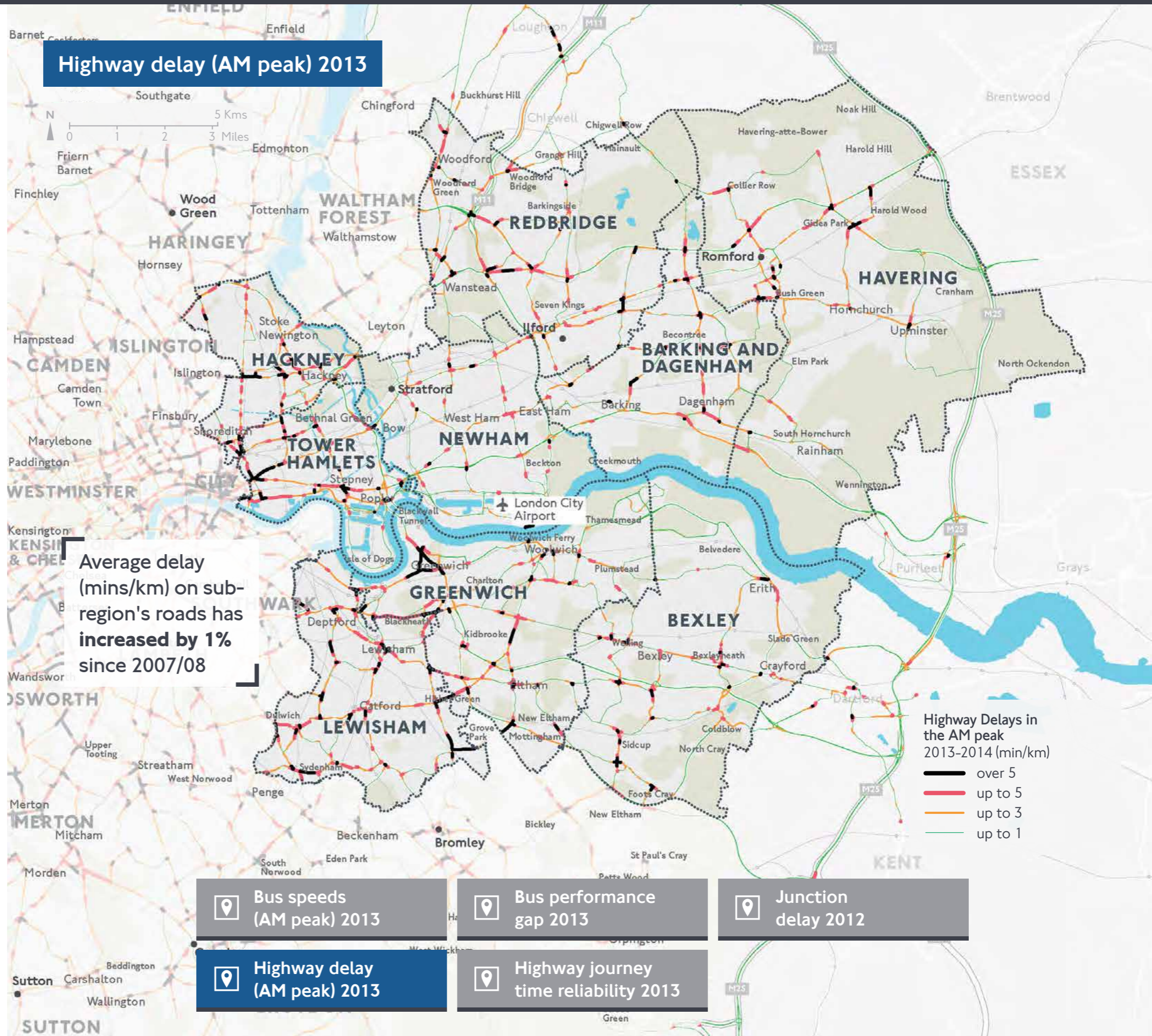


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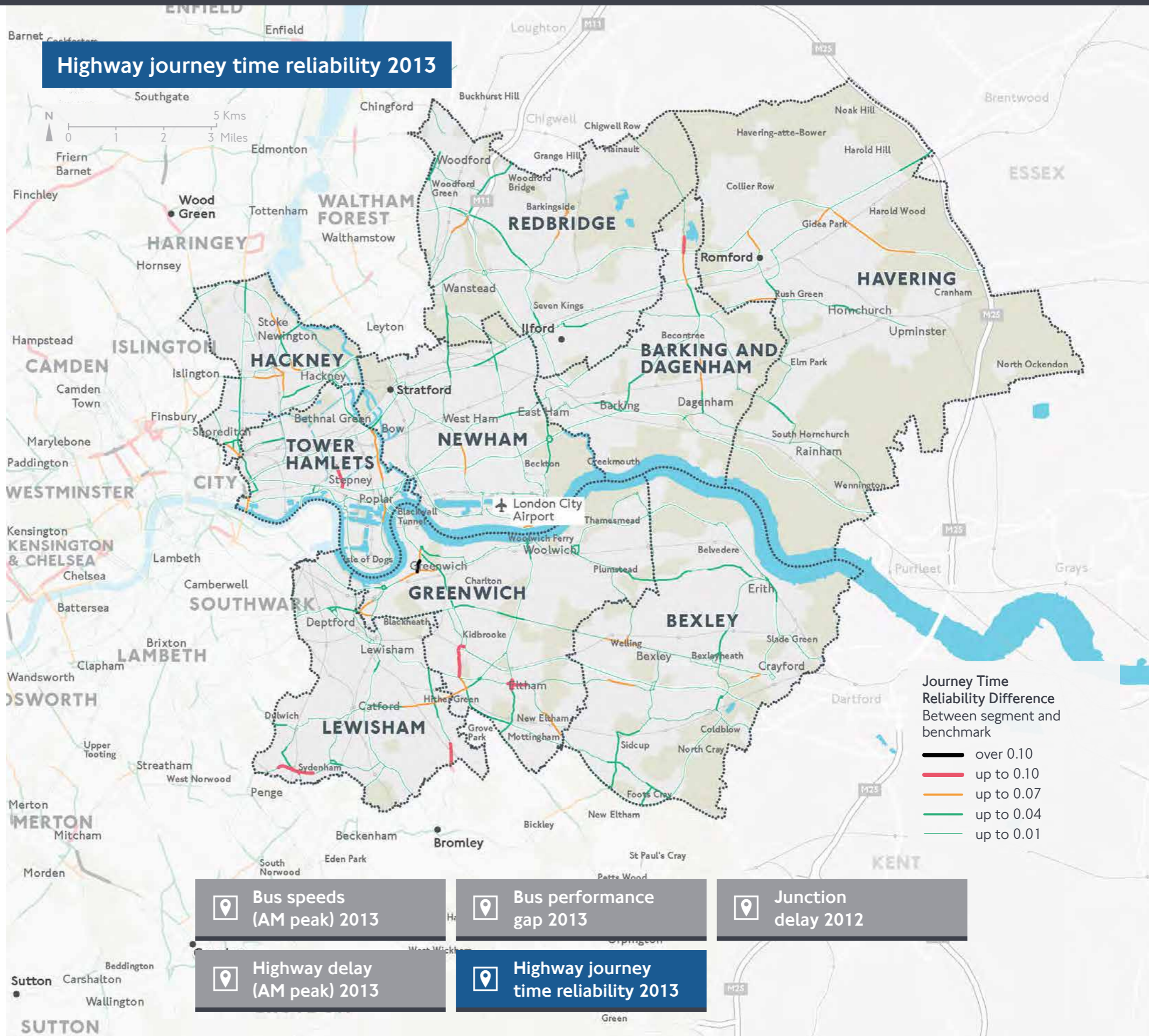


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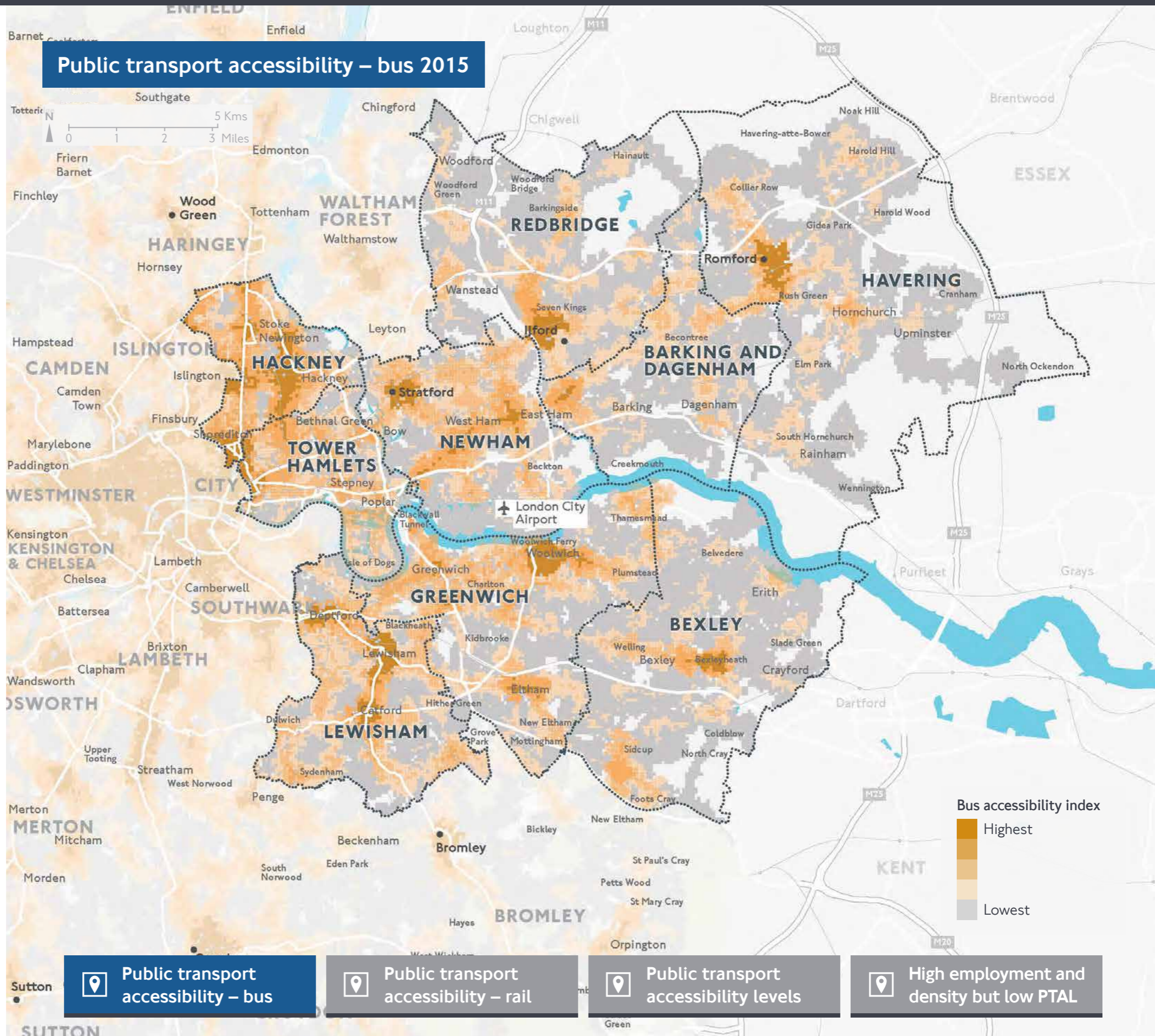
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- up to 0.10
- up to 0.07
- up to 0.04
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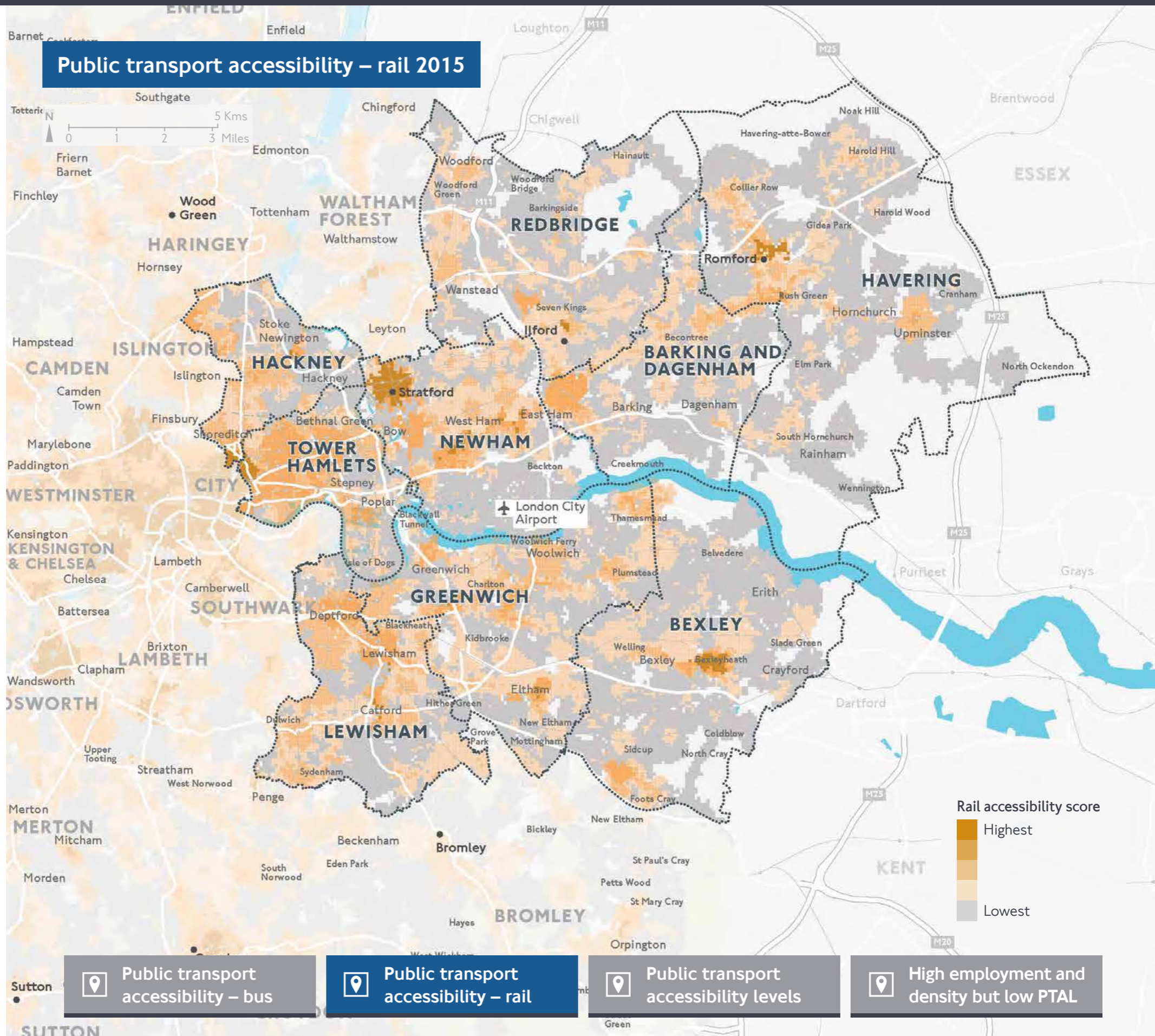
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Public transport accessibility – rail 2015

Rail accessibility score
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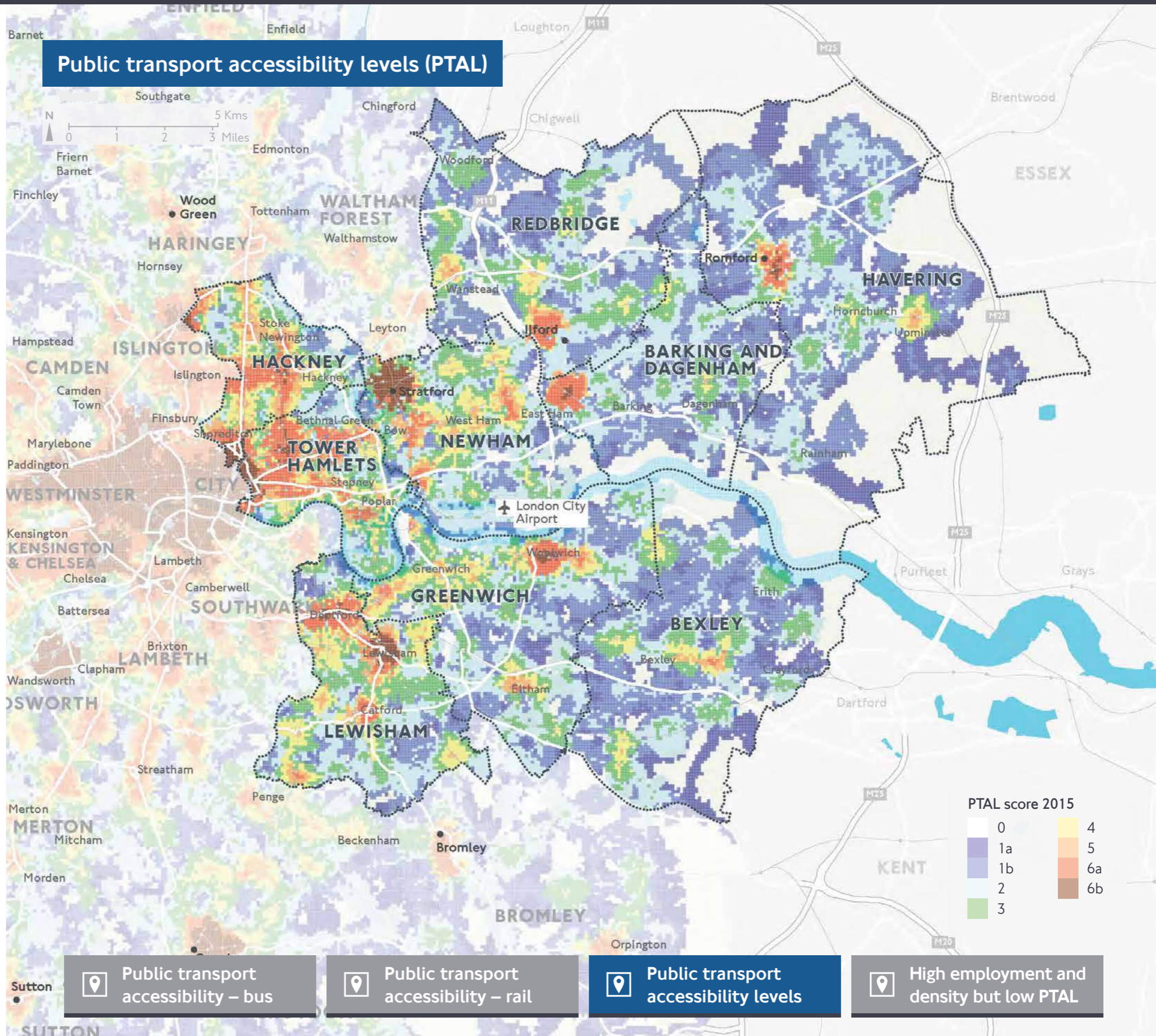
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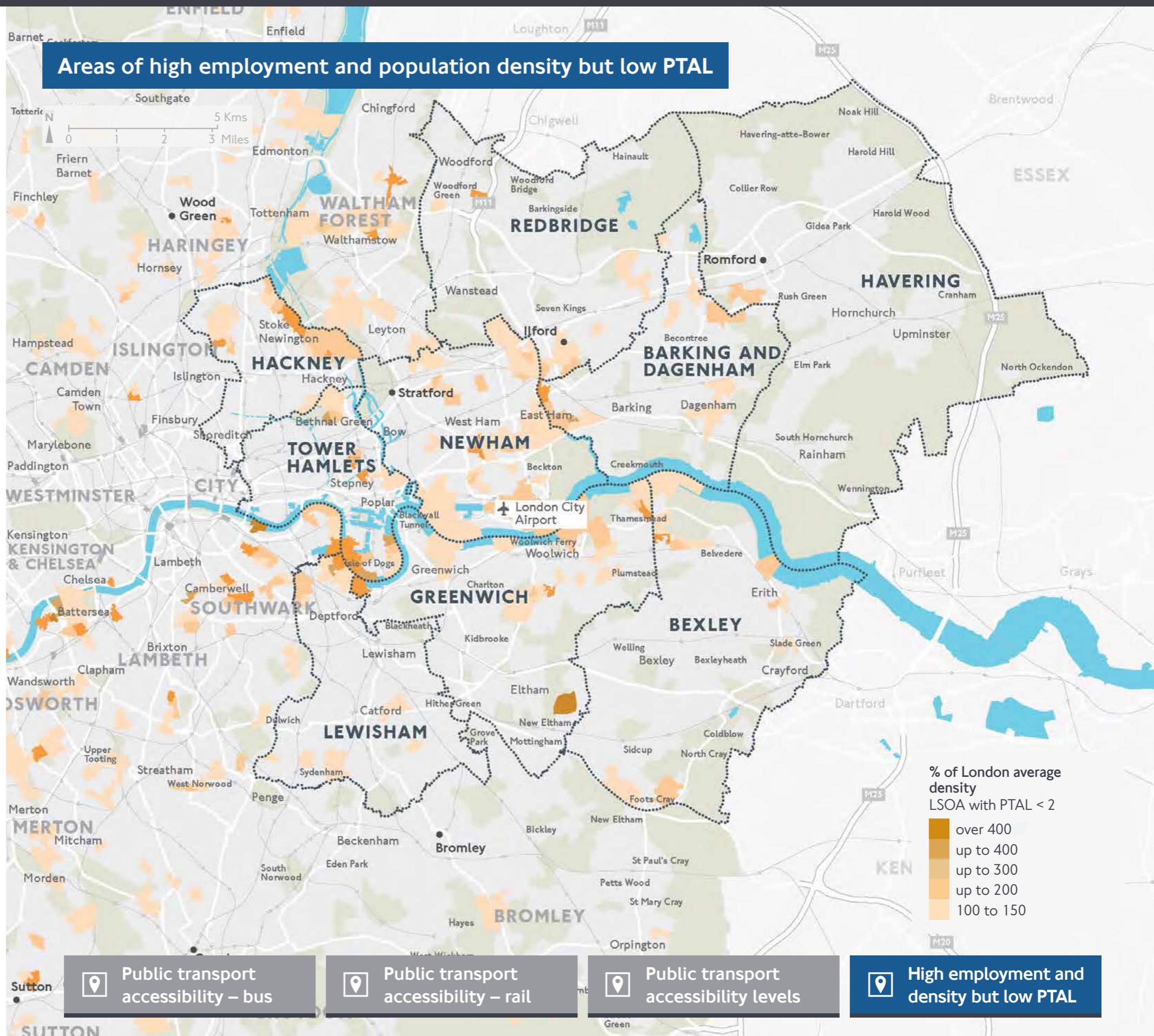
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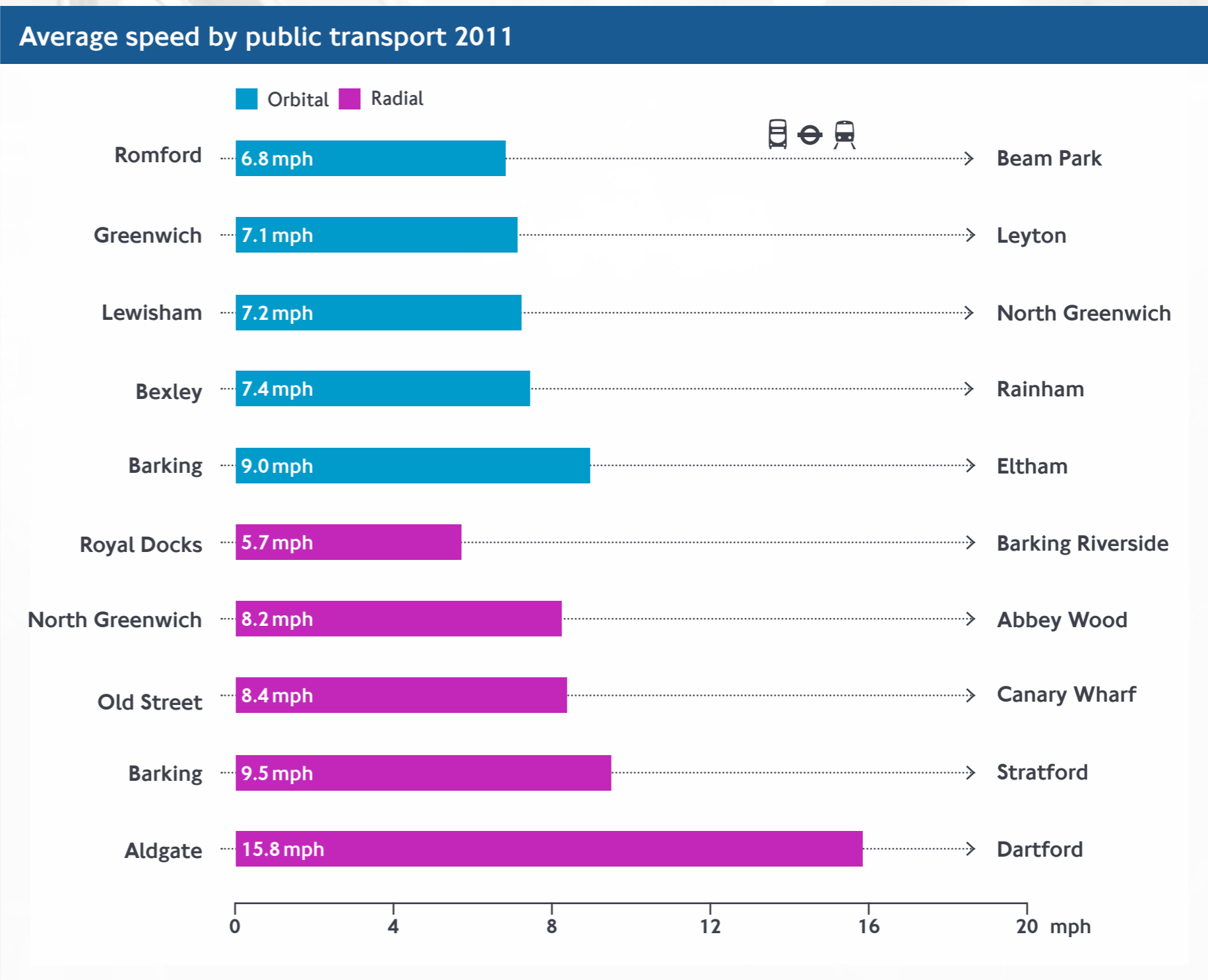


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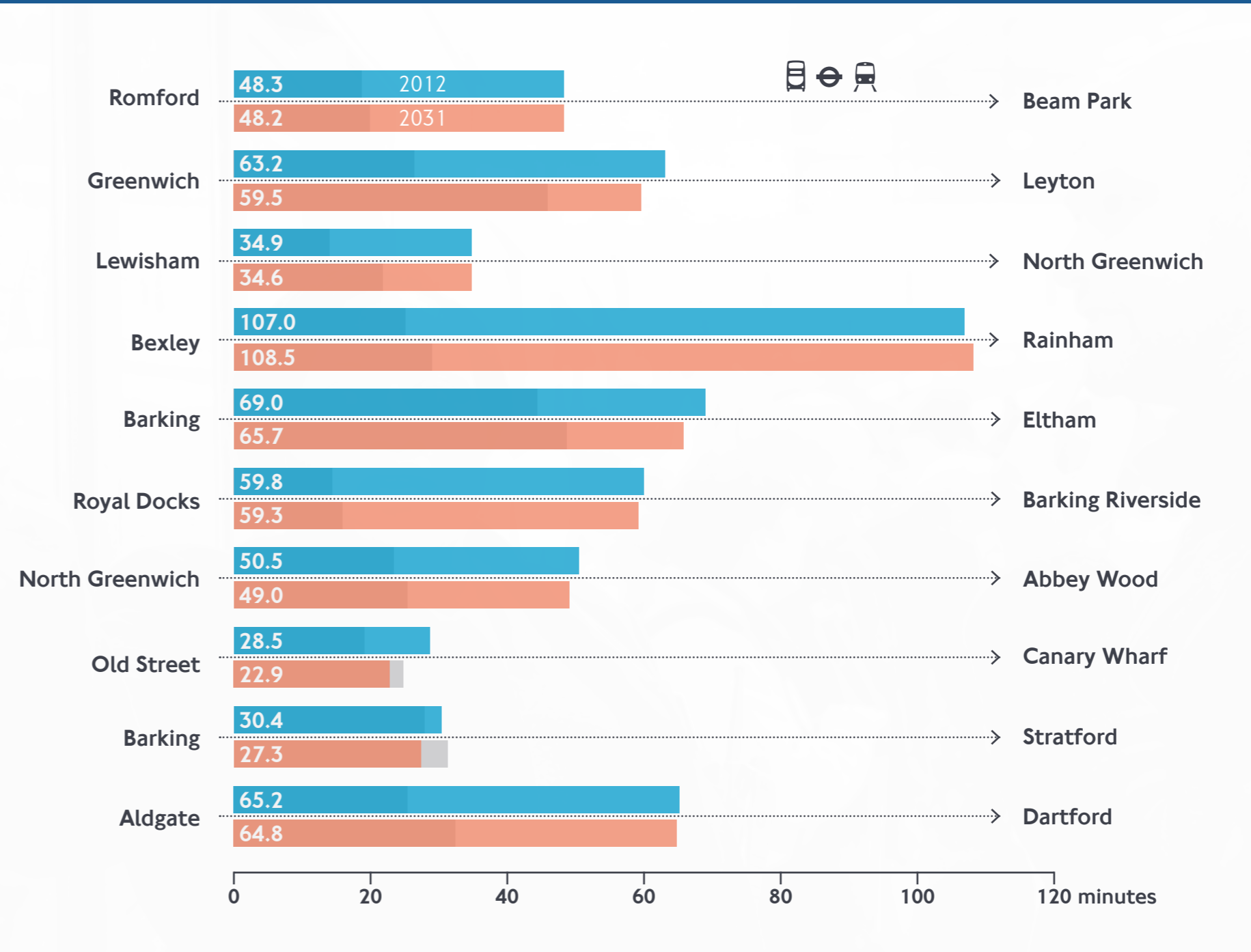
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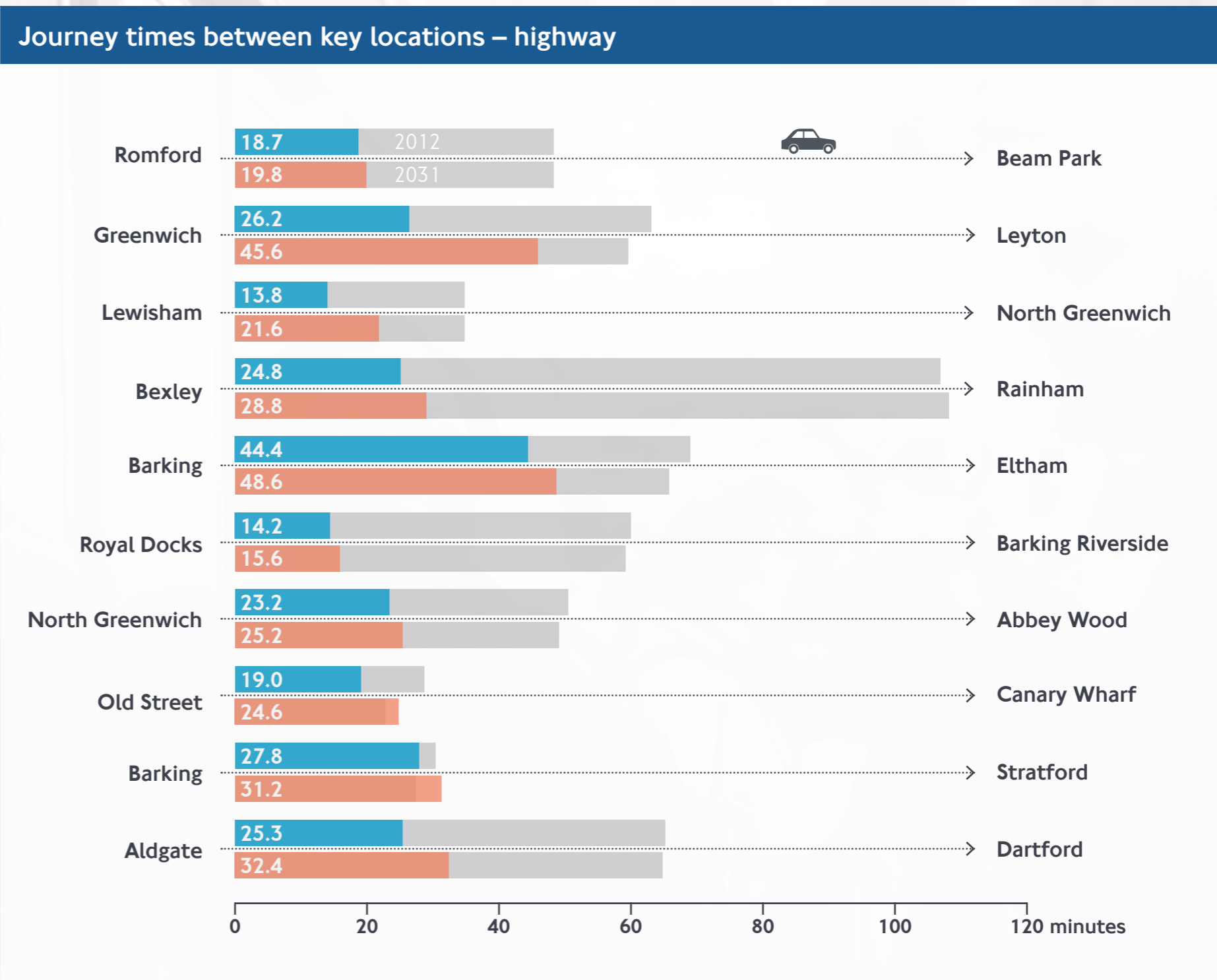
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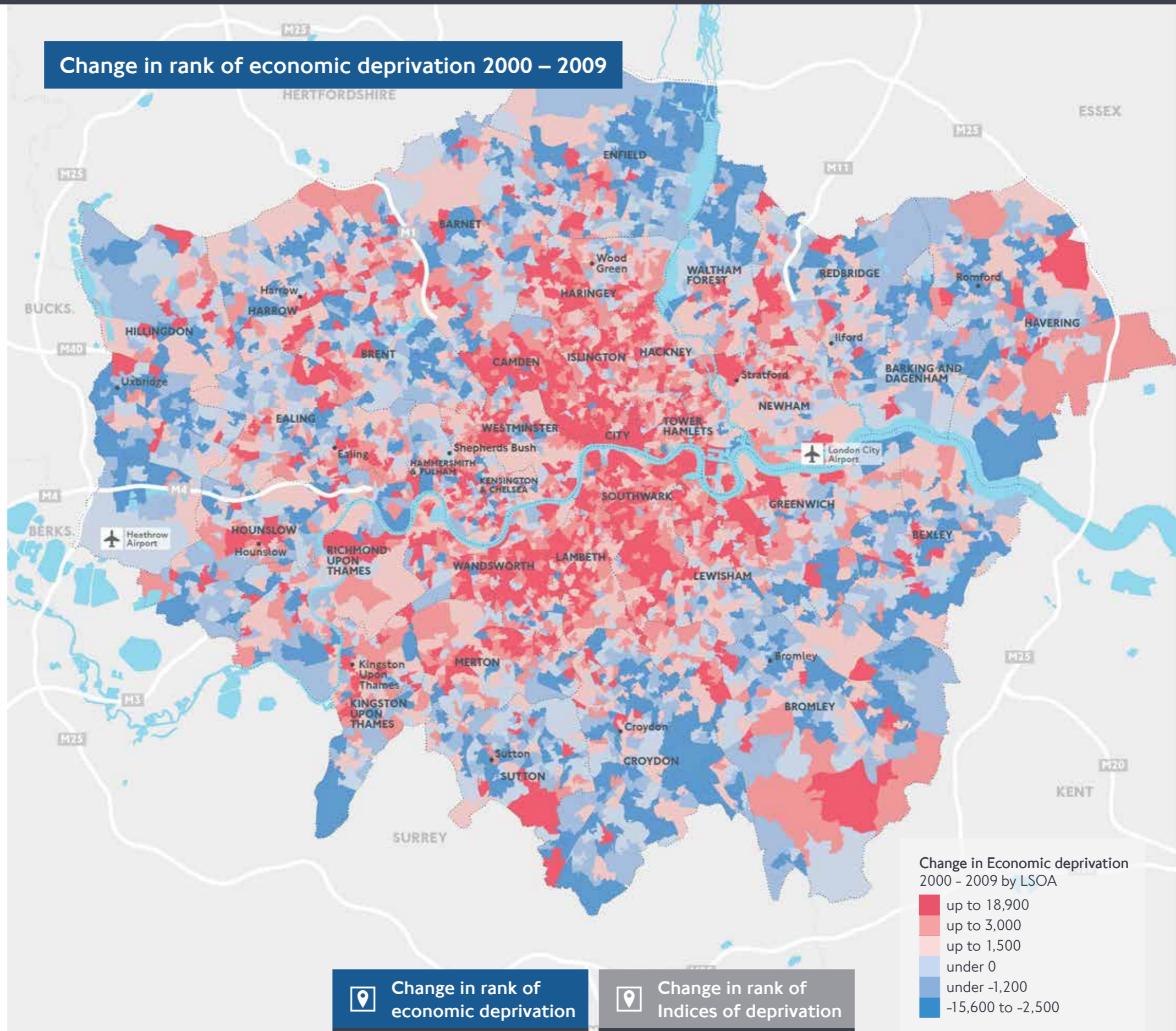


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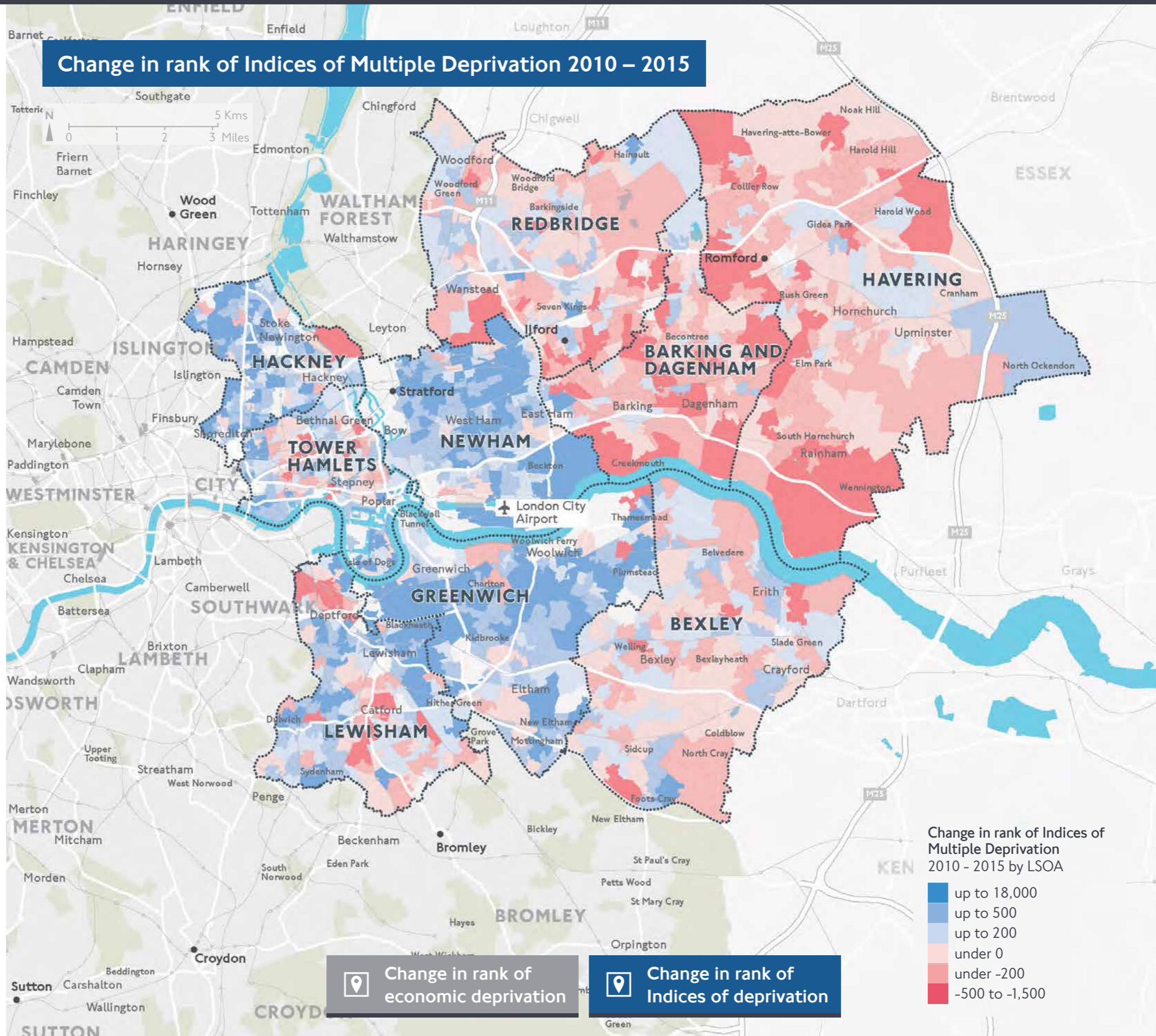


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- up to 18,000
- up to 500
- up to 200
- under 0
- under -200
- 500 to -1,500

Change in rank of economic deprivation

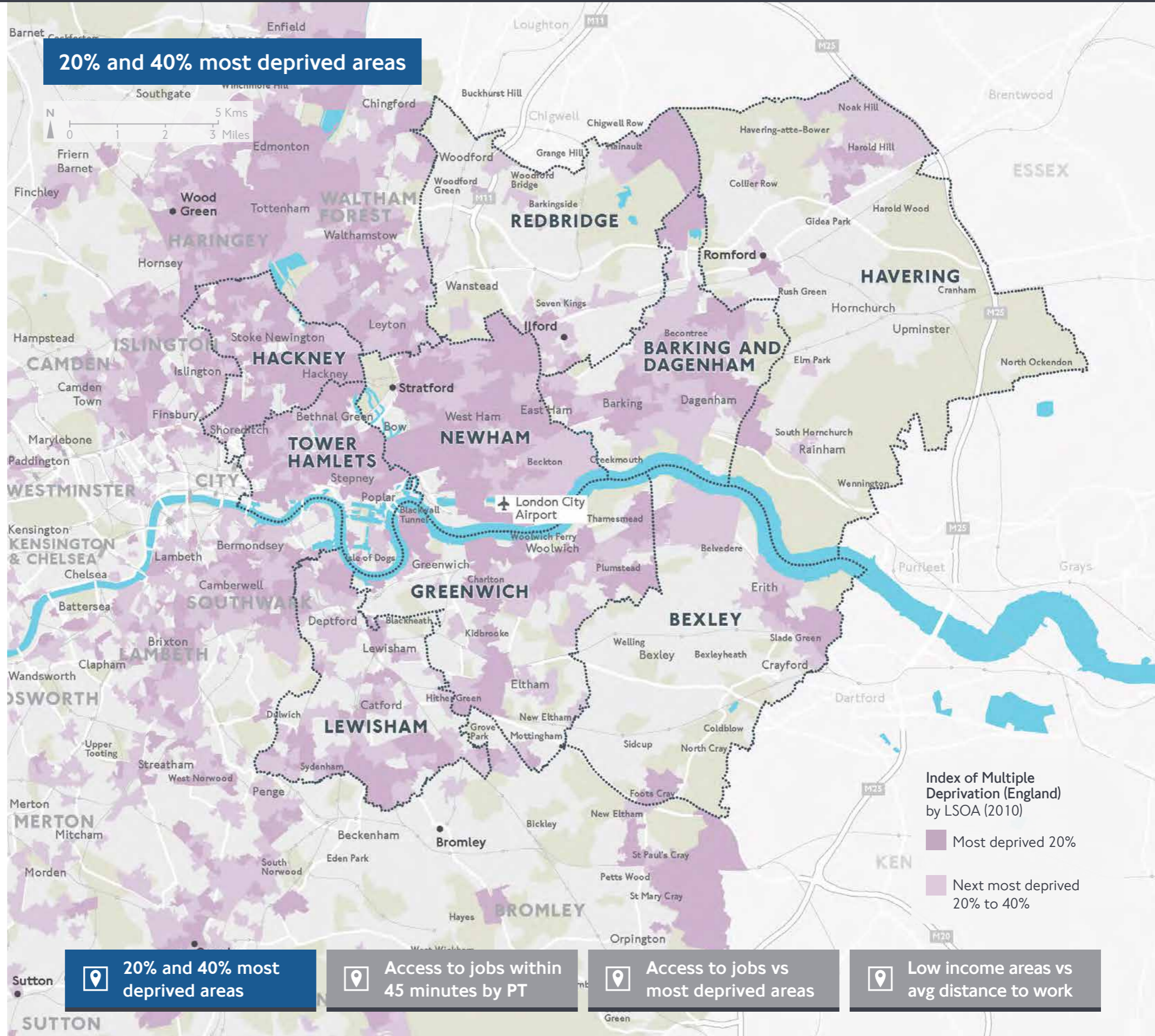
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20% and 40% most deprived areas

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Access to jobs within 45 minutes by PT

Access to jobs vs most deprived areas

Low income areas vs avg distance to work

Index of Multiple Deprivation (England) by LSOA (2010)

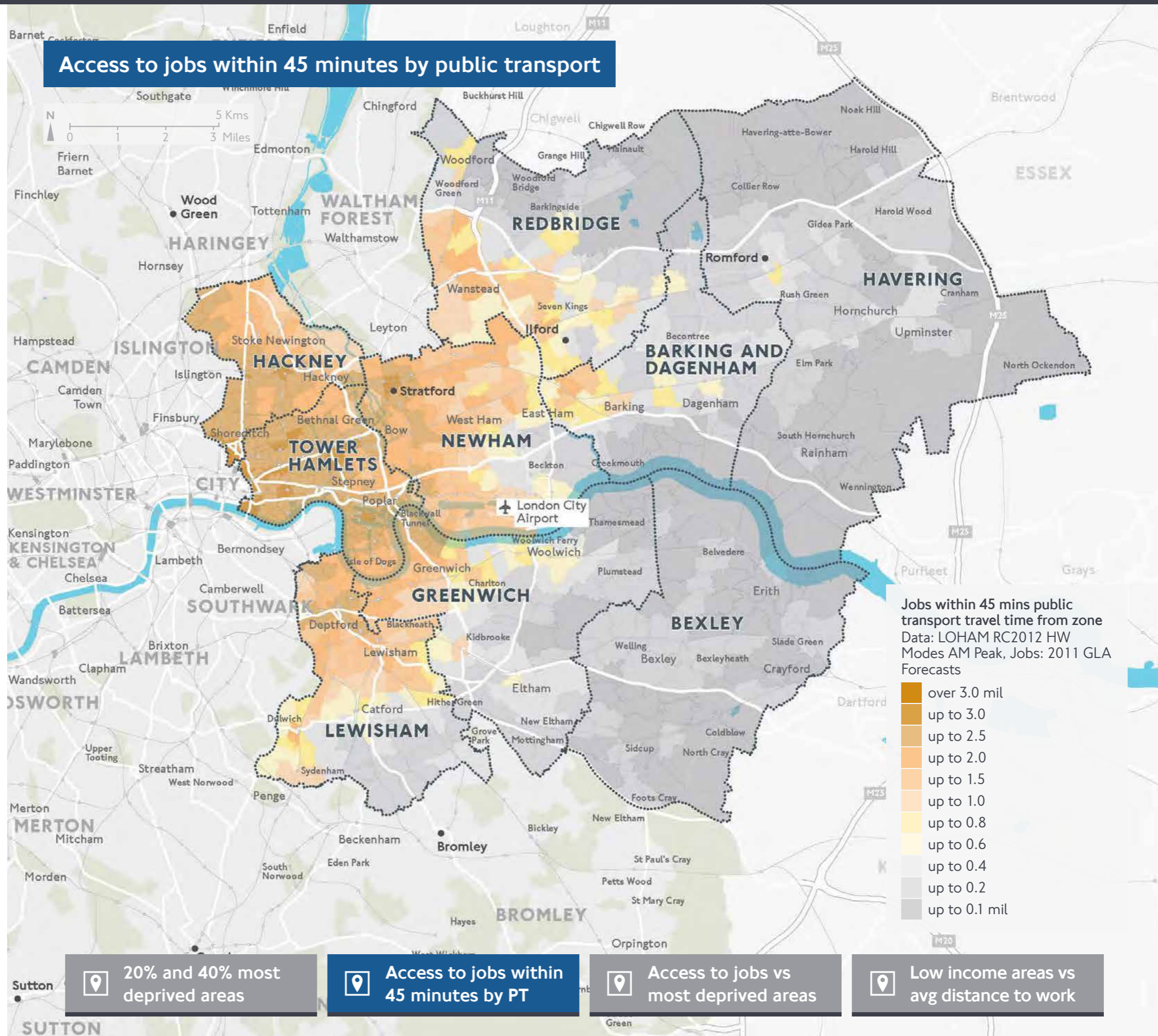
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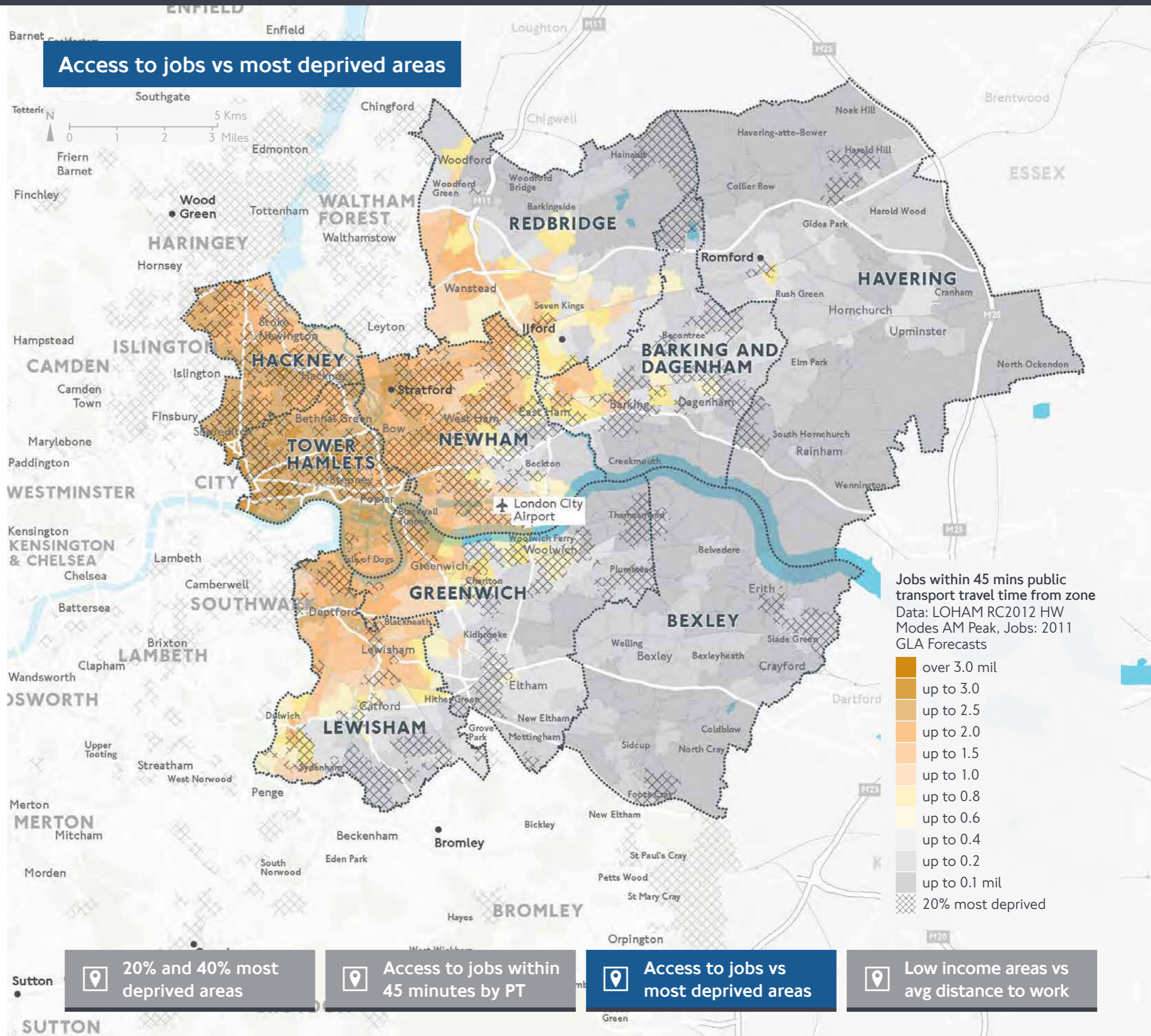


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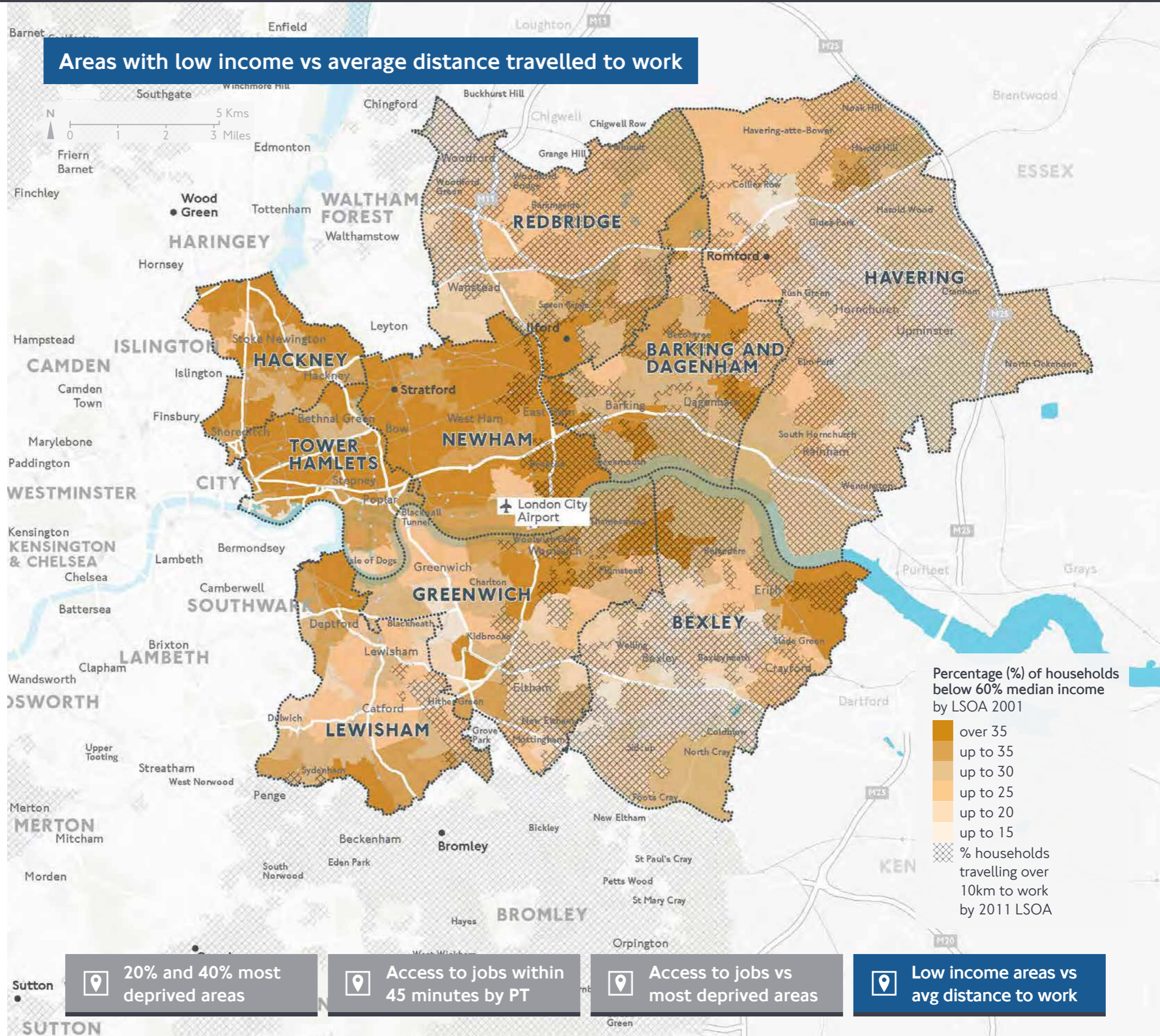


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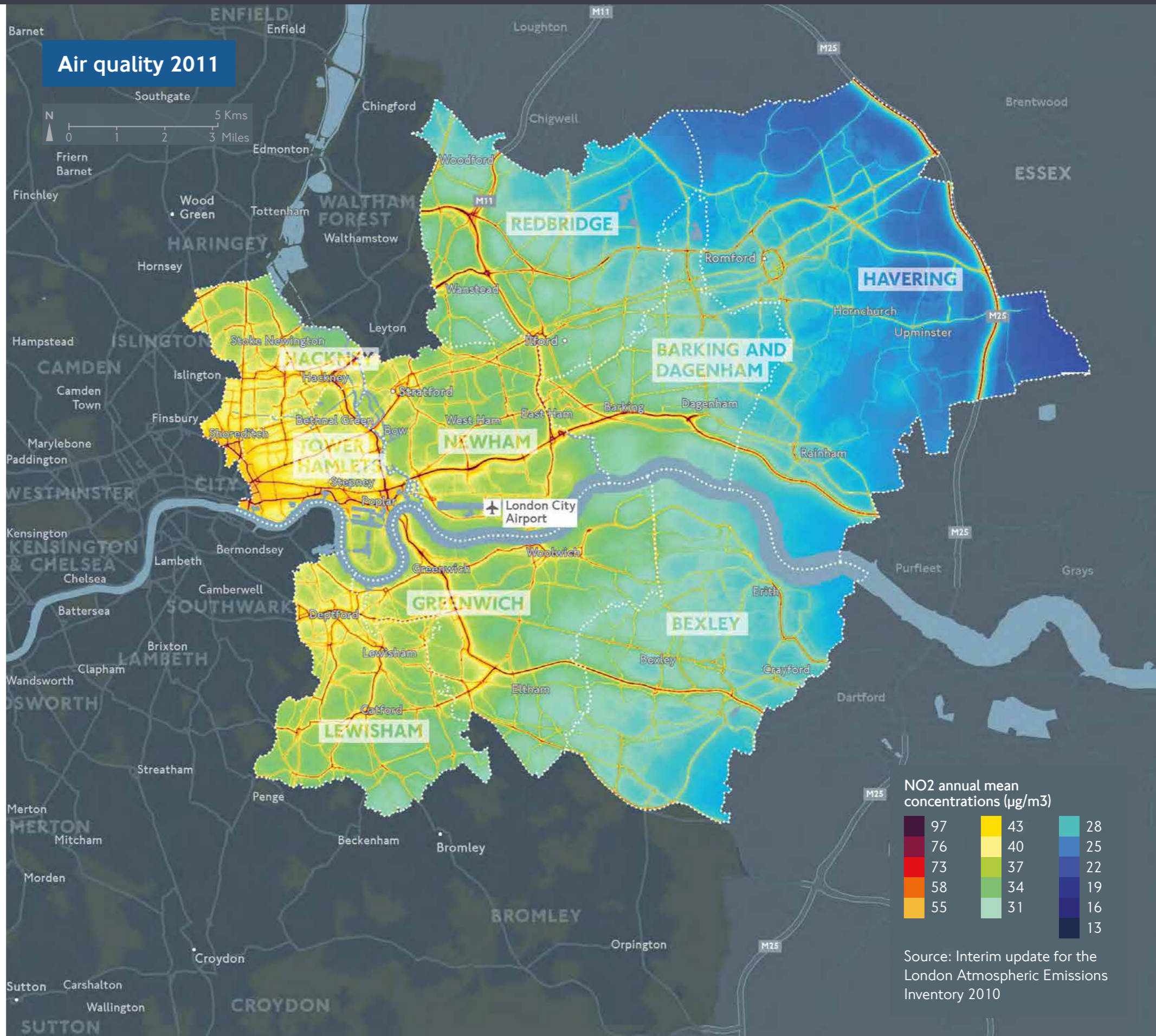
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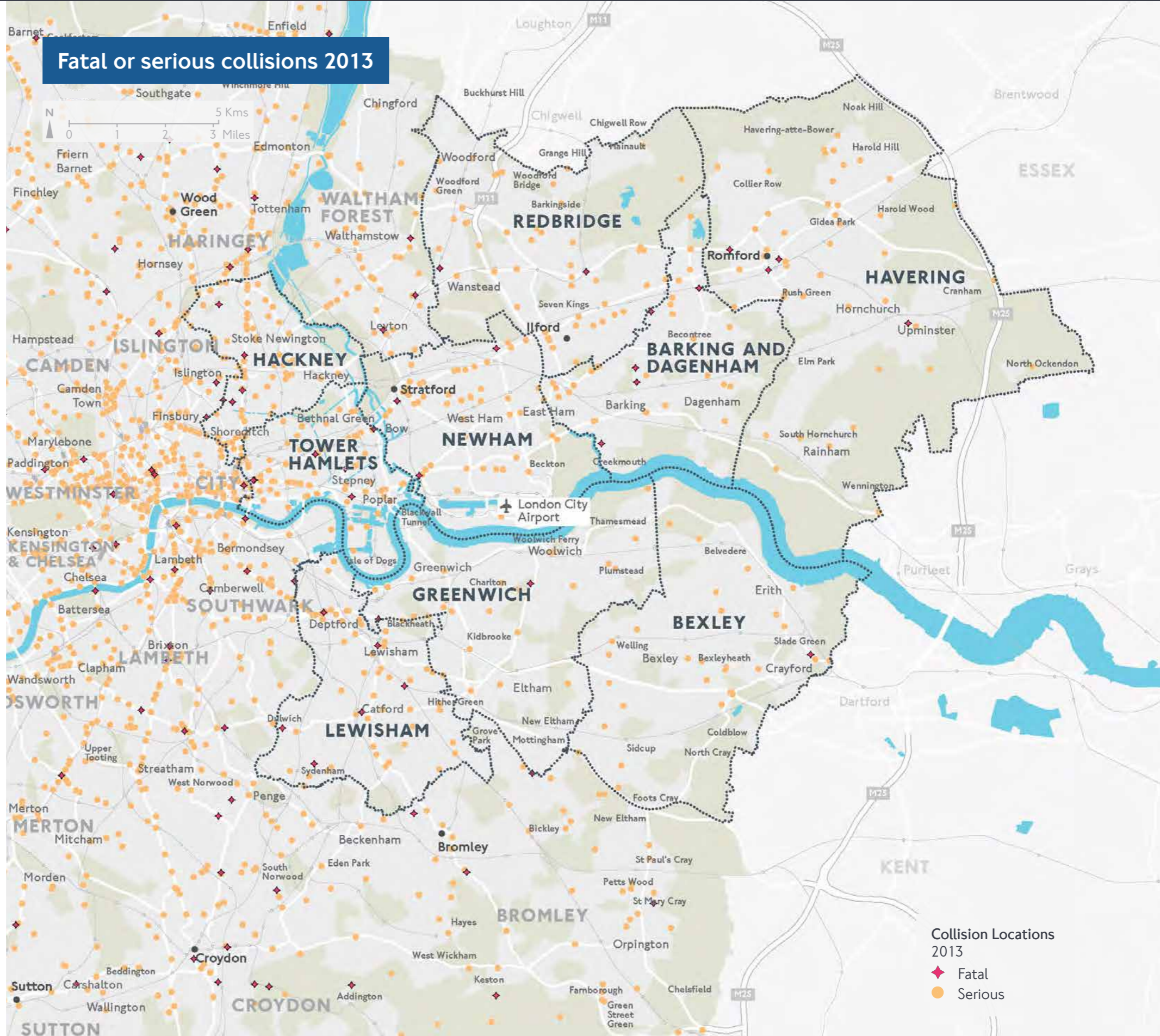
The East sub-region suffers from poor air quality in some areas. Air quality is generally poorest around major road corridors such as the A13, A12, A2, A102 and A406 North Circular. Air quality is also generally poorer within the west of the sub-region, closer to central London, than other parts where the highway network is less dense.



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, Lewisham and Tower Hamlets suffered the most fatalities but each borough had at least one fatality. Incidences of serious injury were also evenly spread across the sub-region along major highway corridors.

Where there is evidence of clusters of accidents occurring consideration should be given to implementing local road safety schemes. The majority of KSIs occurred on 30mph 'A' roads in the East sub-region, although there were also some on the local highway network. While reductions in speed limits are generally not appropriate for these roads, there could be scope for targeted enforcement and public information campaigns to improve awareness and behaviour across all road users.



Fatal or serious collisions 2013

Collision Locations 2013

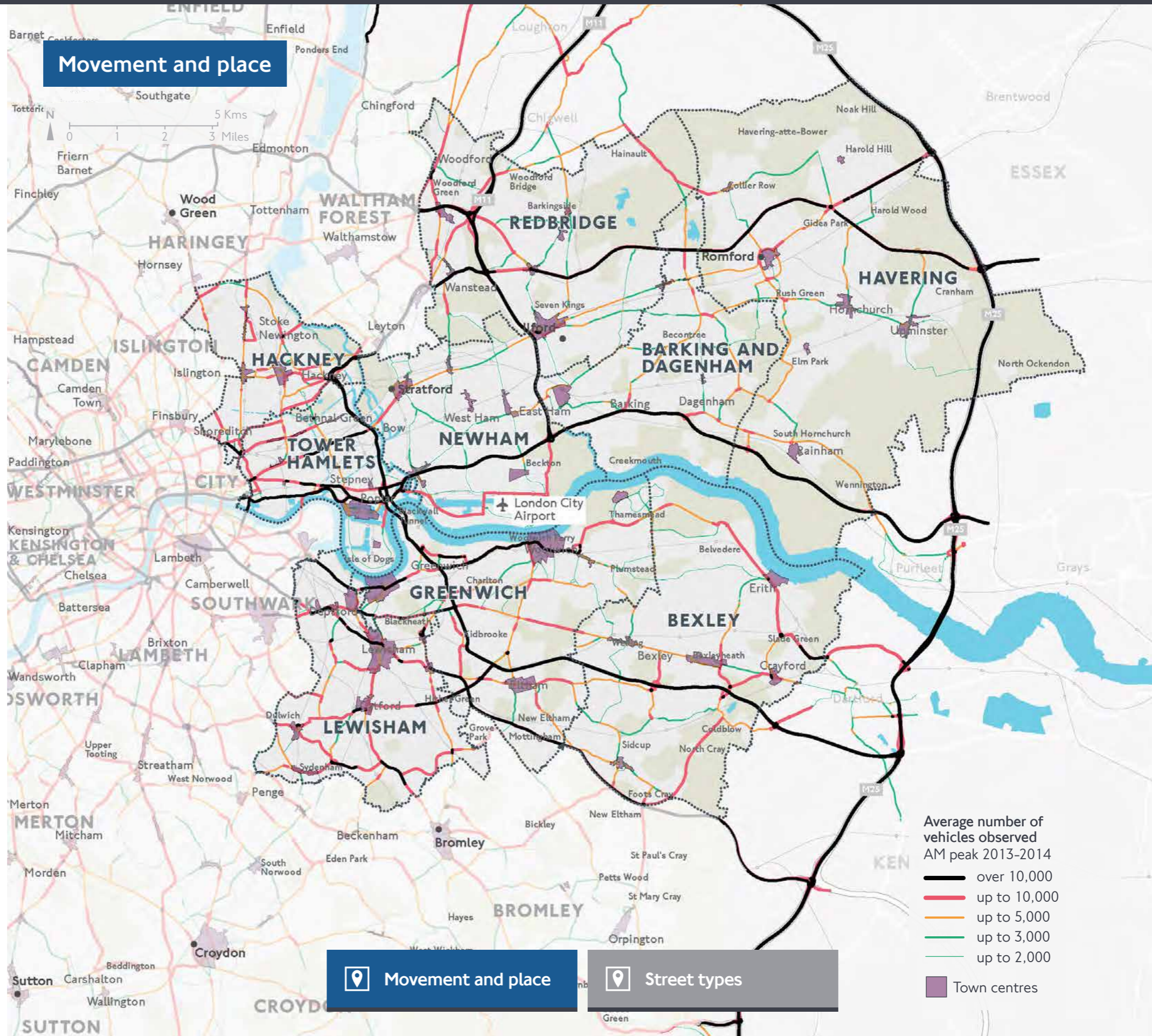
- ◆ Fatal
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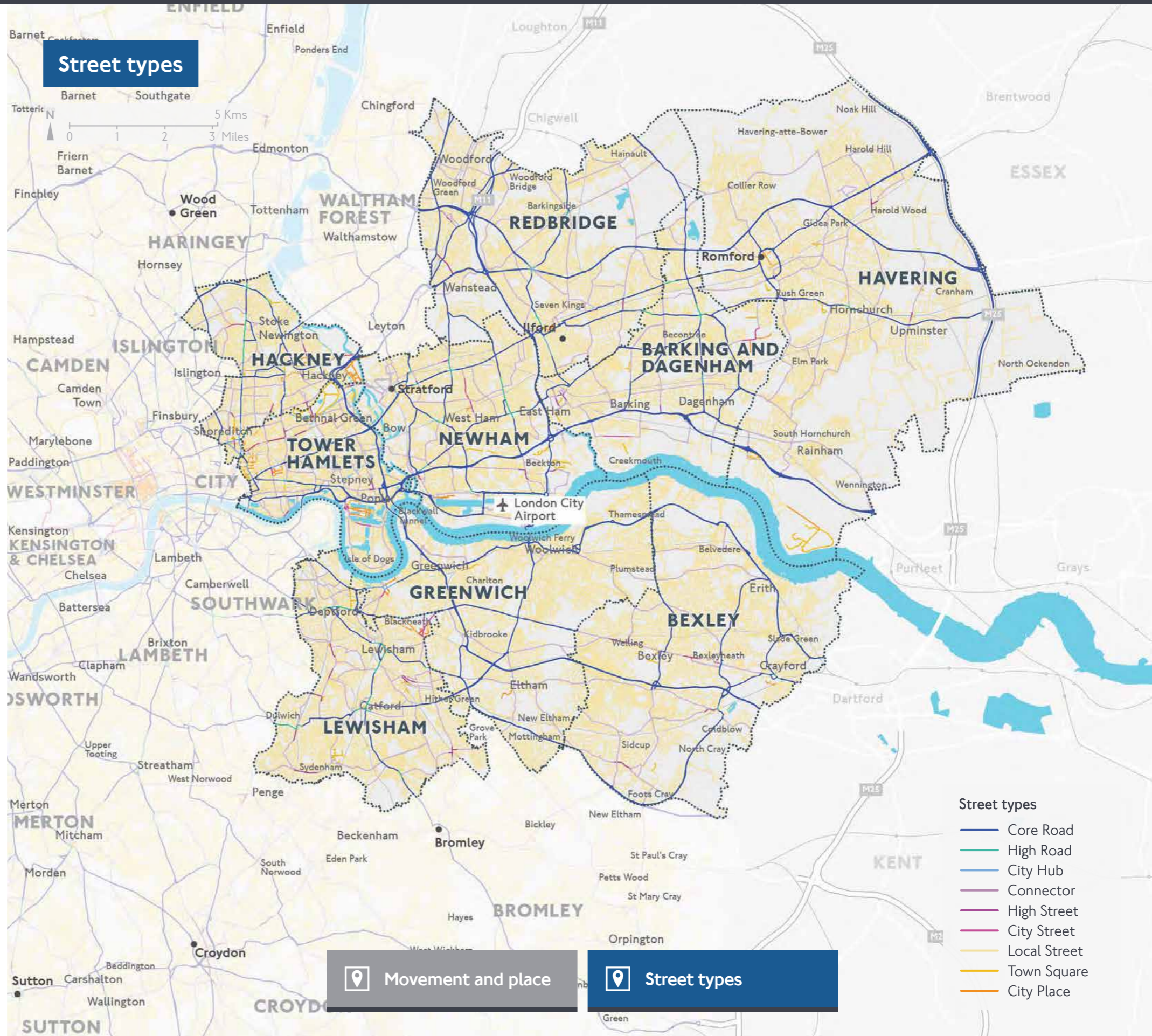


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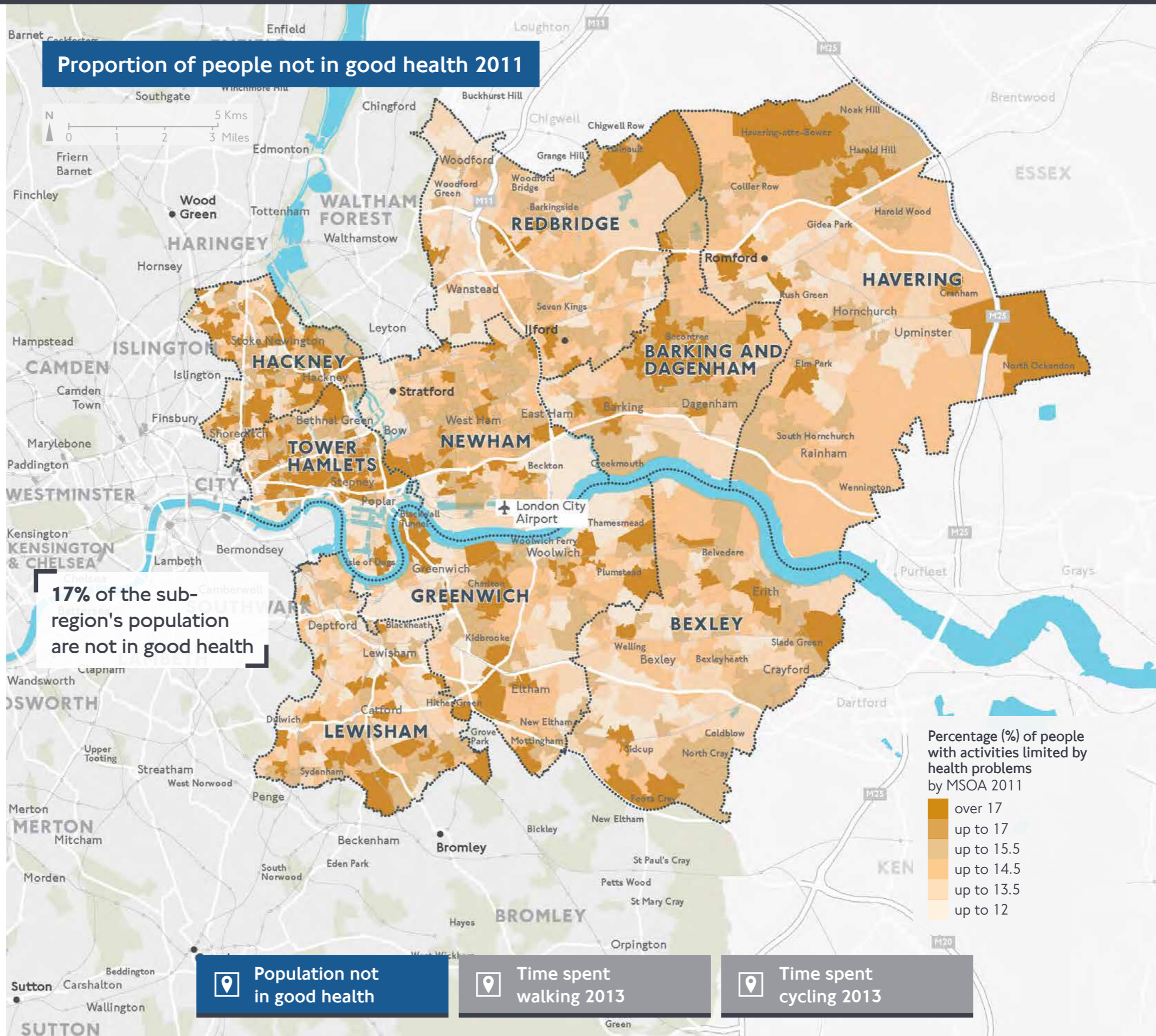


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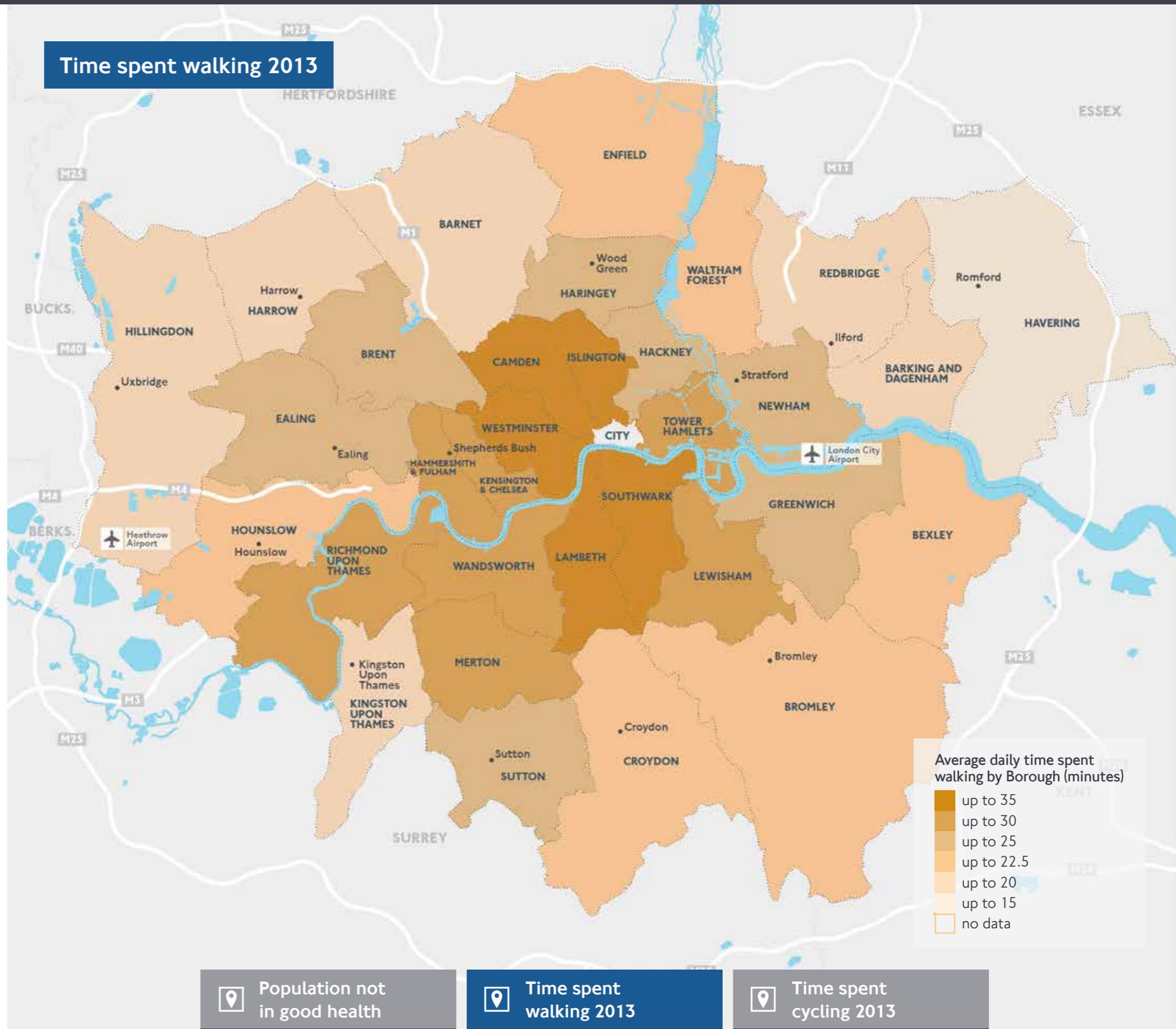


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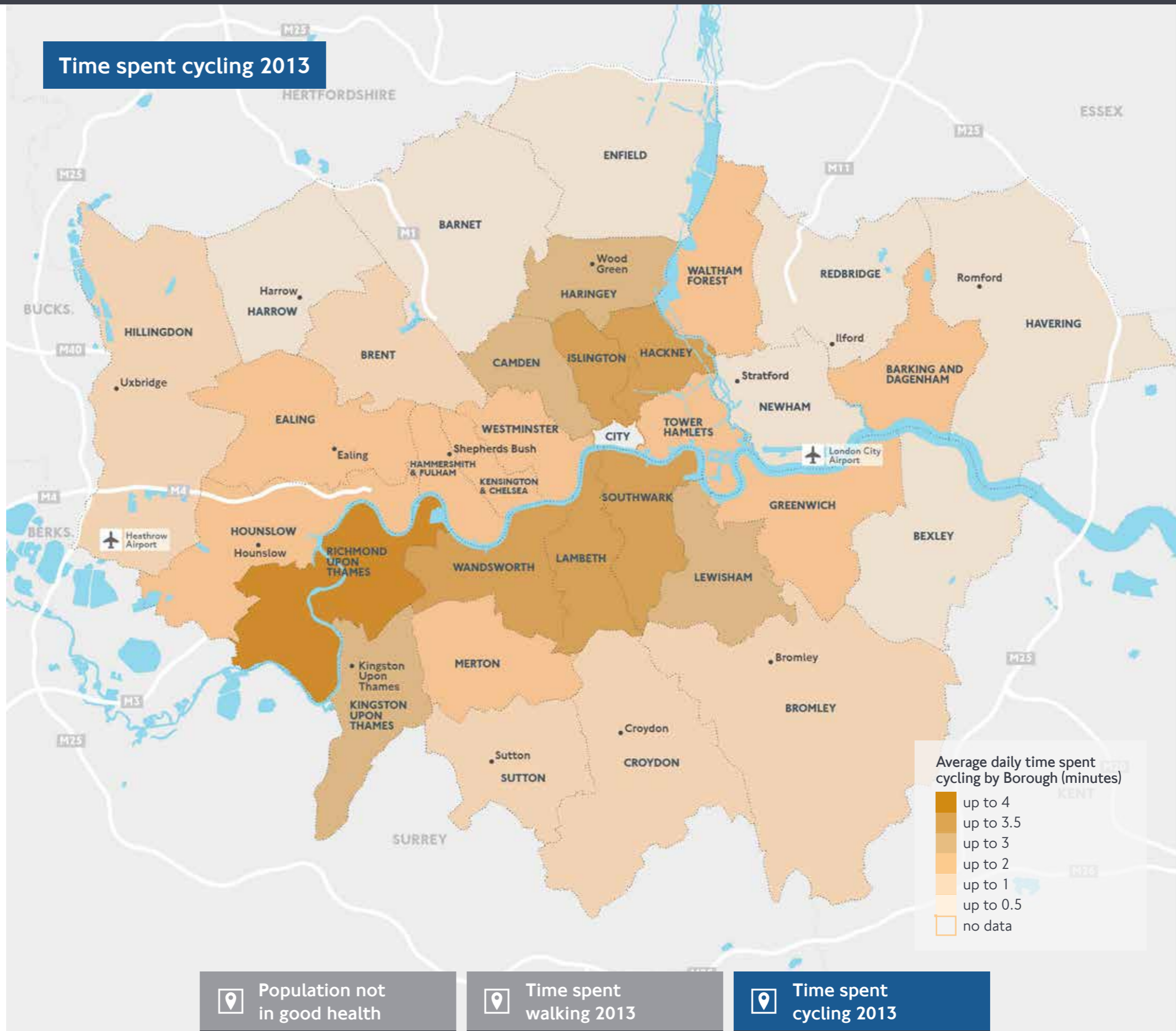


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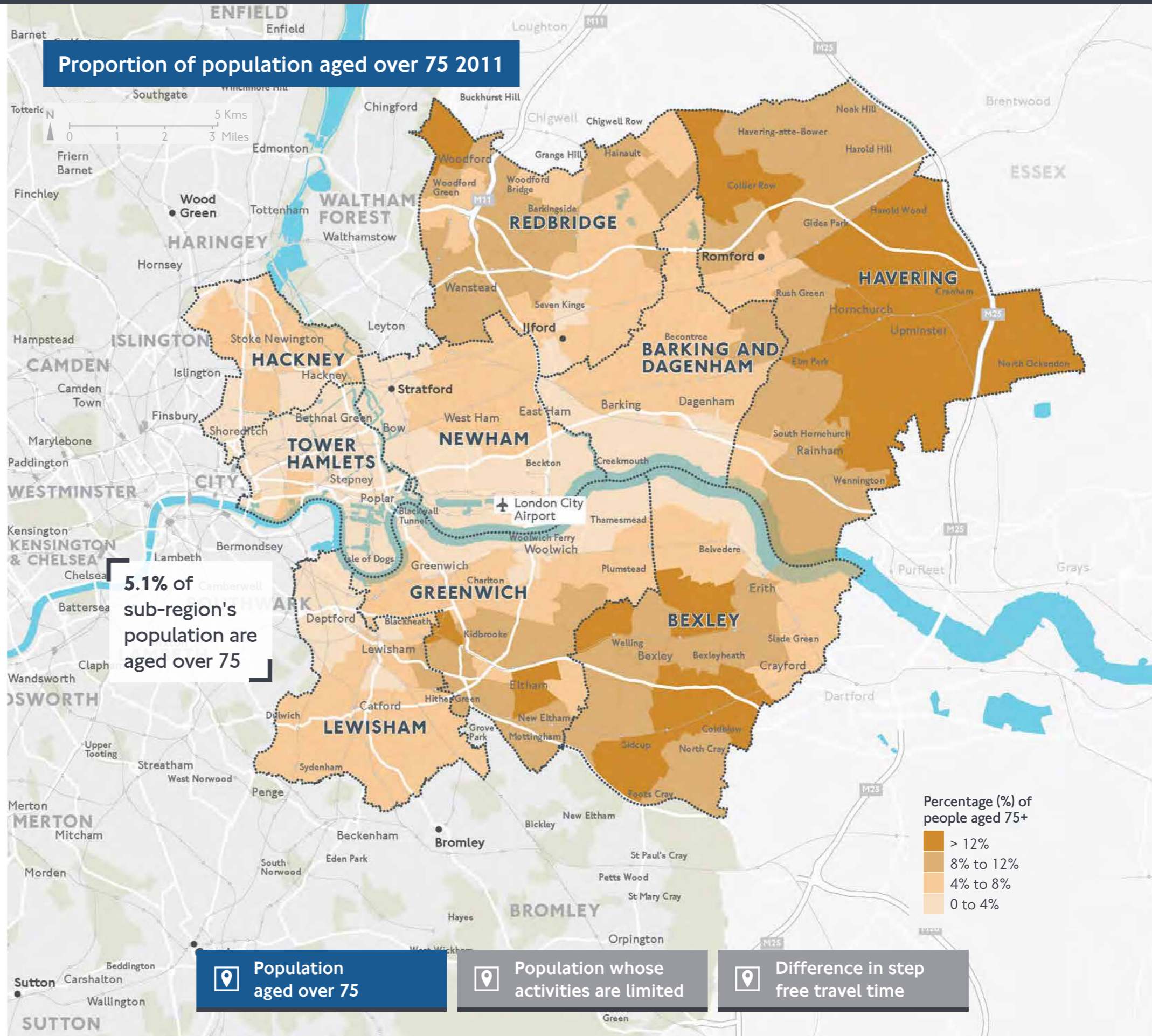


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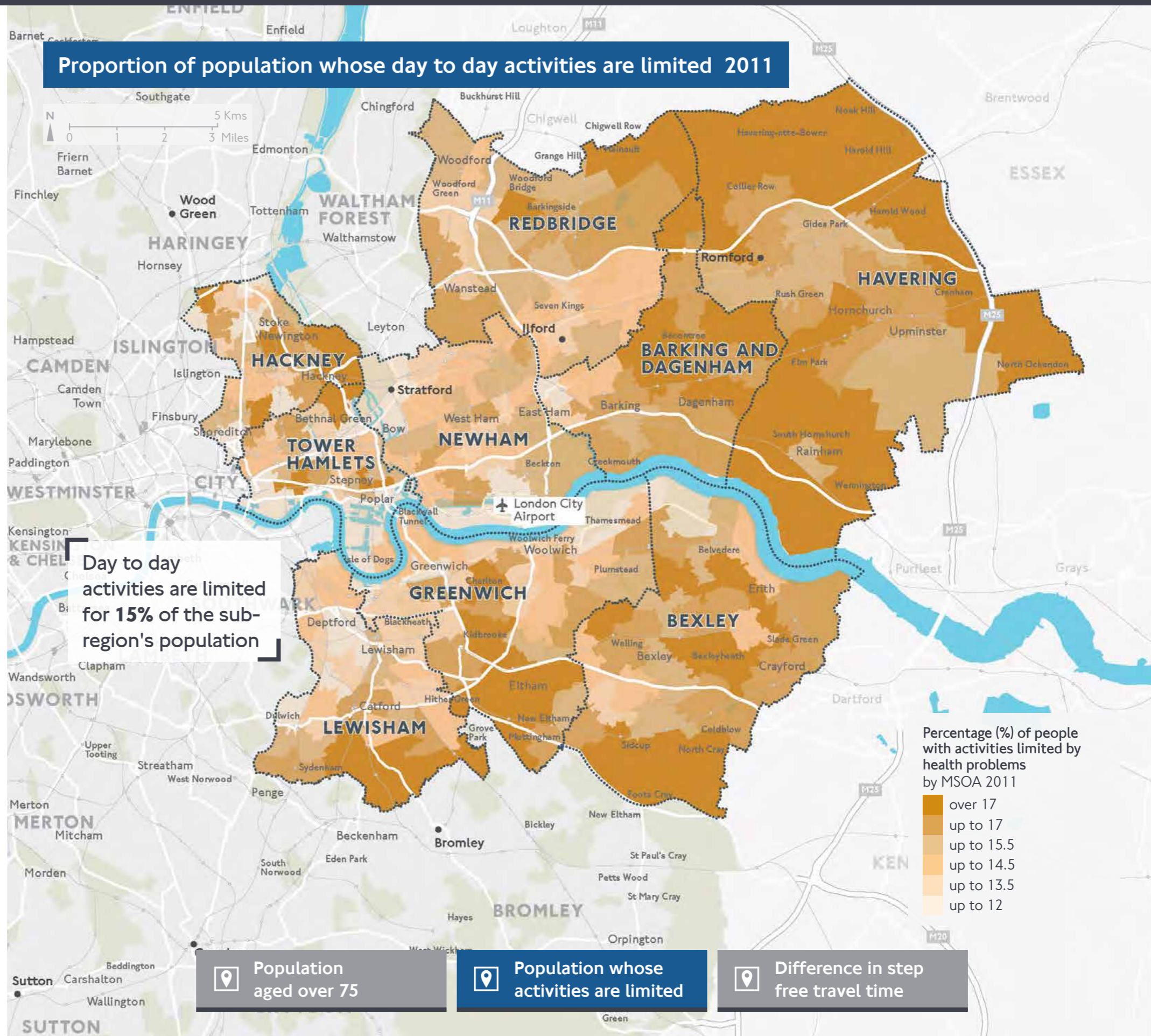


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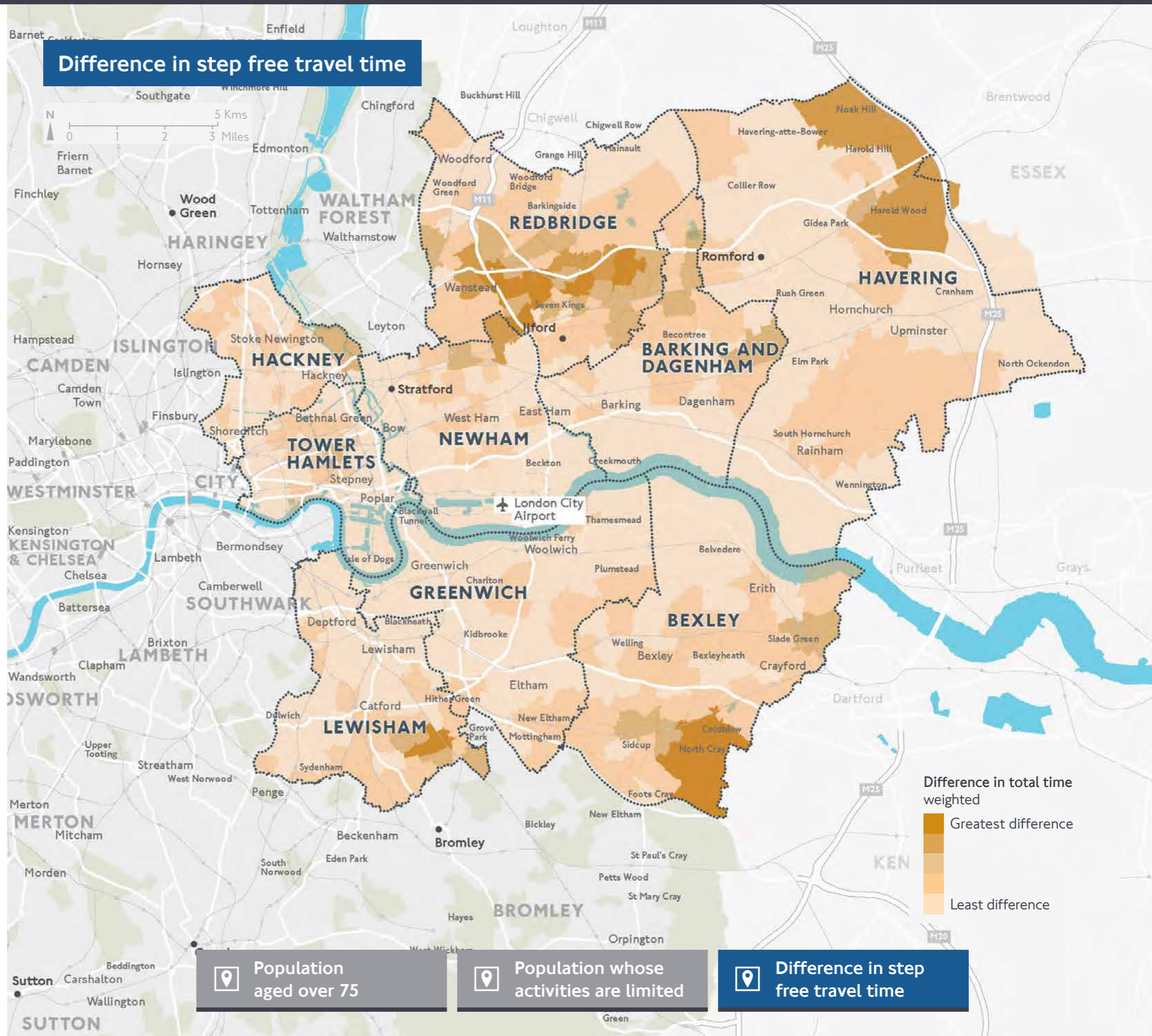


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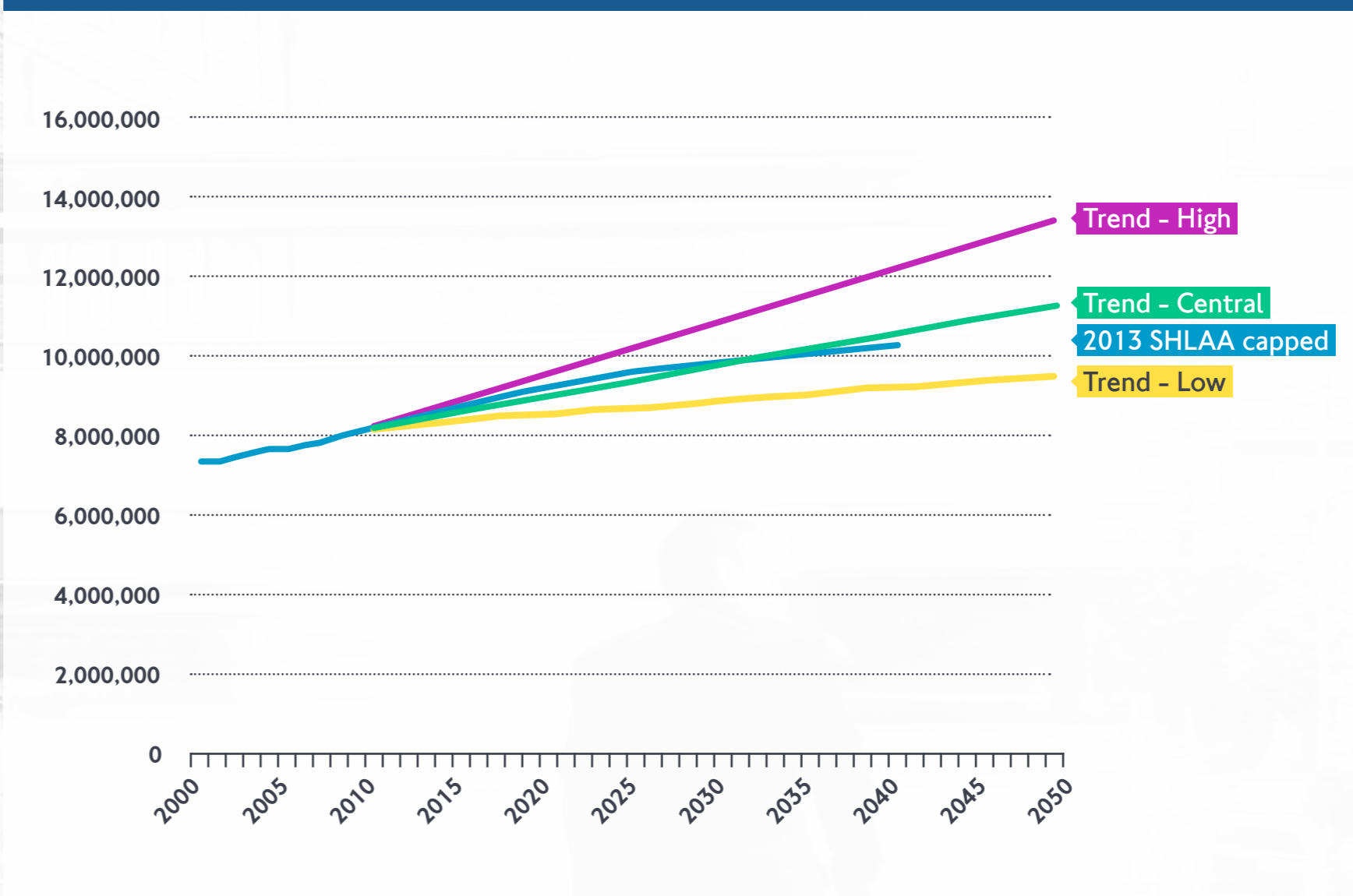


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London's future population growth



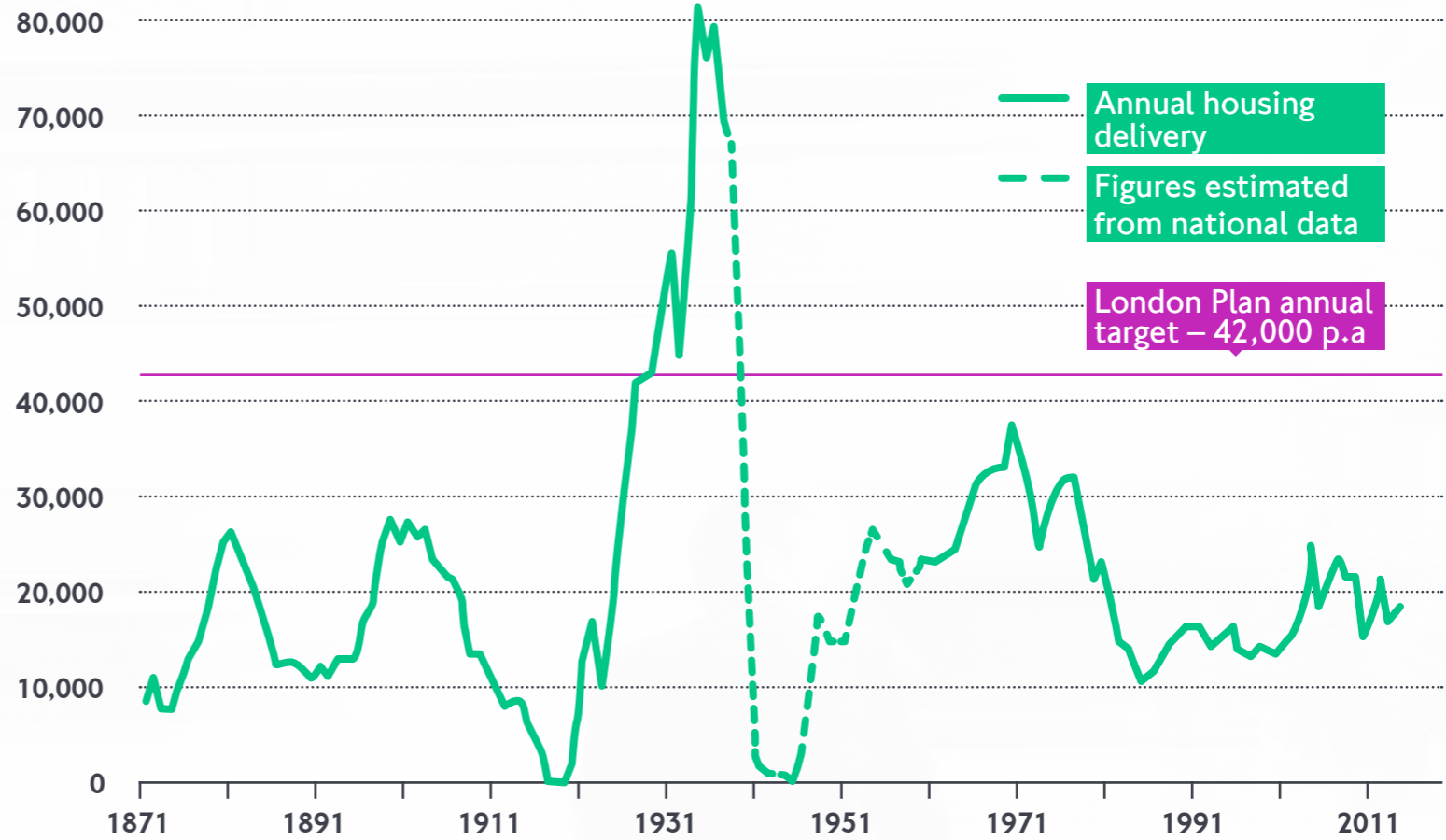
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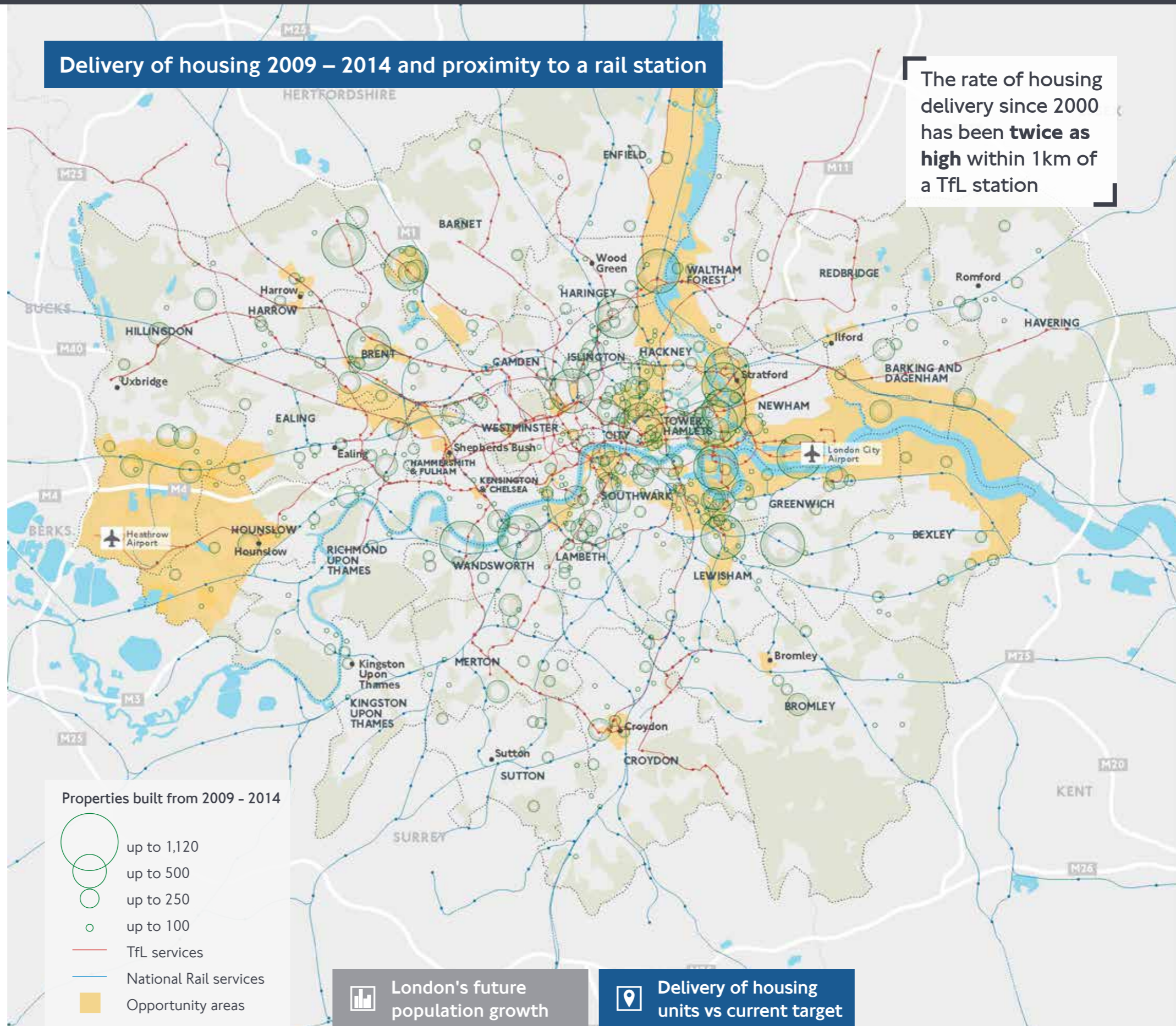
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Properties built from 2009 - 2014

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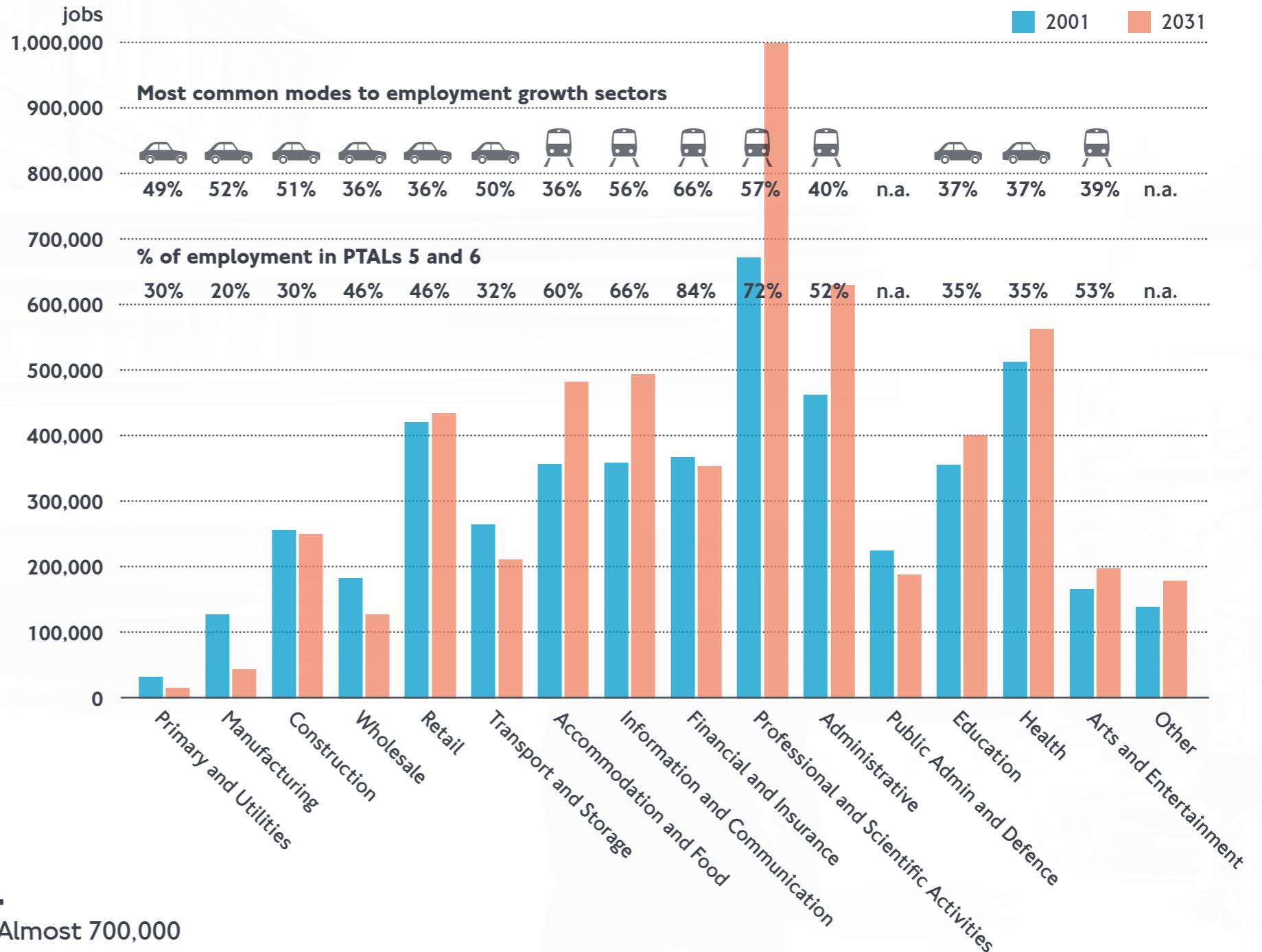
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Growth is expected to continue in office based sectors, including professional and scientific activities, whilst employment in manufacturing, transport, wholesale and construction will decline.

As office based sectors are increasingly seeking the most accessible locations by public transport, particularly in Central London, demand for public transport modes is likely to increase. It will be important to ensure there is sufficient capacity on the network to serve these growing sectors, and support London's economic growth.

Most of the sectors which are expected to contract are typically access by car, which could continue to push down commuting to work by car. The decline of these sectors also has the potential to free up land for housing or other land uses for more intensive development.

Change in employment sectors in London 2011 – 2031



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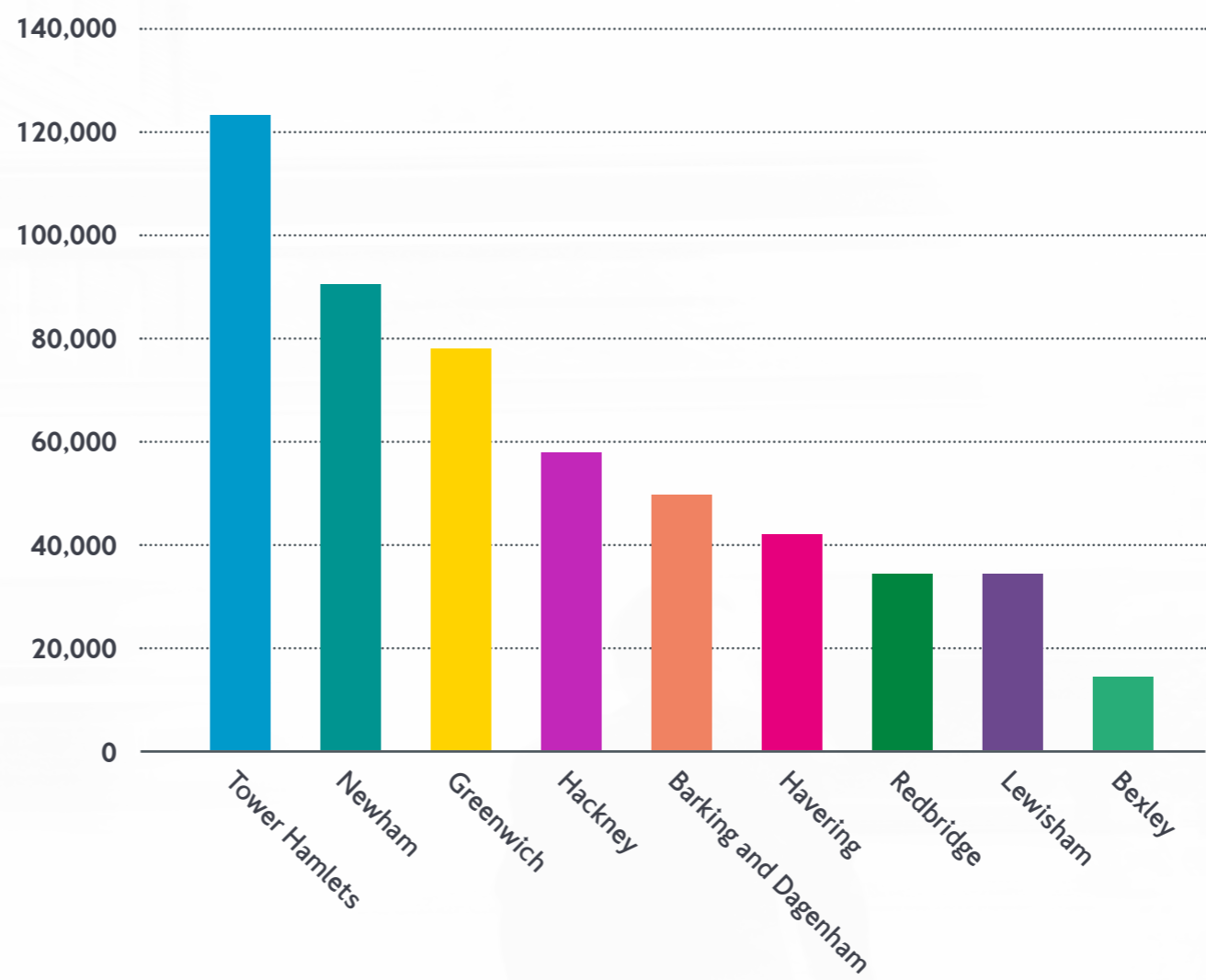
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Population growth 2011 – 2031



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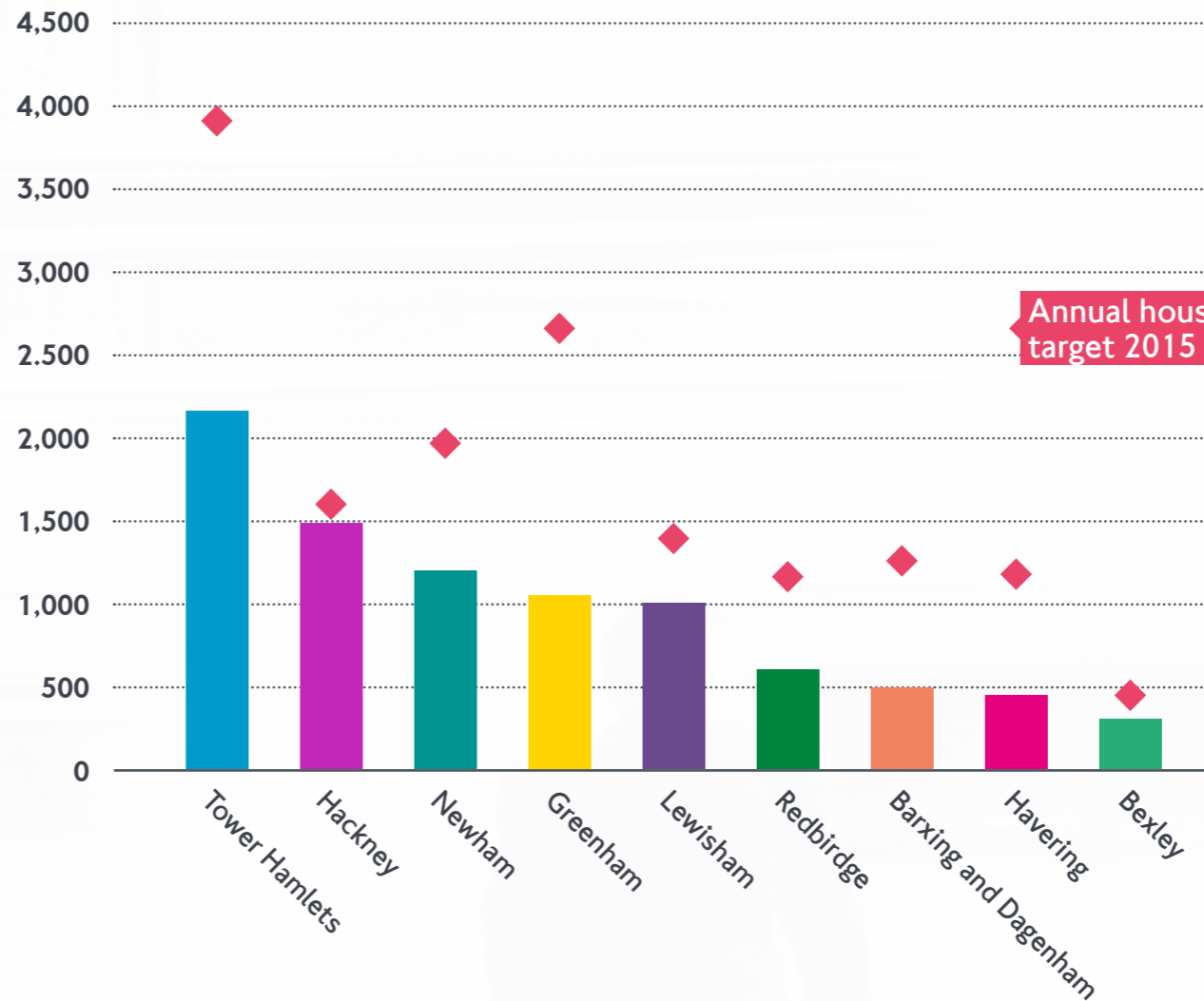
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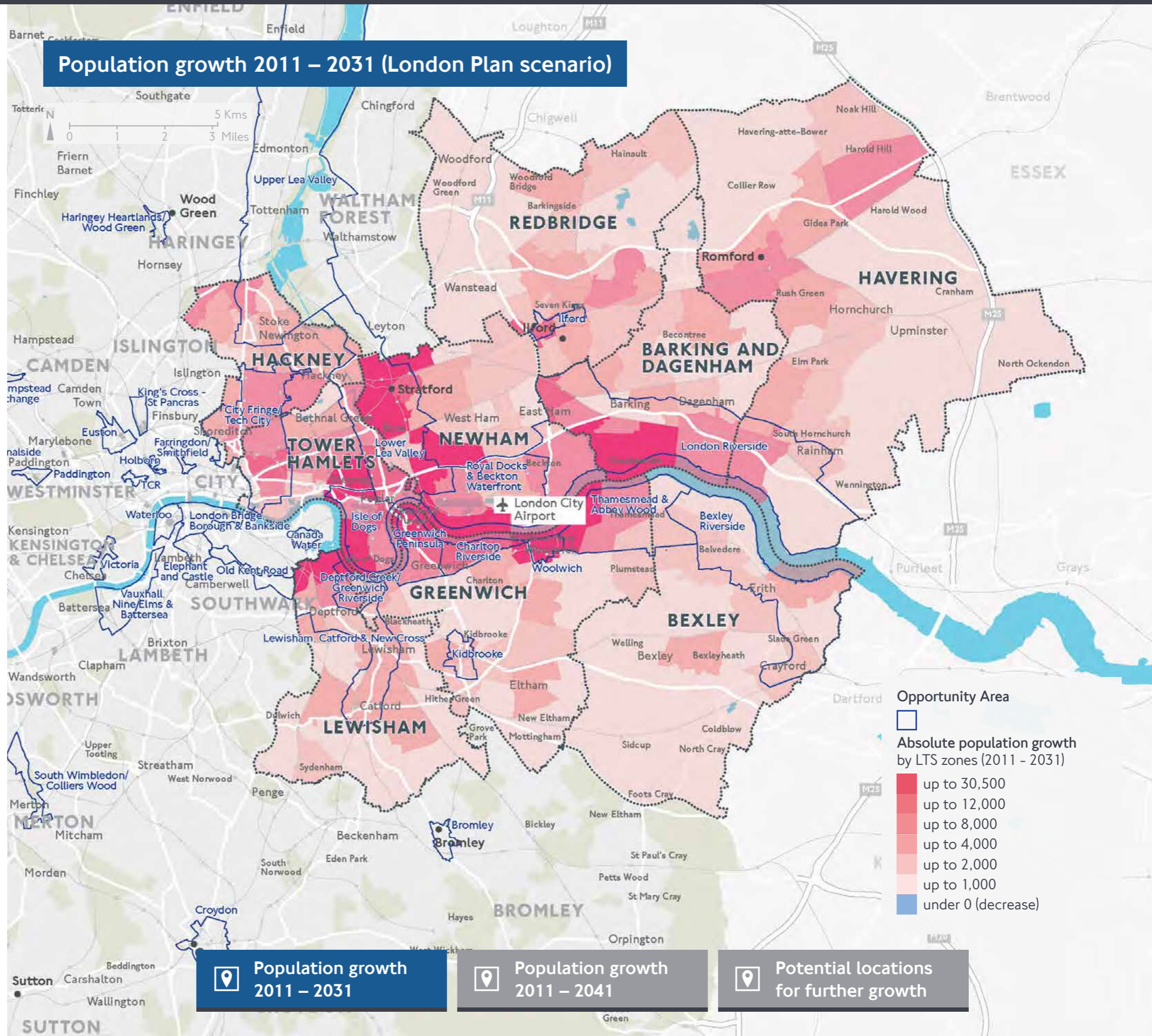
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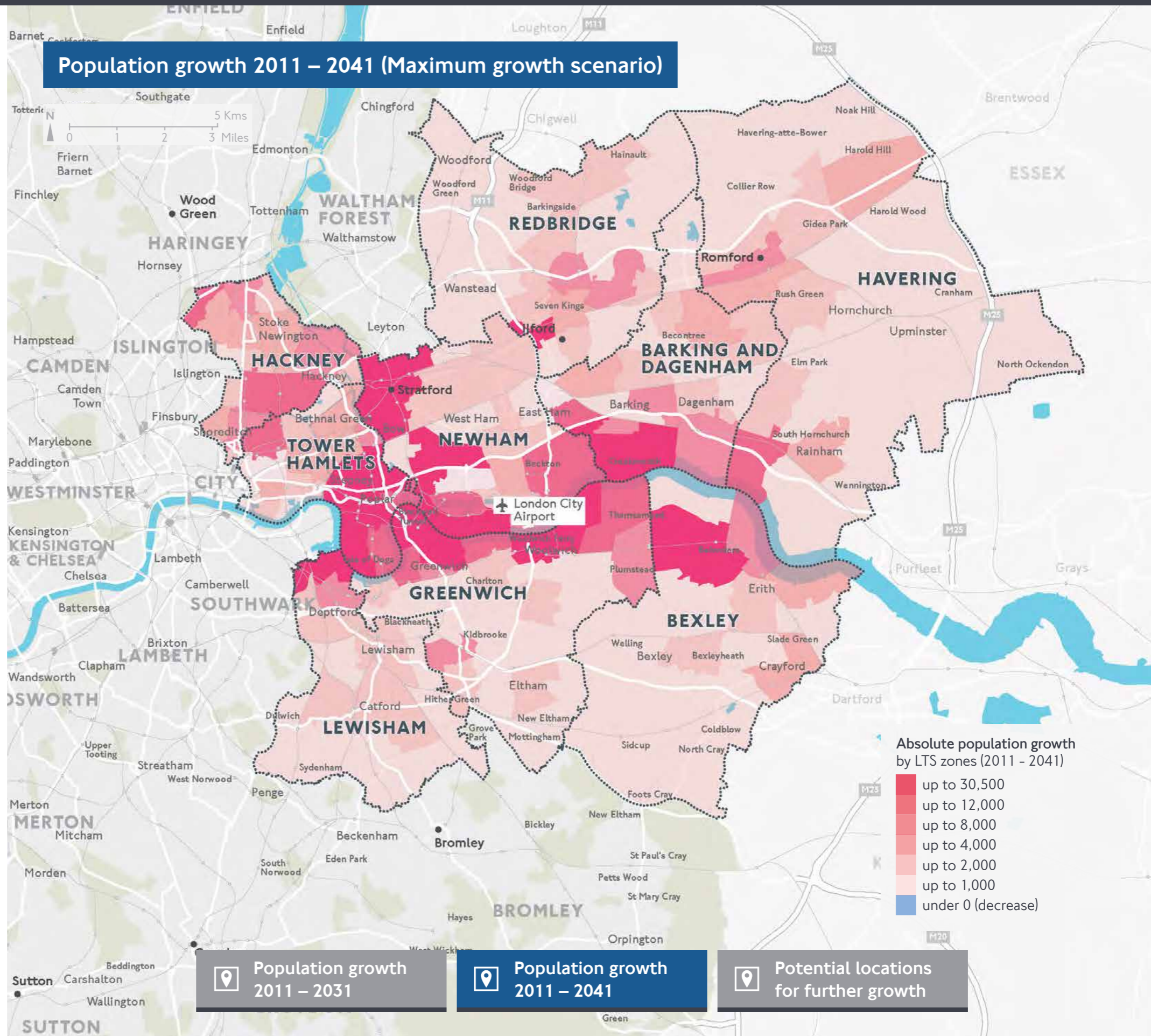
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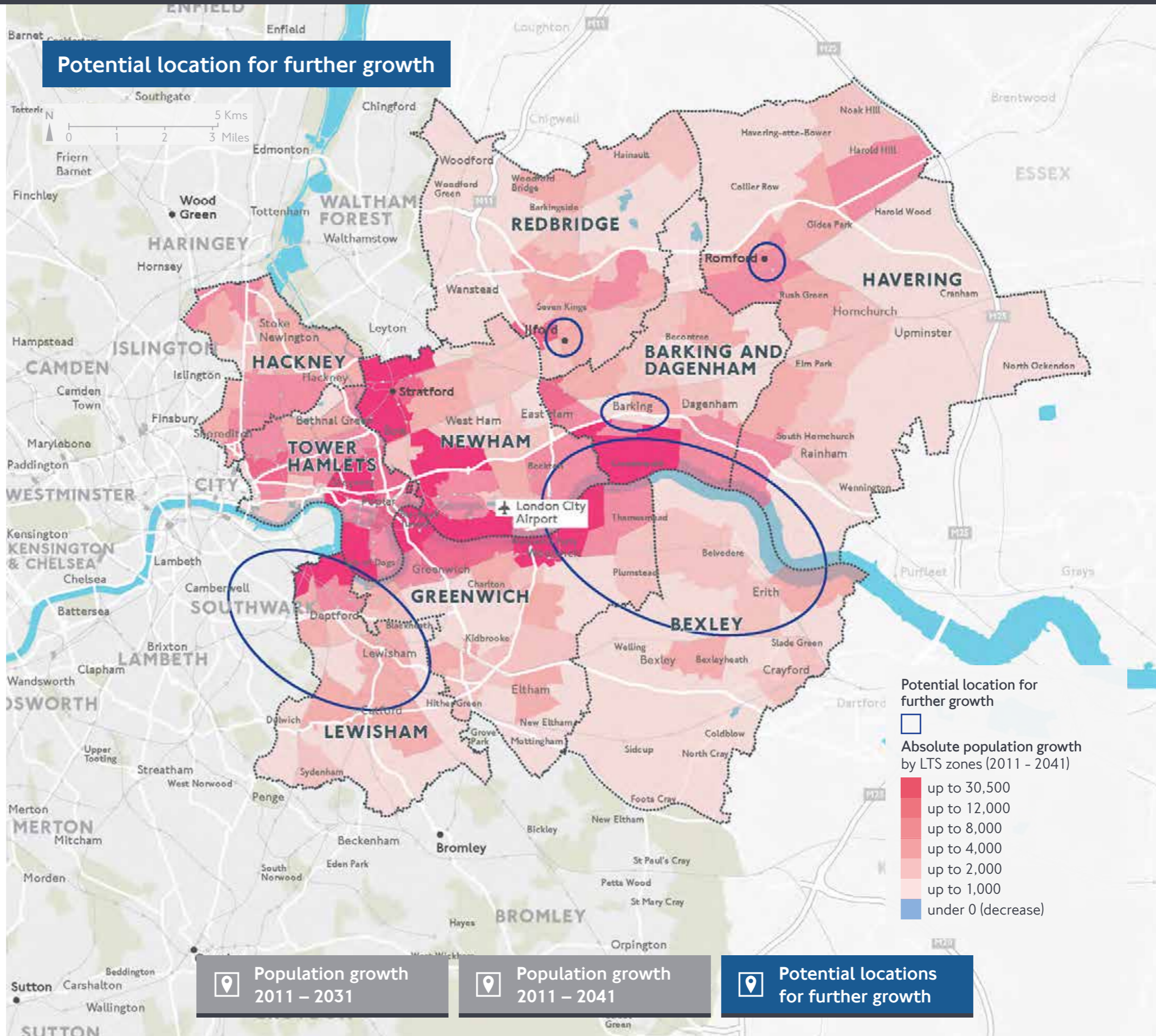
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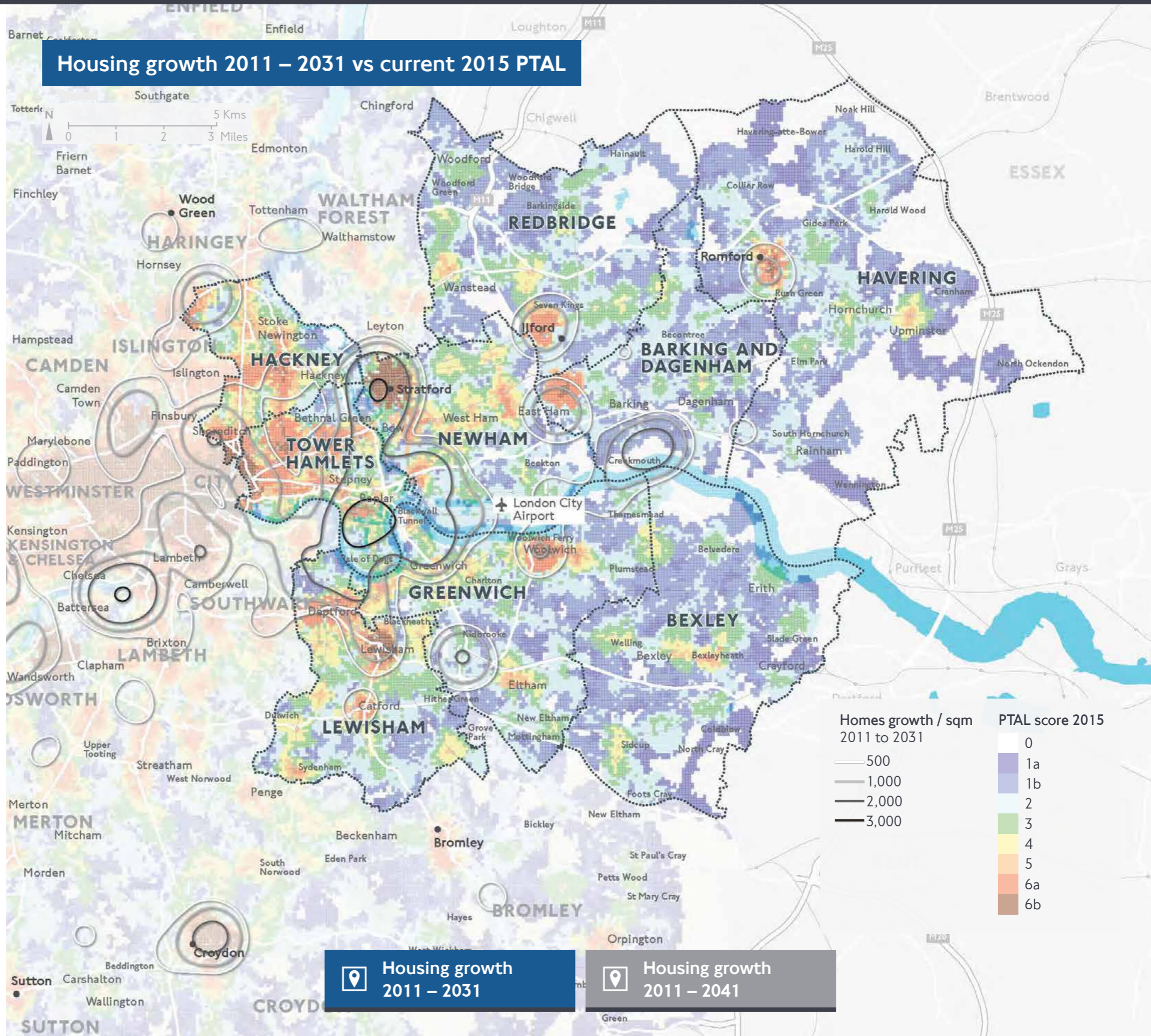
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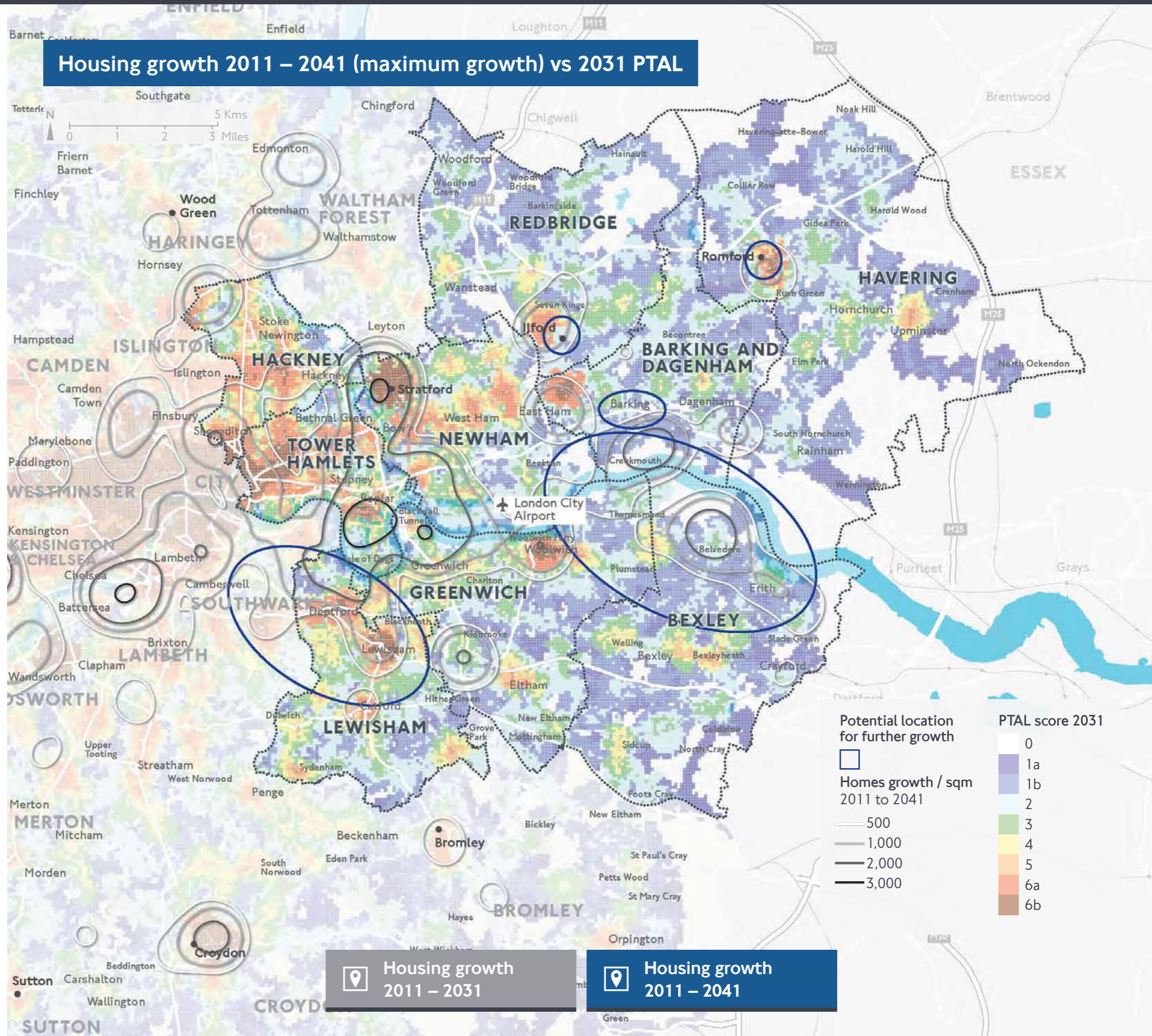
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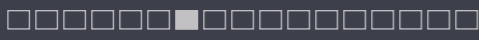


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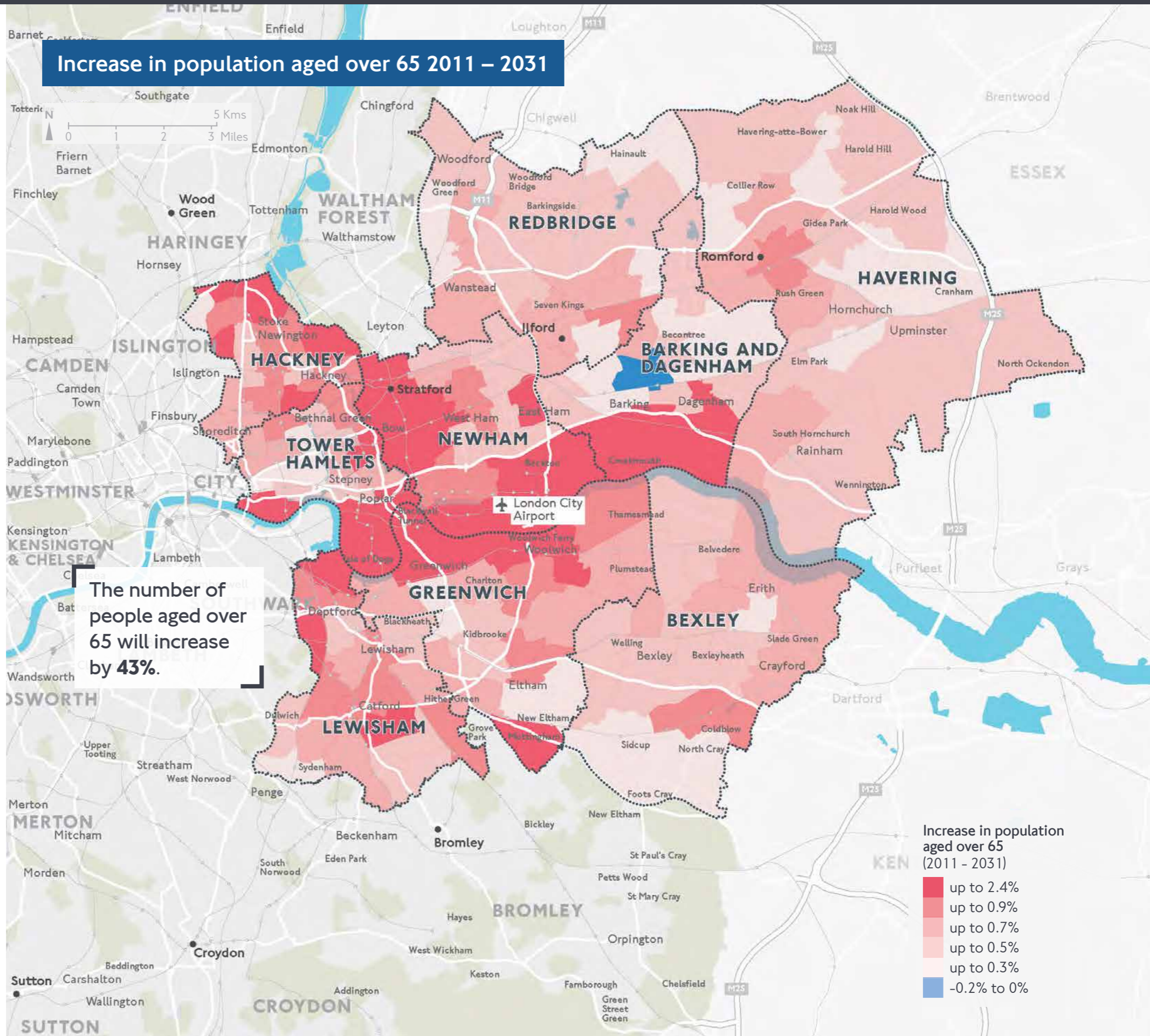
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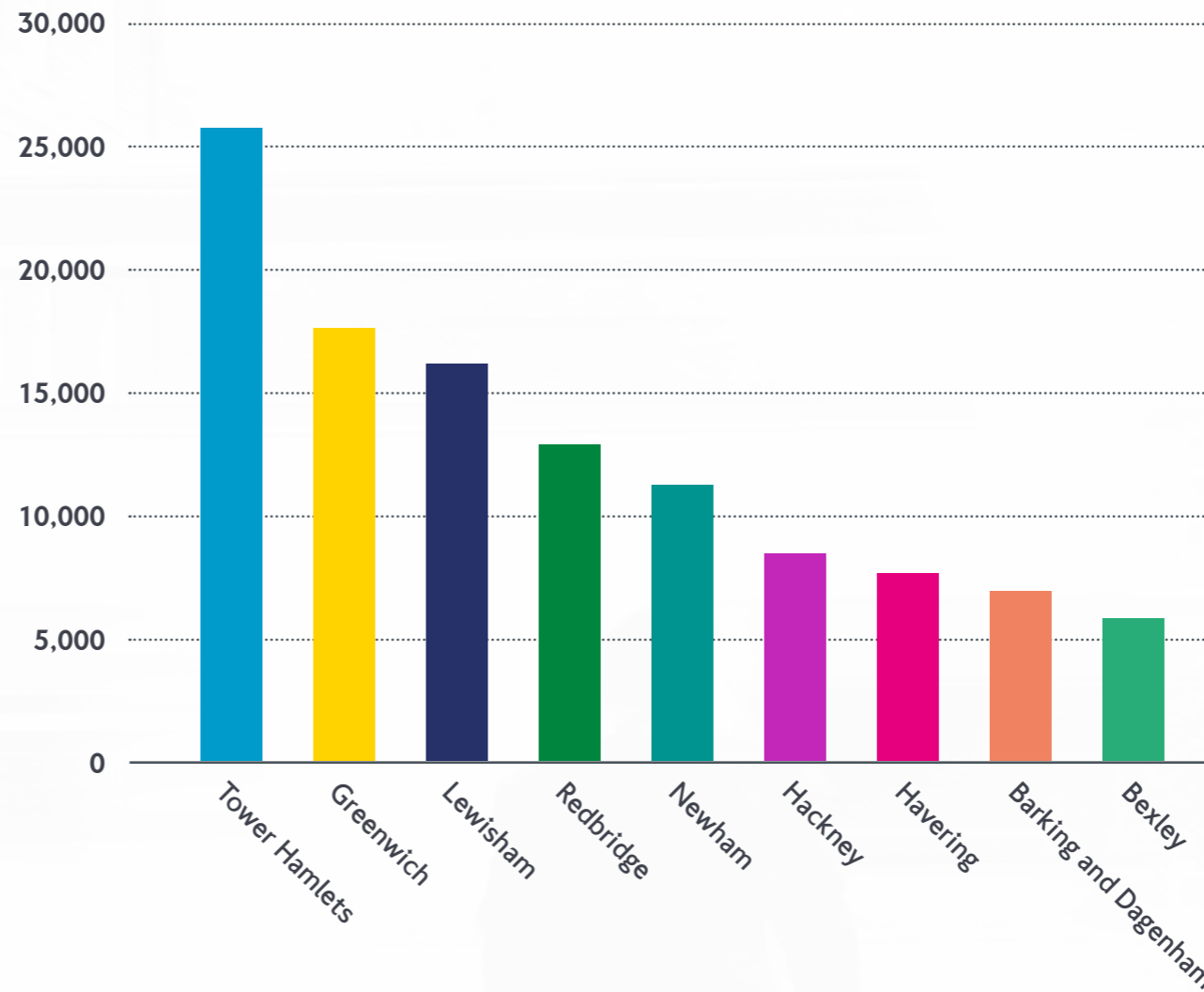
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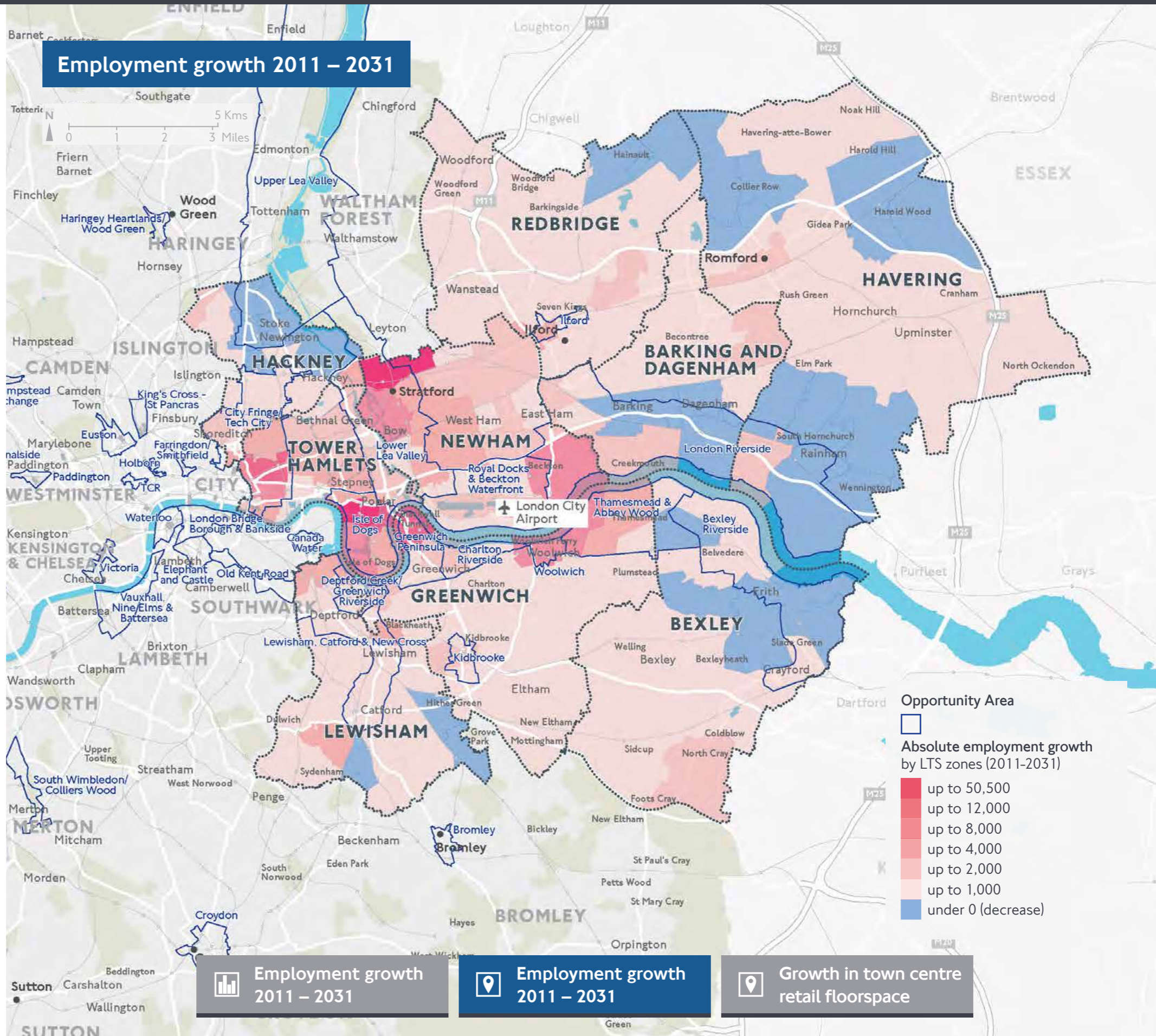
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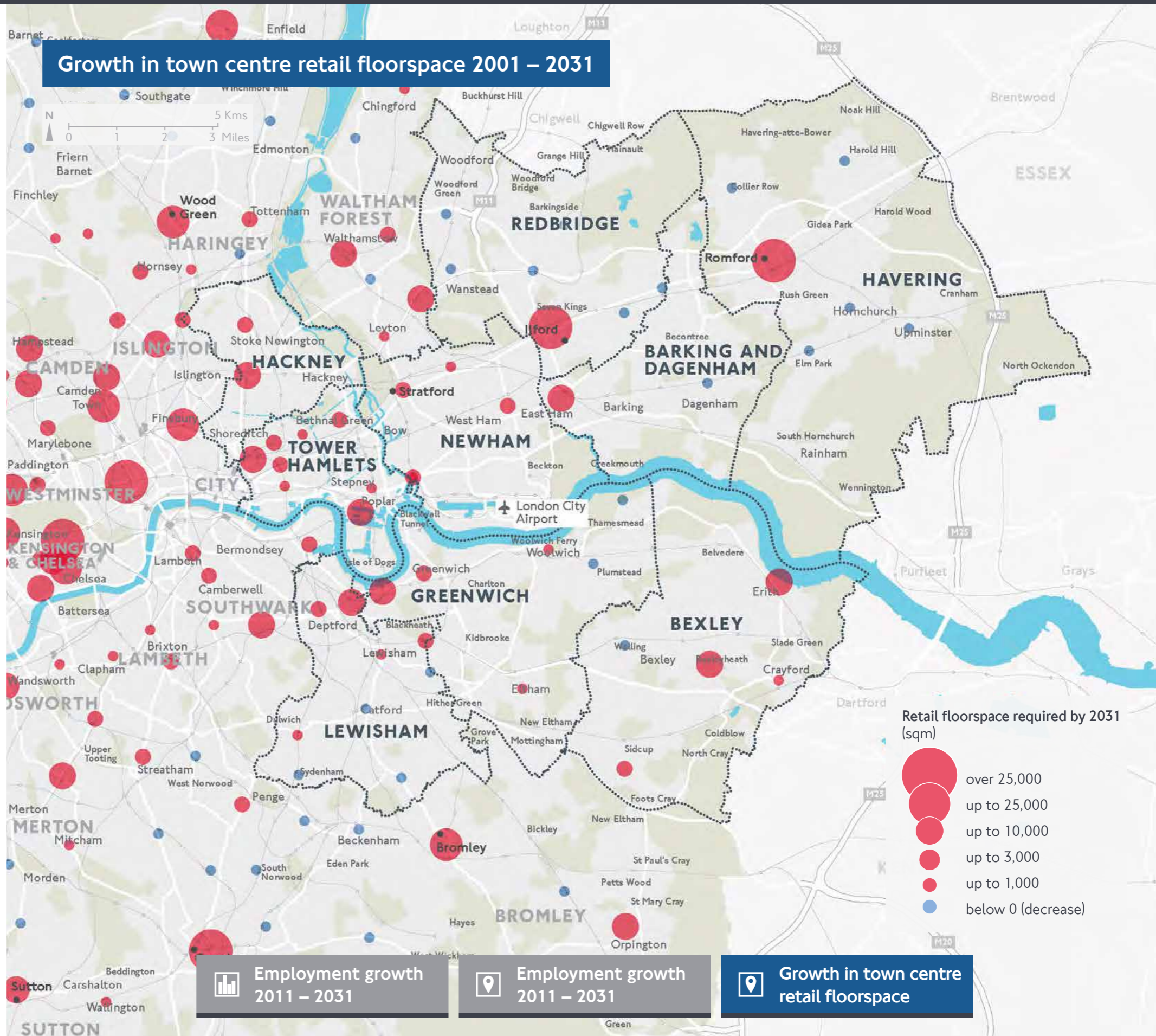
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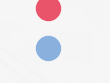




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 Growth in town centre retail floorspace

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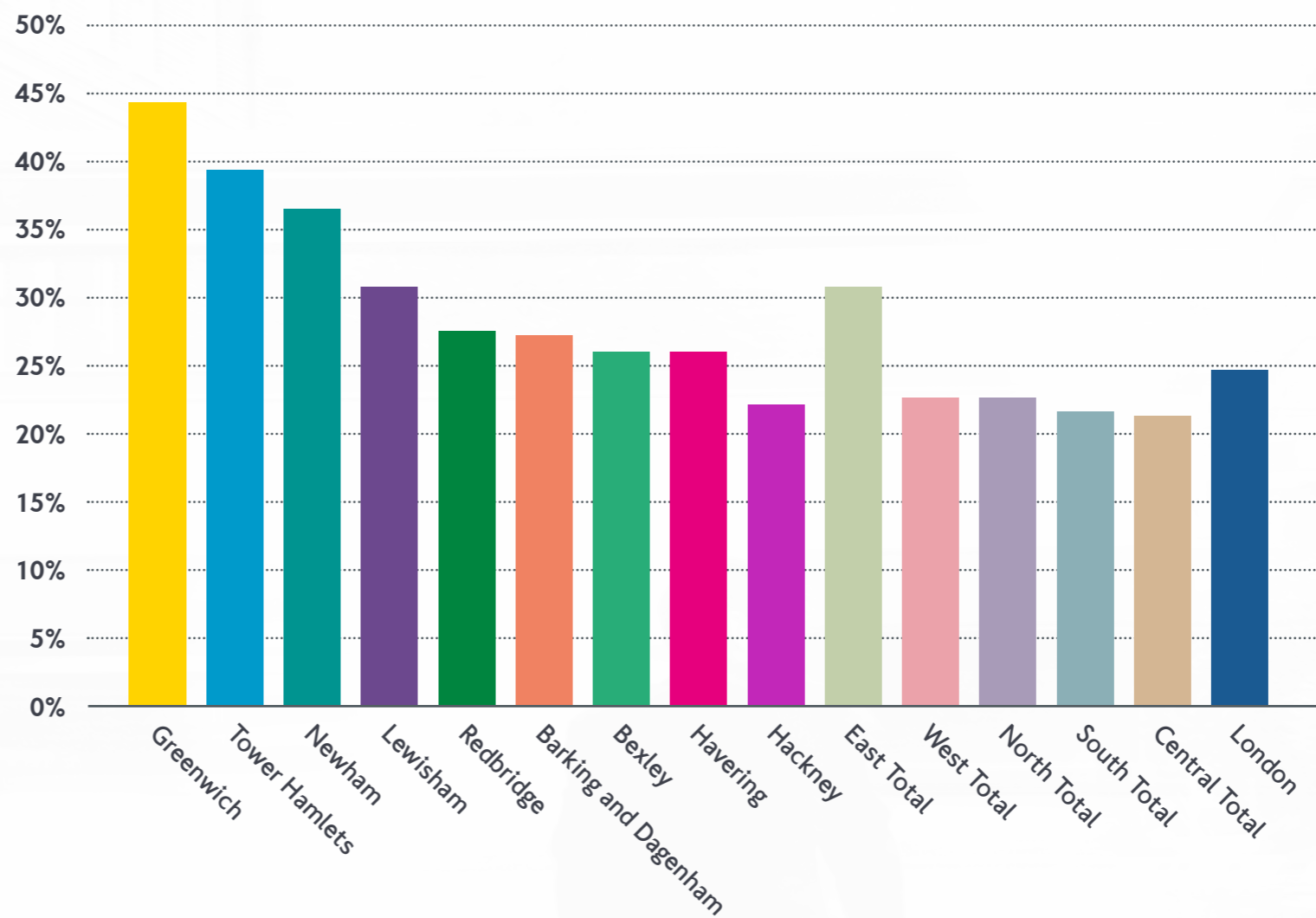
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-  up to 10,000
-  up to 3,000
-  up to 1,000
-  below 0 (decrease)

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 31% increase in demand for vans on the sub-region's roads.

Vehicle kms by van expected to increase by 31% by 2031 - the most of any sub-region

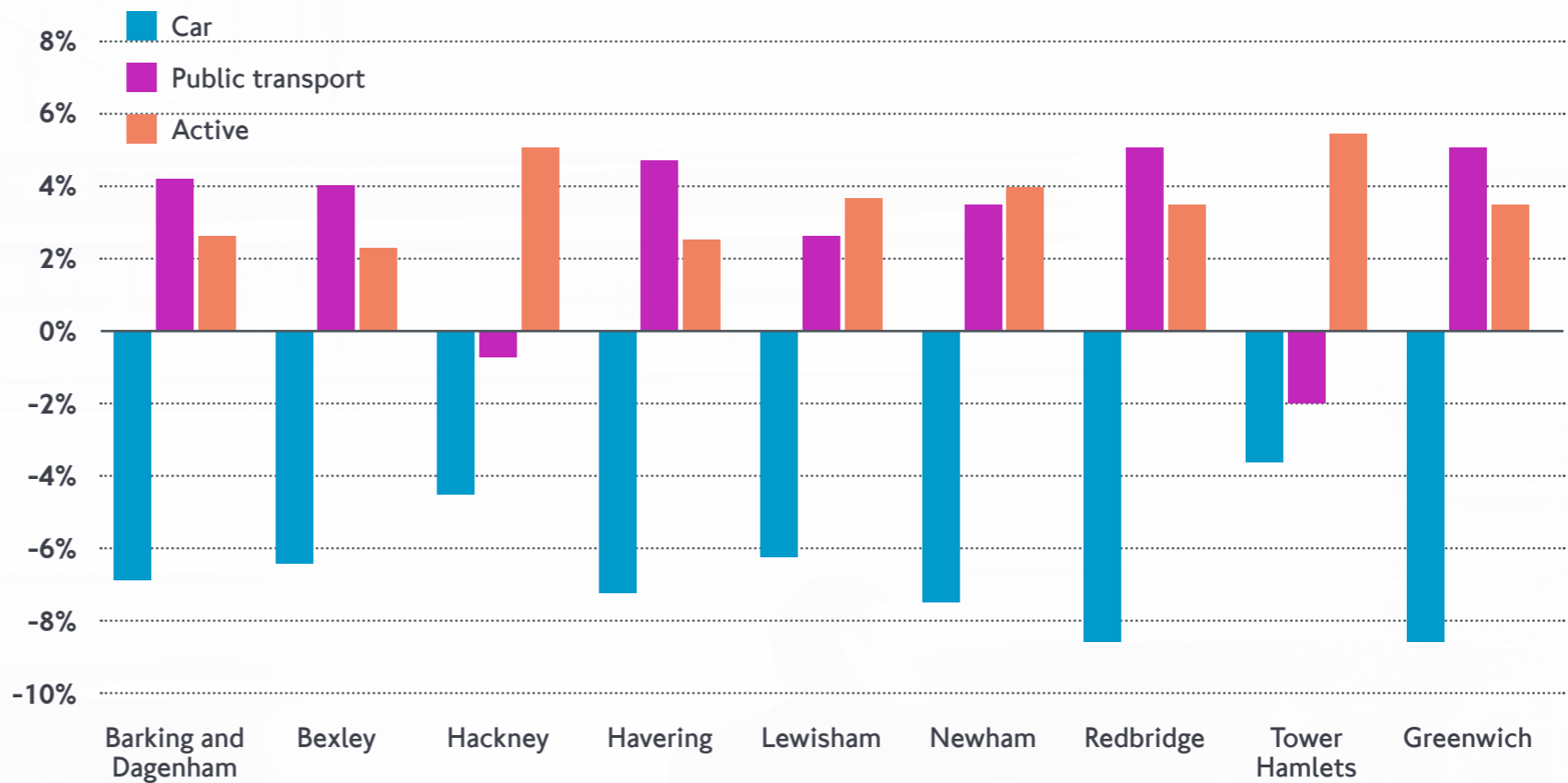
Growth in van vehicle kms 2001 – 2031



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

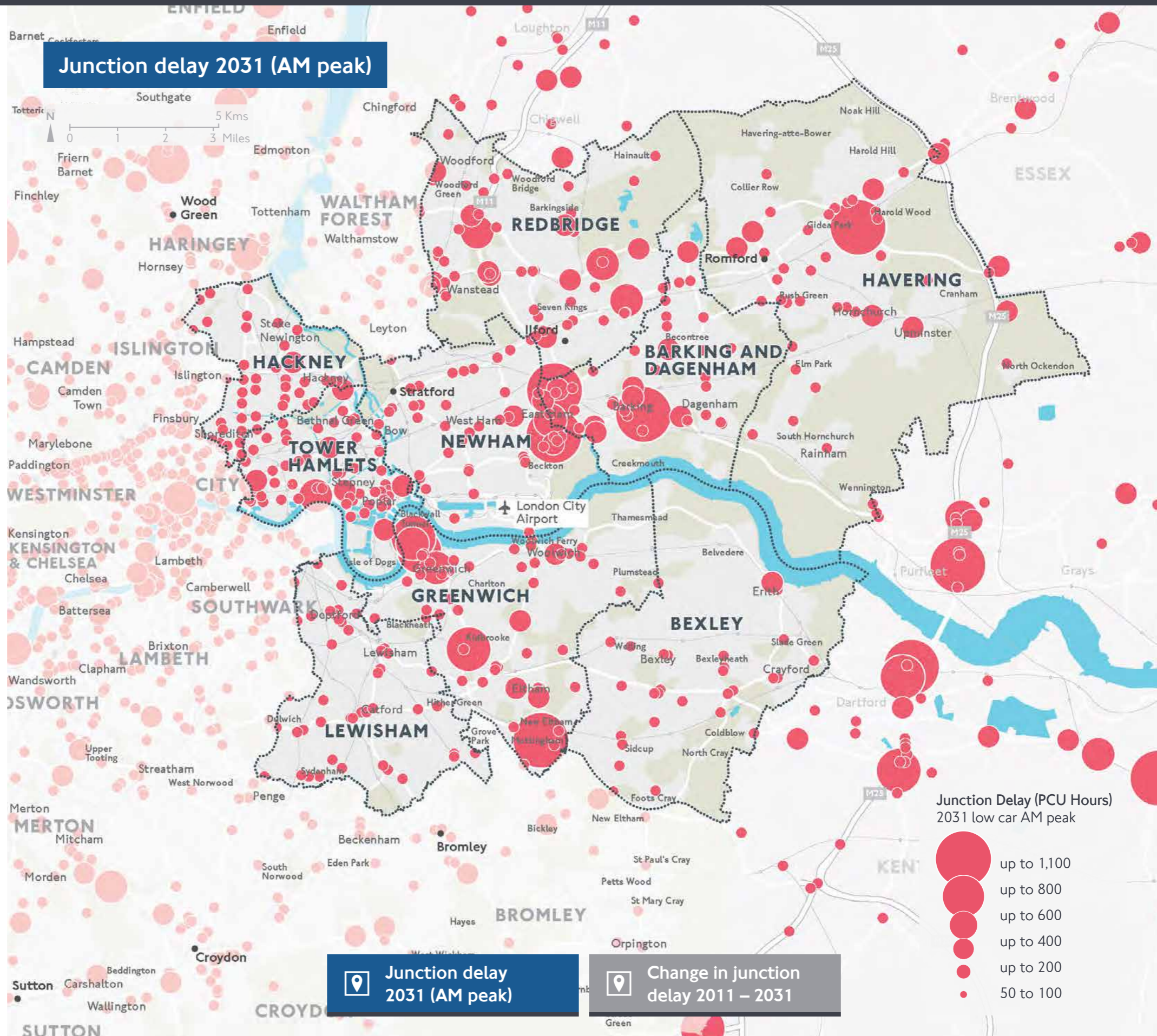
Based on the continuation of recent trends, mode share of public transport and active travel modes will increase as mode share for car falls. Much of this change is expected to come about from new residents, whose travel patterns are often different to existing residents. Boroughs will therefore need 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



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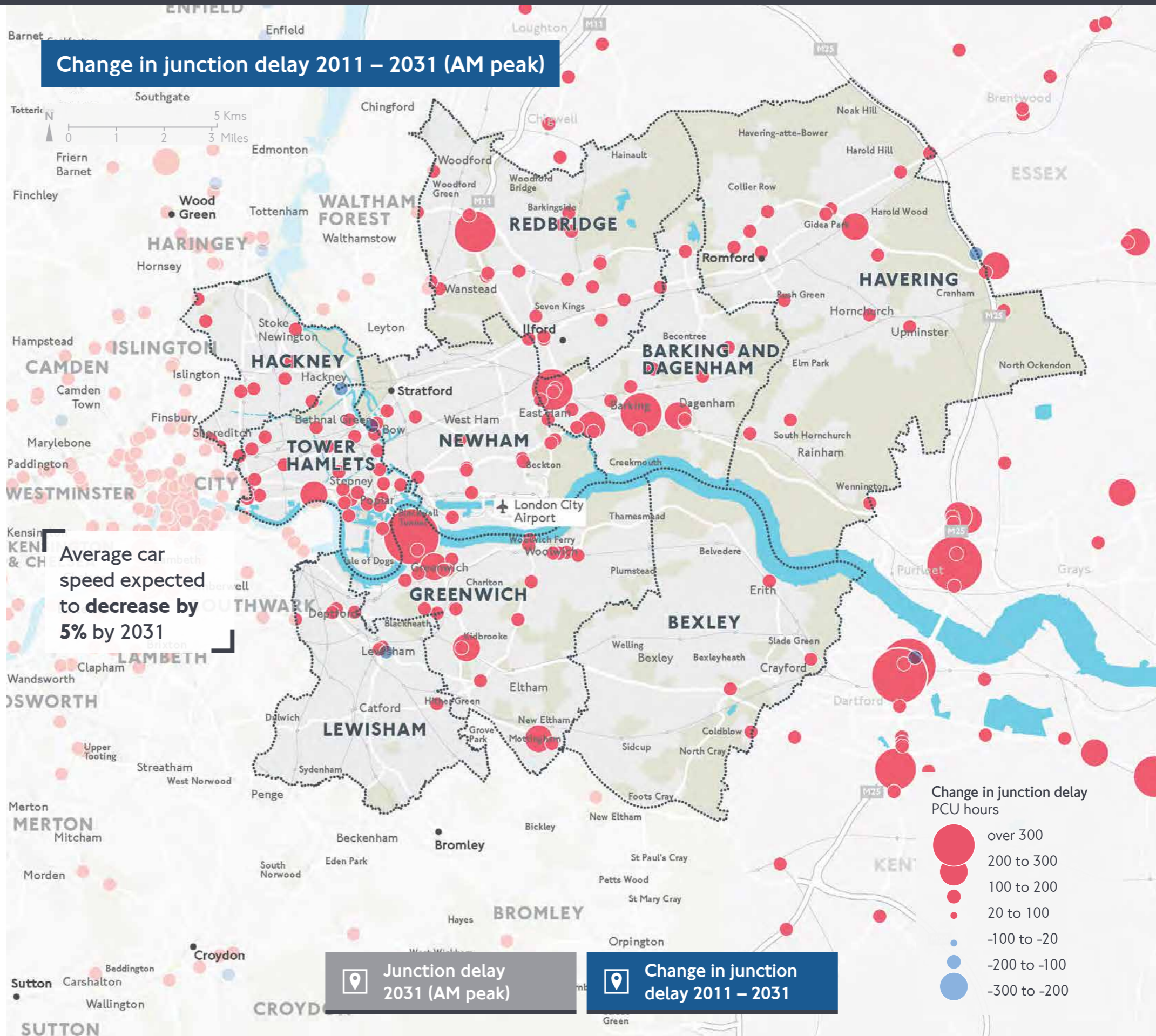
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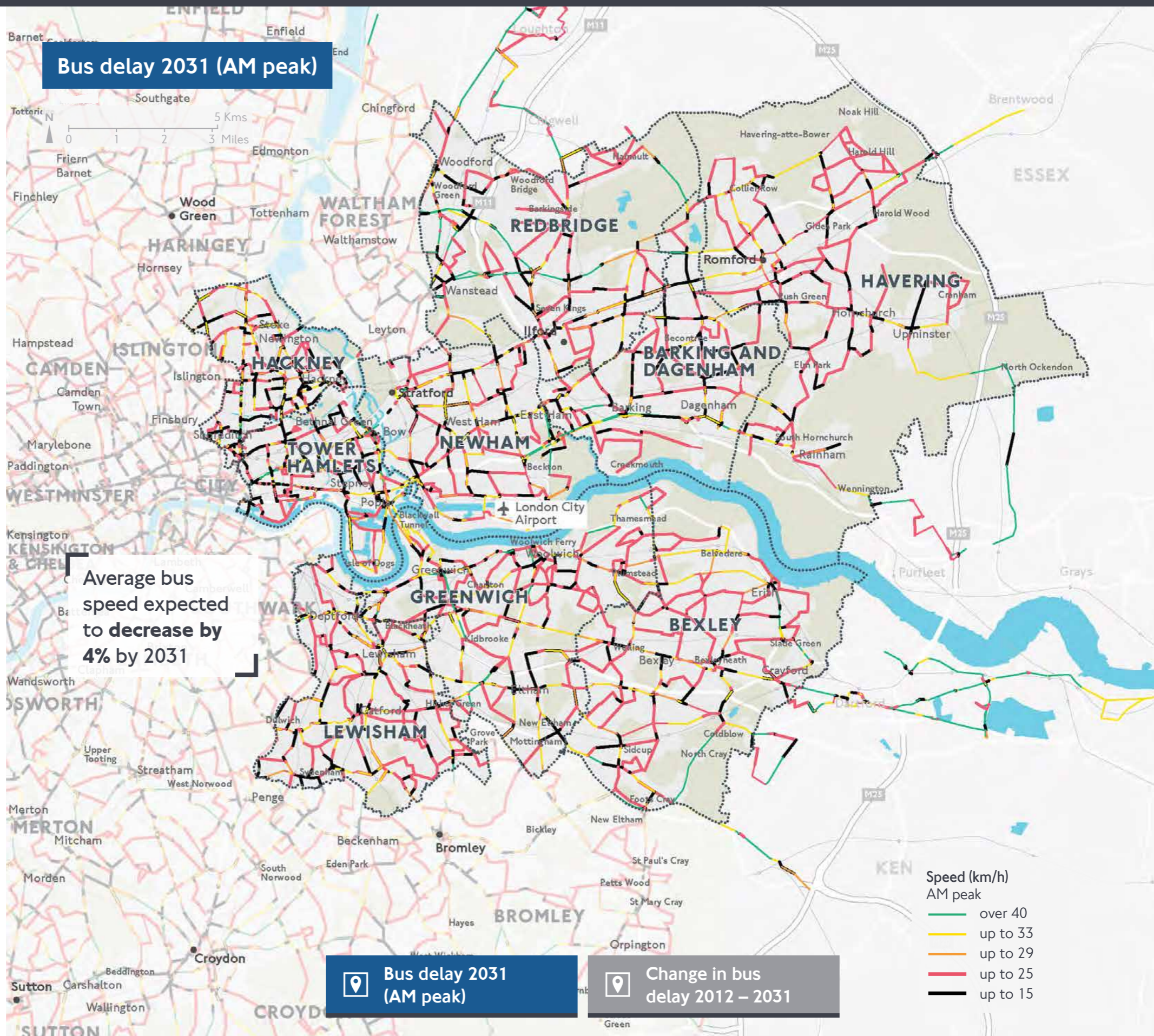


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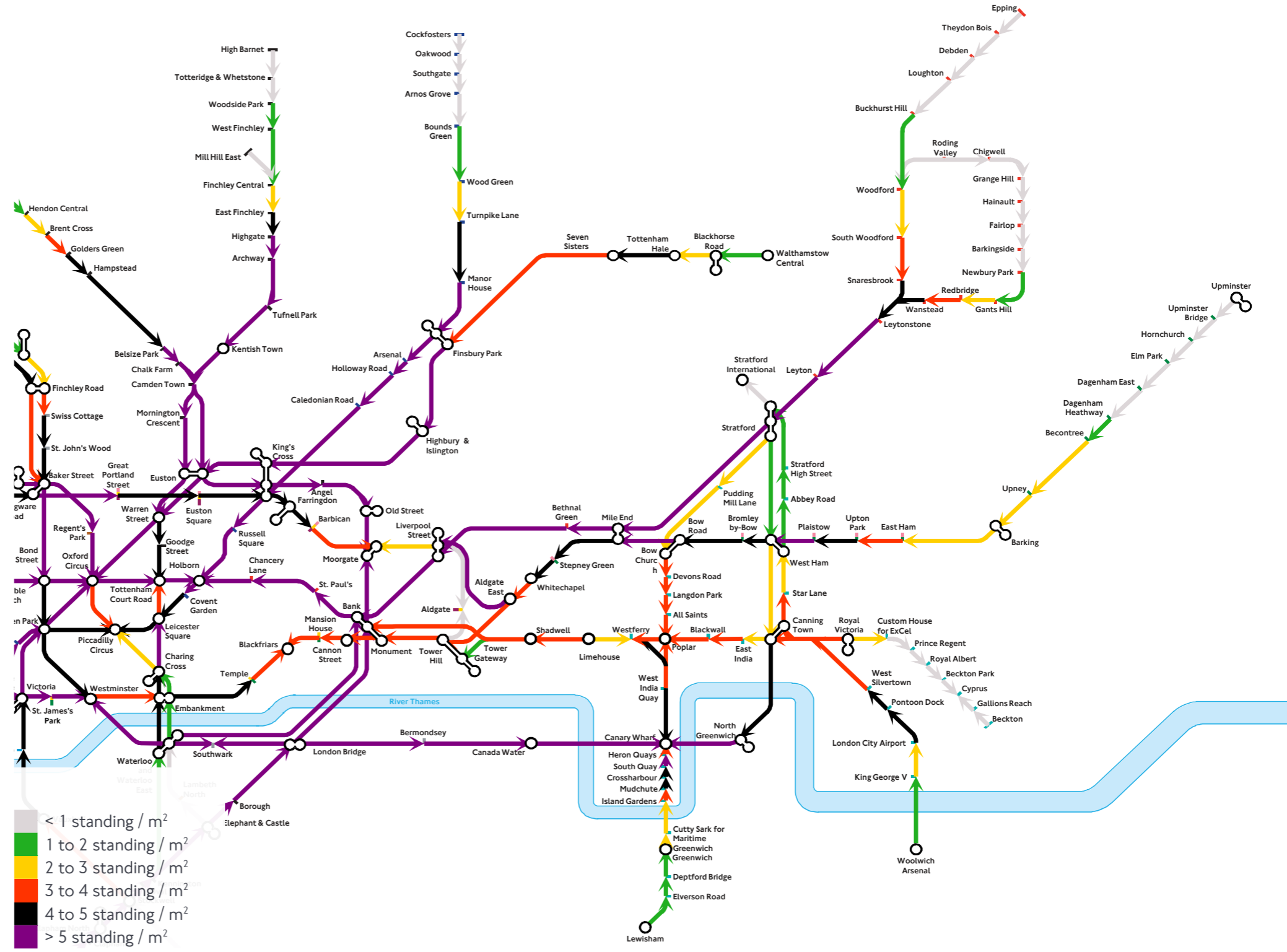
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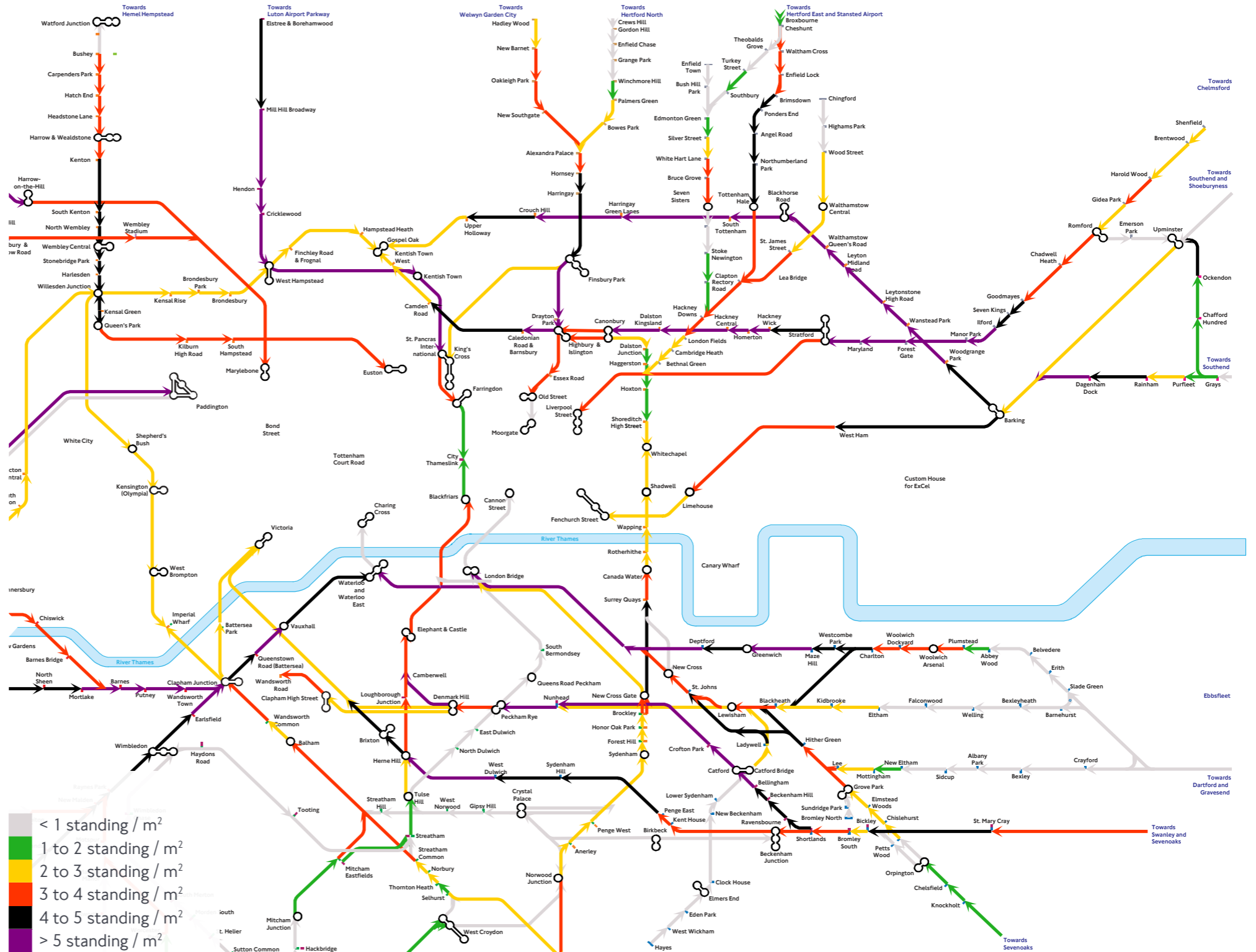
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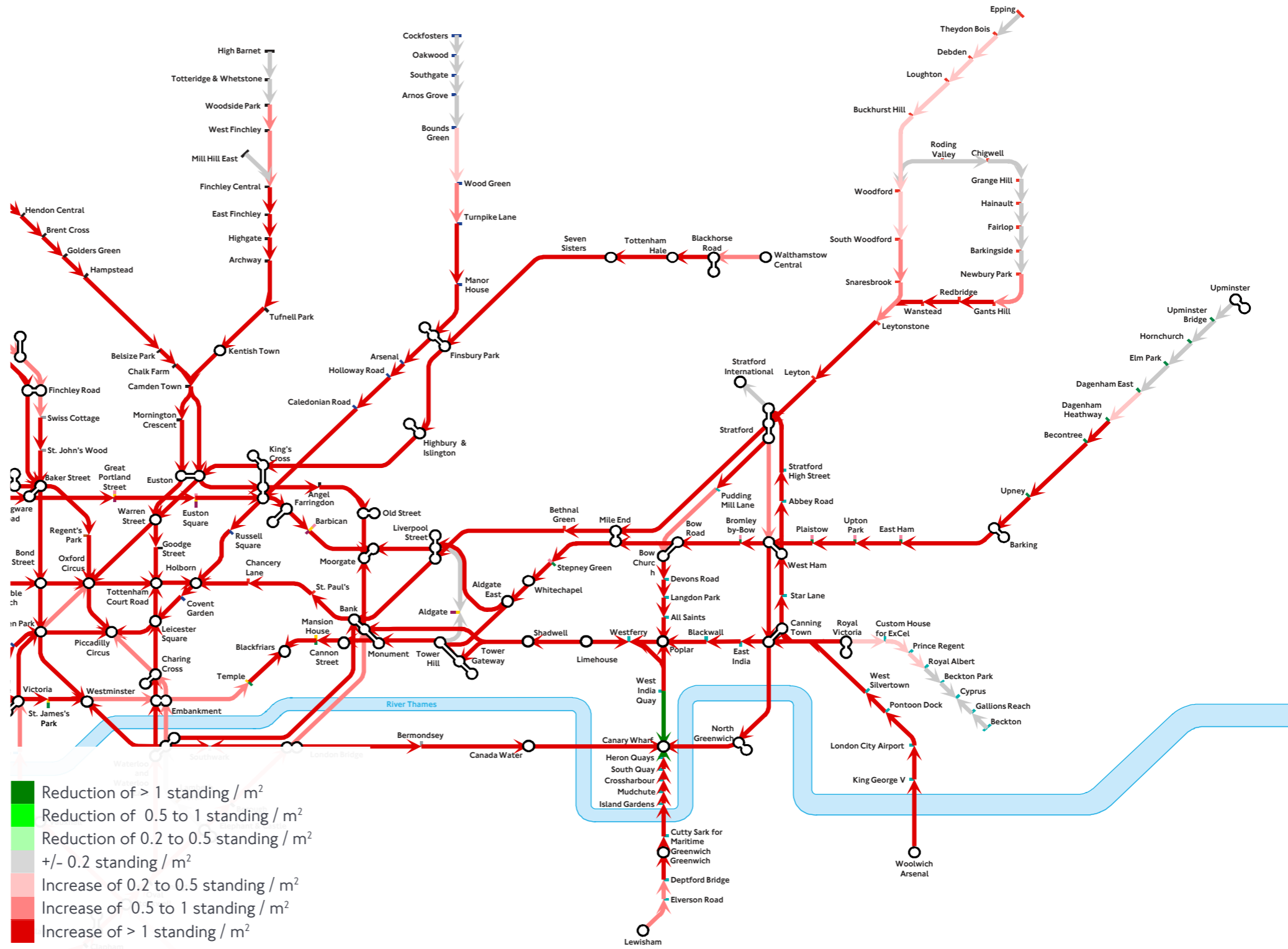
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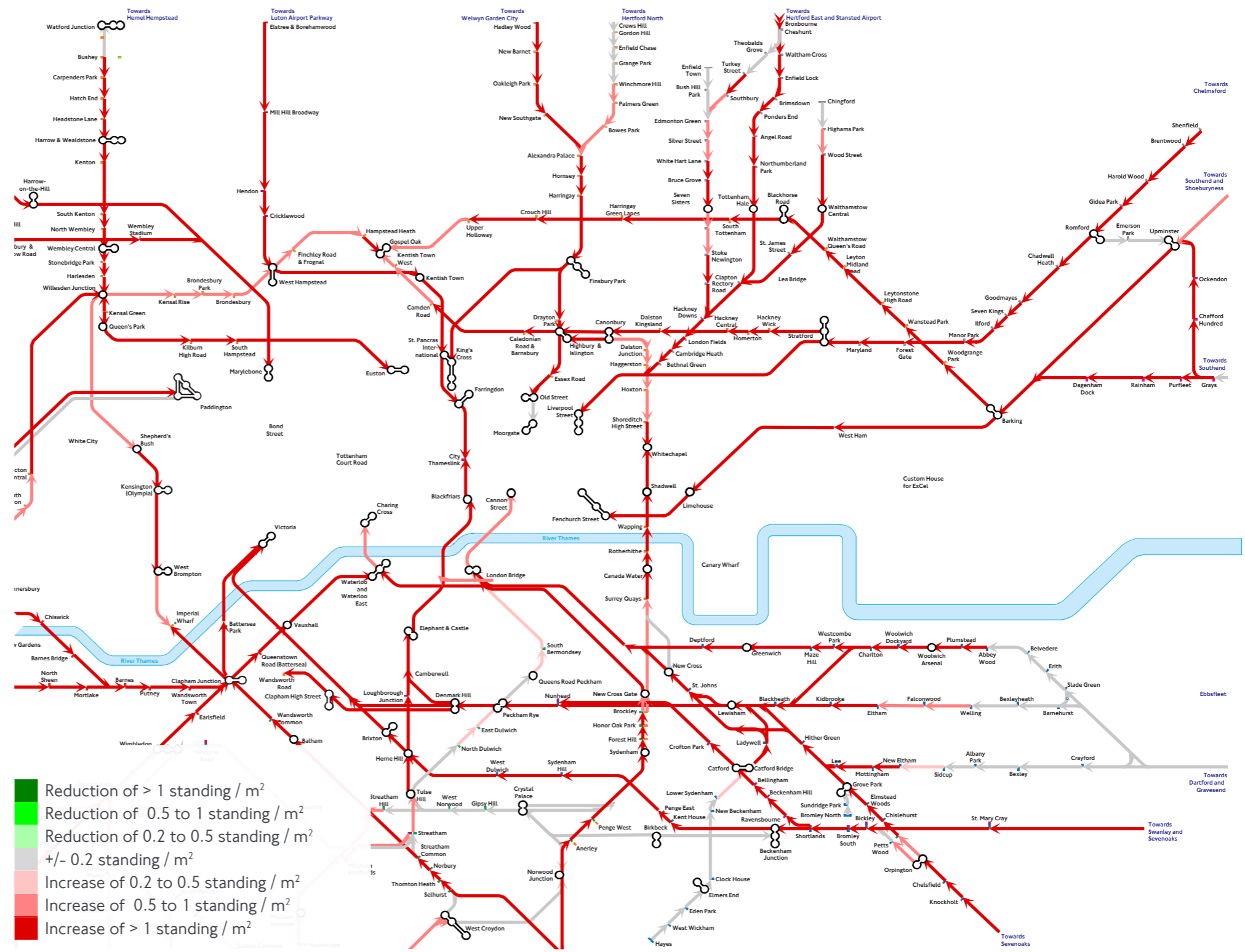
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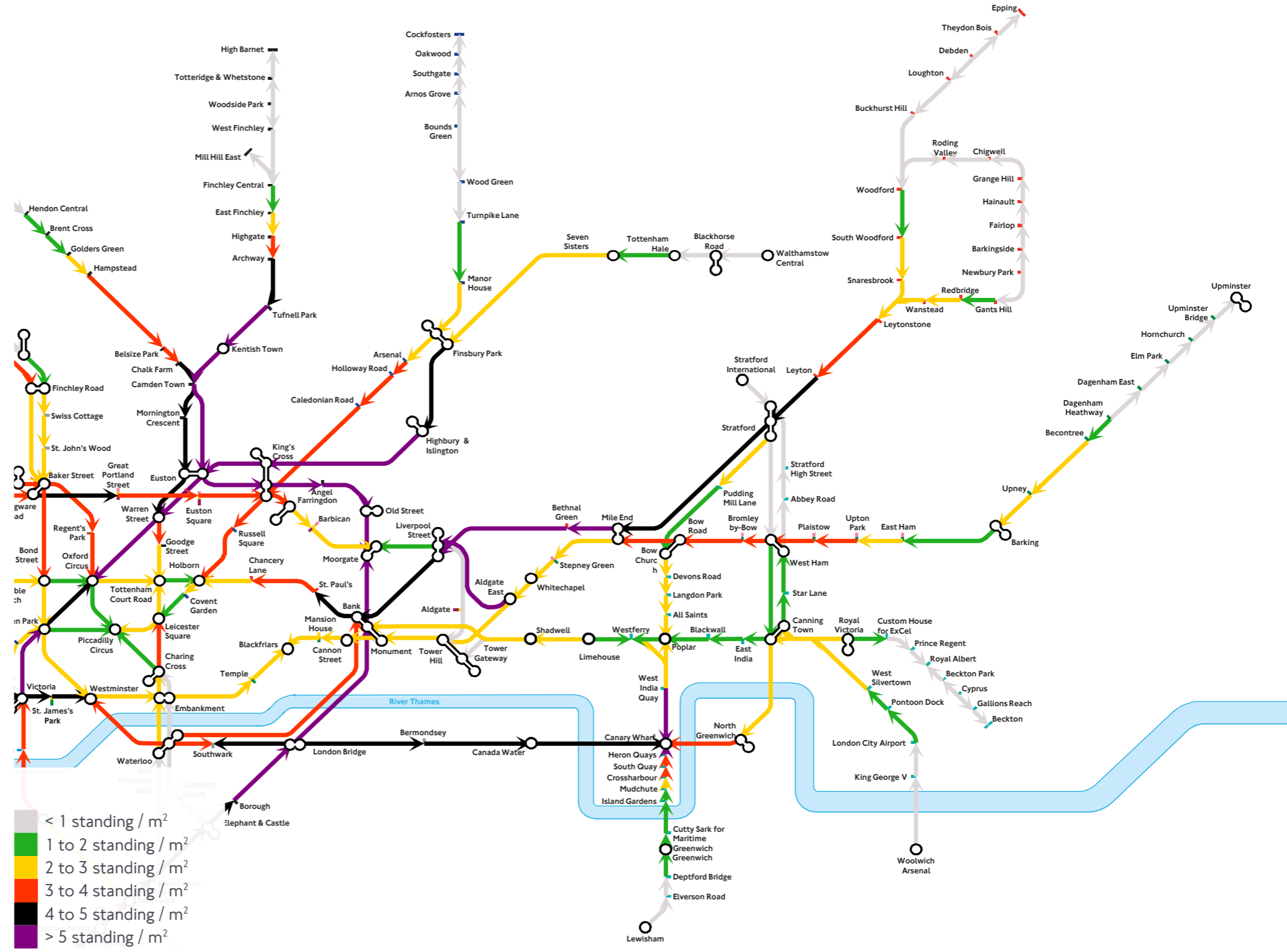
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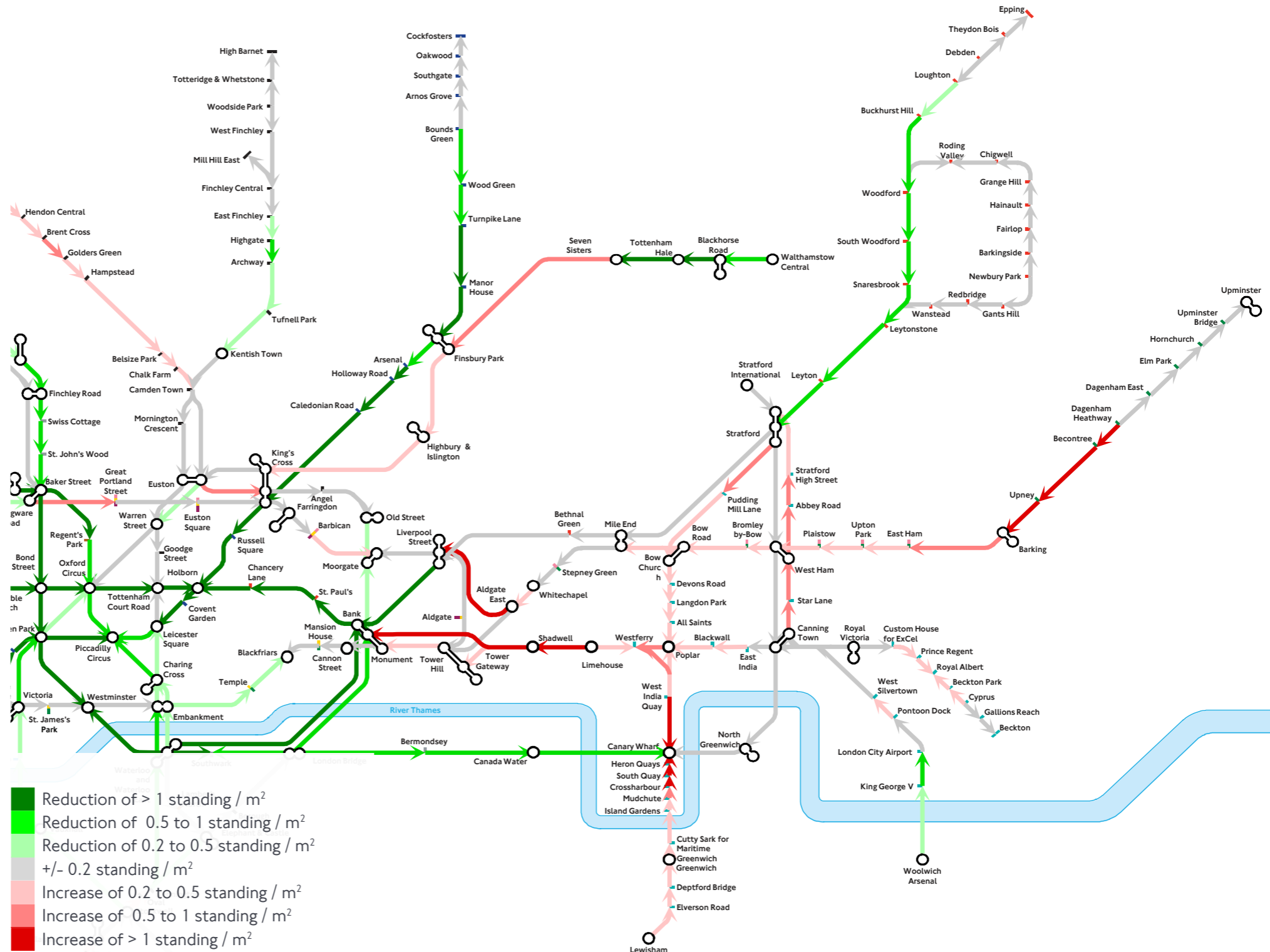
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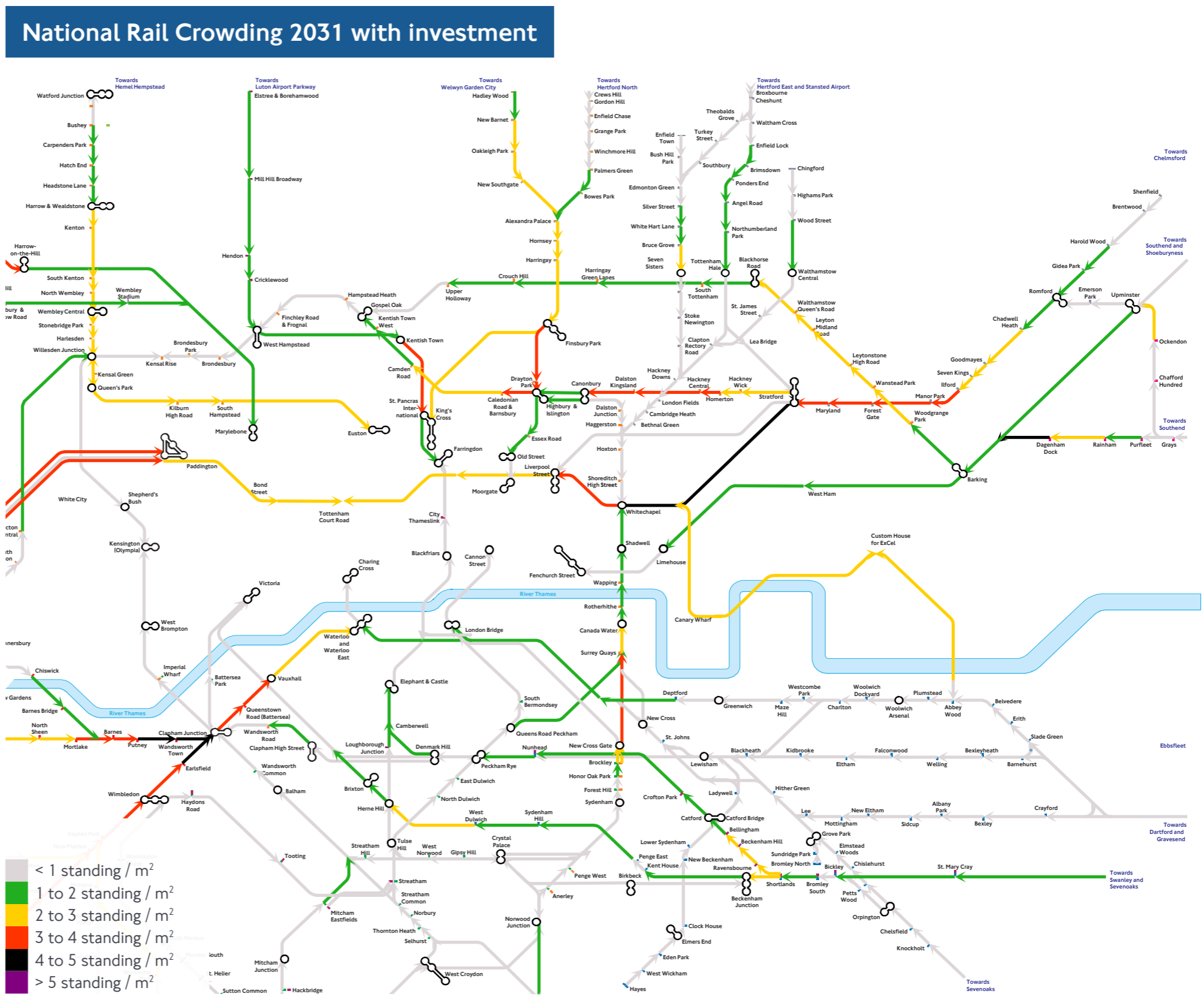
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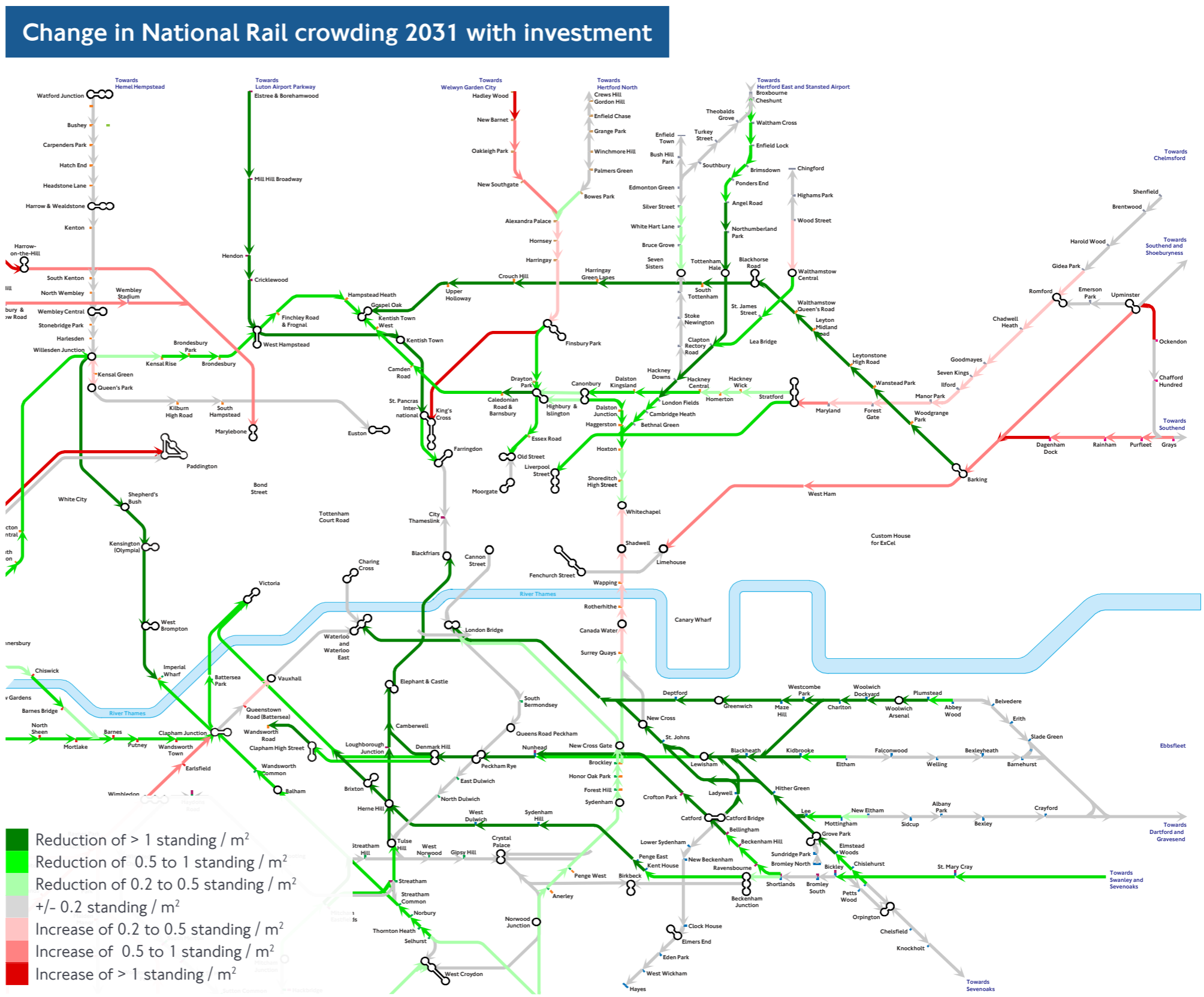
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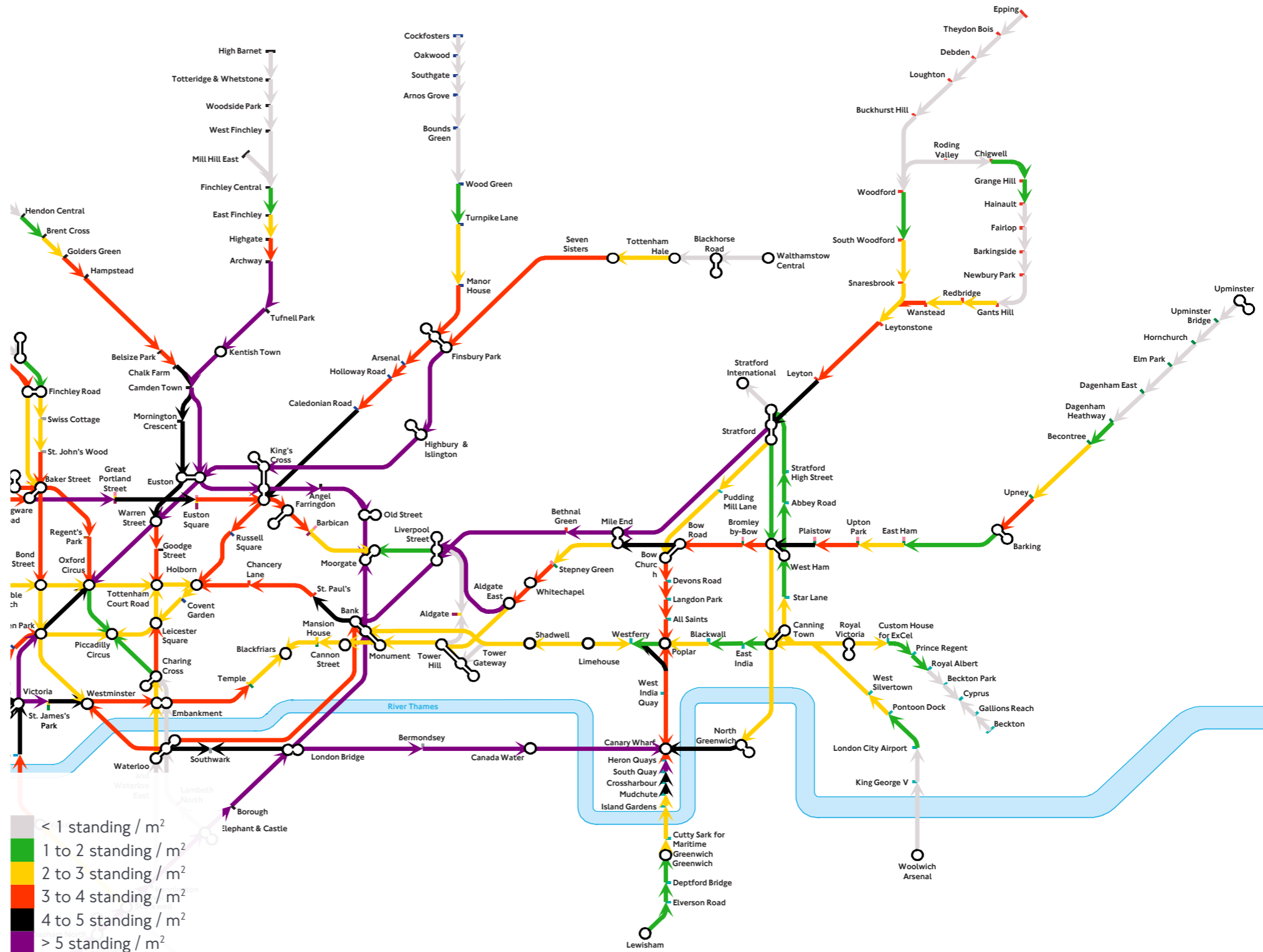
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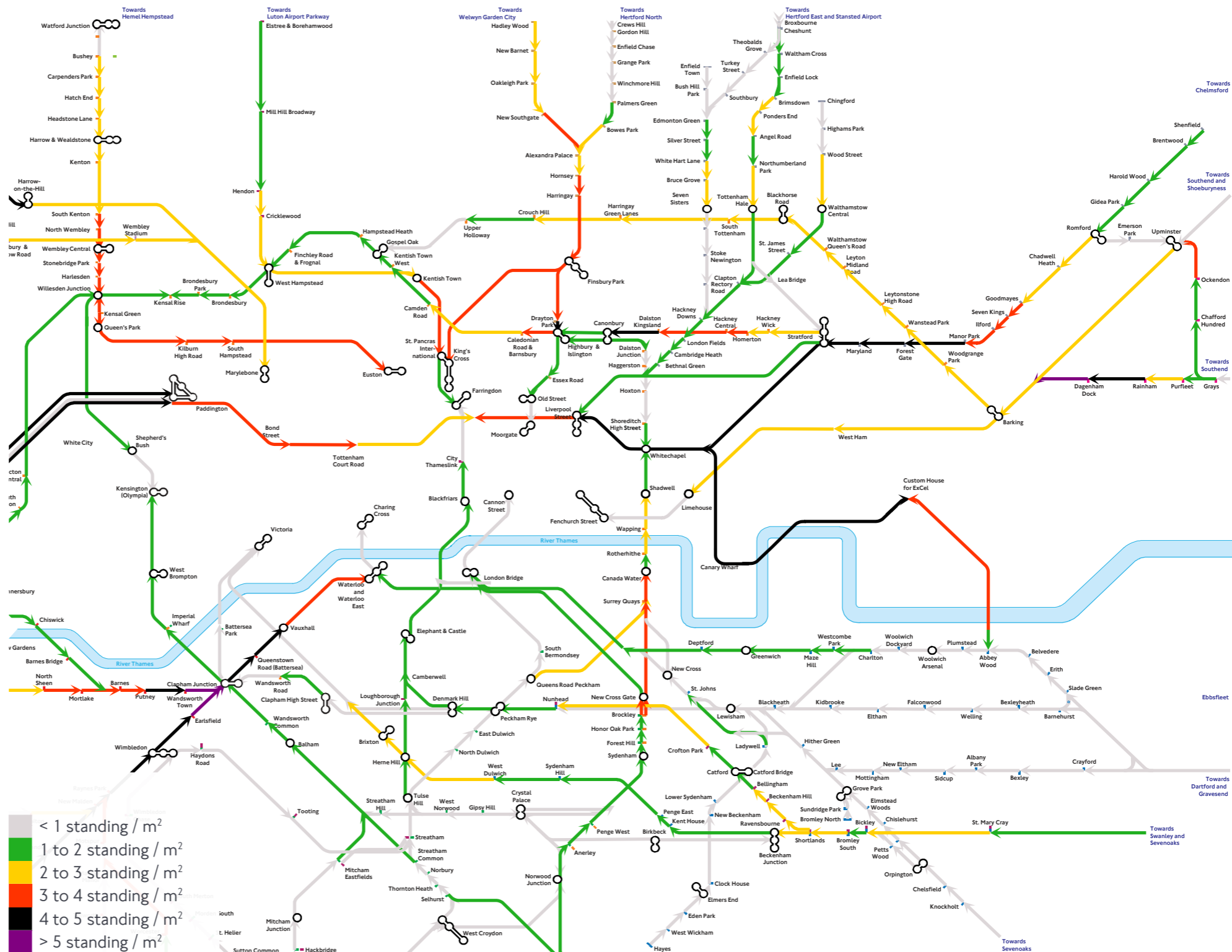
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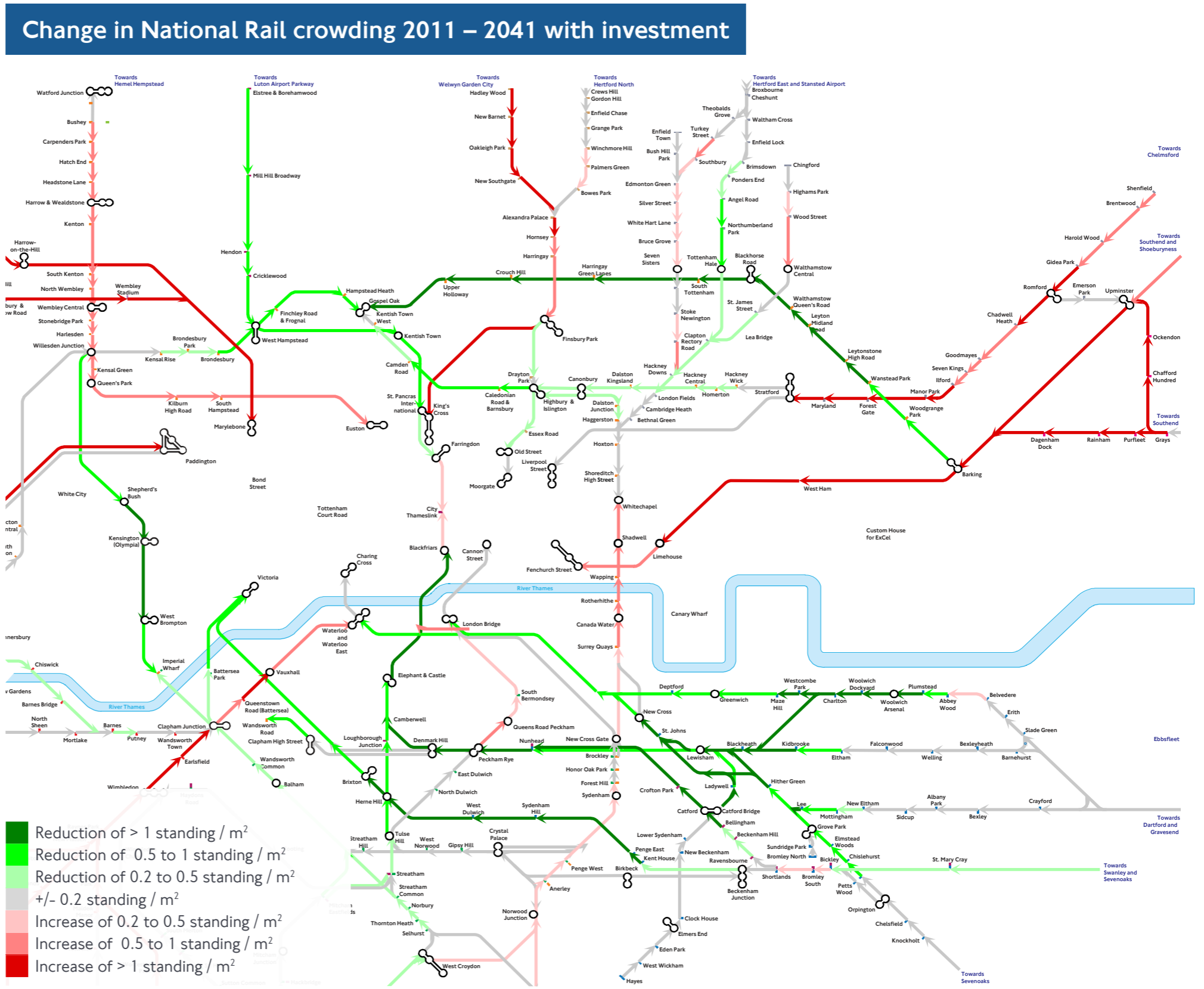
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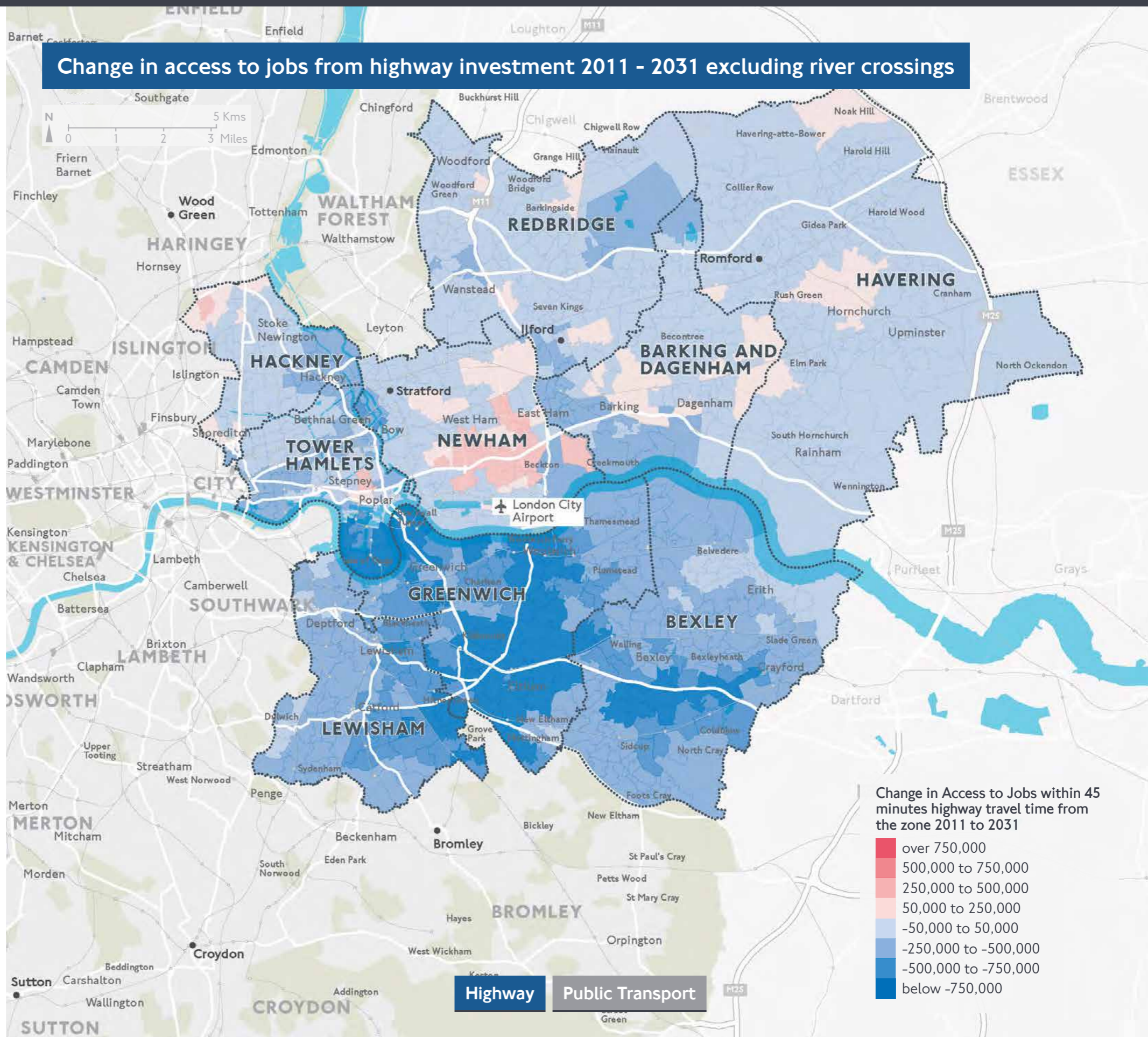
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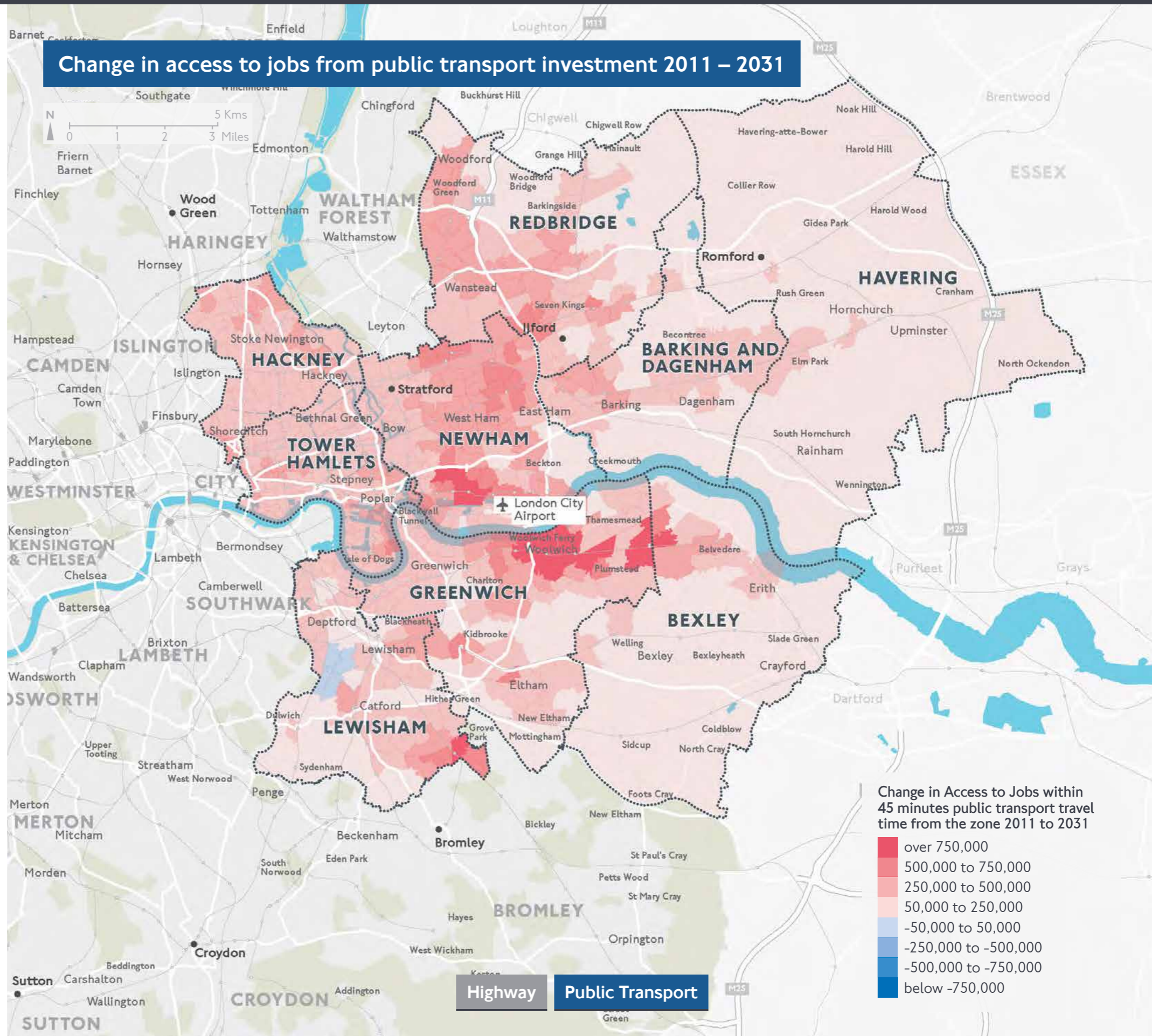




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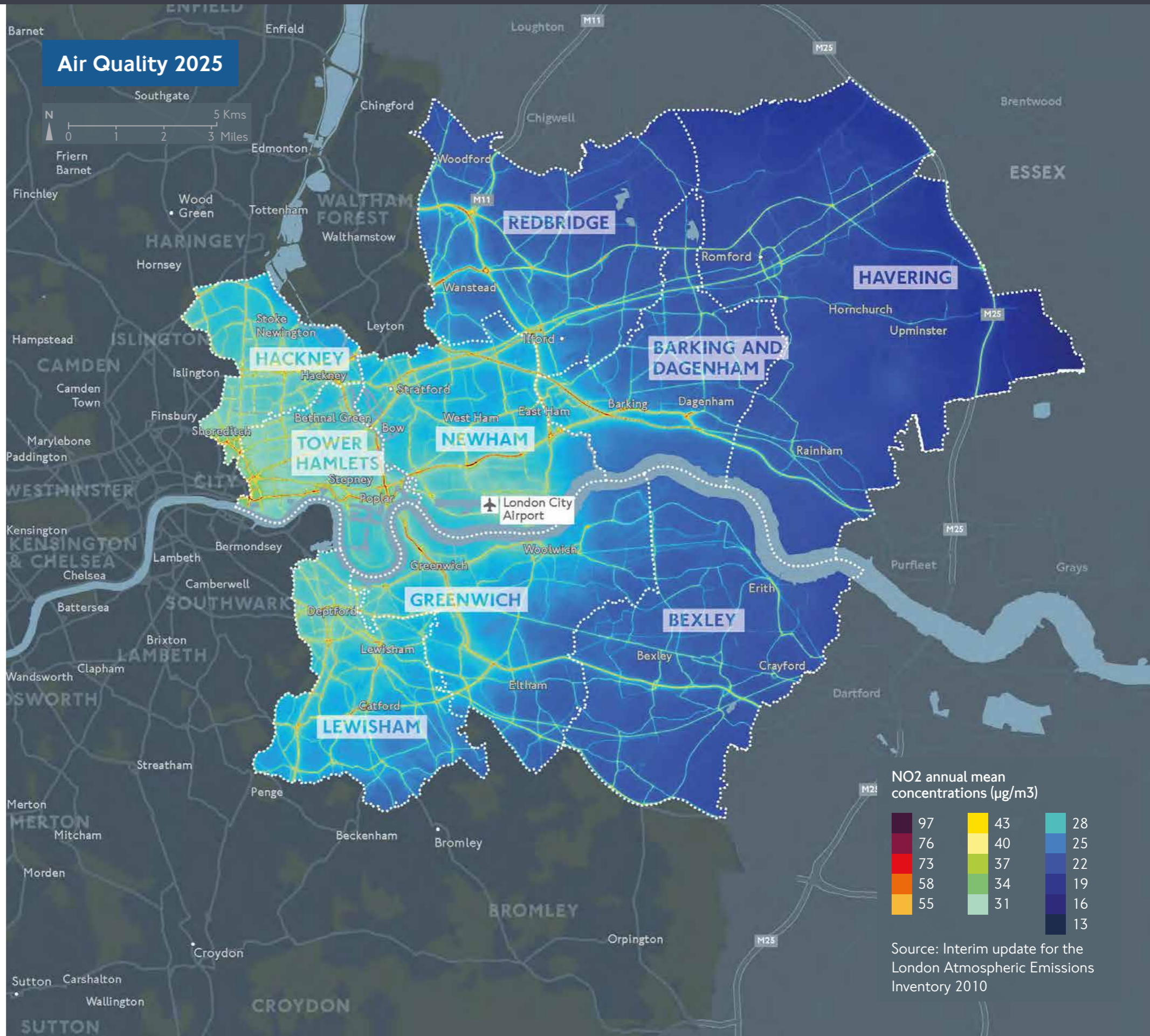
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Air quality is expected to improve with technology, but more will need to be done

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