

# Visitor Insights

## June Report 2023

Shaping a  
world-class  
West End

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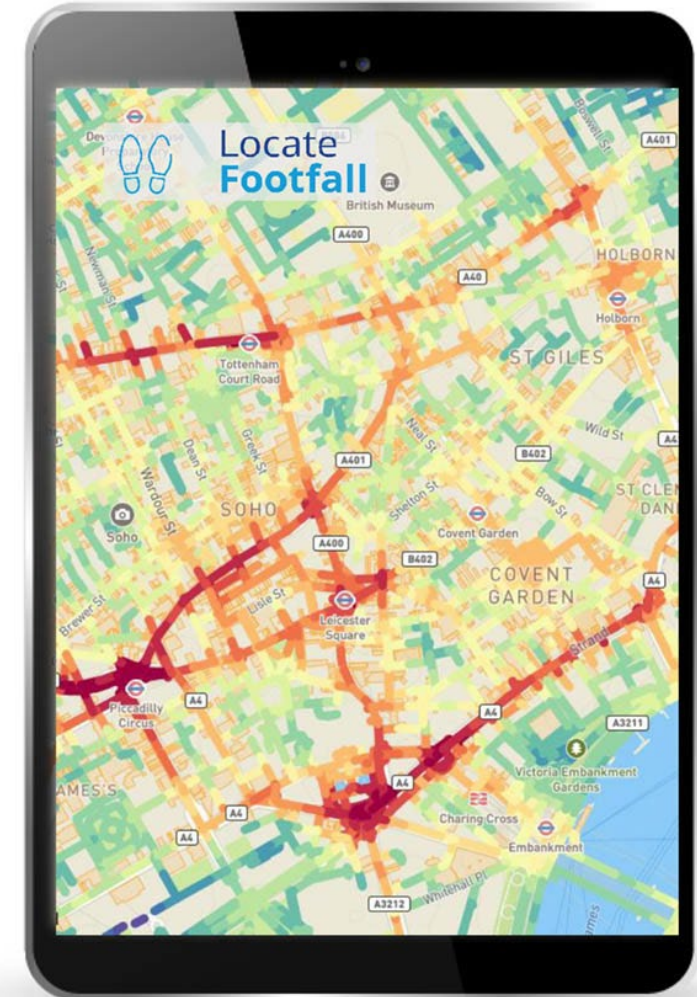


Heart of London Business Alliance (HOLBA) has partnered with Colliers to provide data and insights on visitors to the area.

This monthly report provides key insights from preceding calendar month including information about:

- Visitor footfall & profile
- Visitor behaviour

Colliers' Locate Footfall mobility data platform is central to the delivery of the insights set out in this report. The platform is powered by extensive mobility data covering a growing sample of 9+ million smartphone users nationally.





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# Summary





# Exec Summary

## June 2023



- June saw the HOLBA area experience relatively stable levels of footfall, dropping by only 2%. The dwell time however dropped by 7% which suggests that proportionally more footfall is coming from visitors and tourists. This is likely caused by events such as the half-term holidays, King Charles's birthday parade and West End Live attracting more tourists to the area.
- June was also a strong month for international footfall. Across the HOLBA area, there was an 8% rise vs the previous month. The majority of footfall came from expected international sources, primarily the United States and Northern Europe but we continue to see the recovery of long-haul tourism with India, Canada and Australia also featuring in the top 10 countries of origin.
- Visitor behavior has remained largely consistent with previous months. For most districts, the latter half of the week remains the most popular time to visit. This is true with entertainment-focused districts such as Leicester Square.
- When looking at footfall across the day, it appears that there is a drop in the number of people working in the office as the regular spike around lunchtime appears to be far less pronounced than in previous months.



13.2 m  
(-2%)

Visitors to HOLBA  
area down 2% month  
on month



141 mins  
(-7%)

Visitors typically spend  
over 2 hours in the area.  
Down 11 mins vs YTD  
average.



9.5m  
(-0.2%)

People live within  
the HOLBA area  
Core catchment



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# Visitor Volumes



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## Footfall - districts



Footfall down 2% month on month, and down 16% year on year

Domestic visits down in all districts versus May



District	Month-on-Month			Year-on-year		
	Total	Domestic	International	Total	Domestic	International
HOLBA area	-2%	-4%	8%	-16%	-7%	-43%
Piccadilly District	-2%	-3%	7%	-8%	12%	-61%
Jermyn St District	1%	-3%	37%	-7%	8%	-53%
Leicester Sq District	1%	-5%	26%	-20%	-16%	-31%
Piccadilly Circus District	-4%	-4%	-4%	-15%	1%	-56%
St Martin's Lane District	-2%	-4%	8%	-9%	-10%	-5%
Haymarket District	-5%	-4%	-8%	-7%	13%	-59%
Core West End	-3%	-3%	-2%	-17%	-14%	-27%



# Visitor Volumes

## Footfall – street level



Footfall is down month on month in all street locations apart from St Martin's Lane

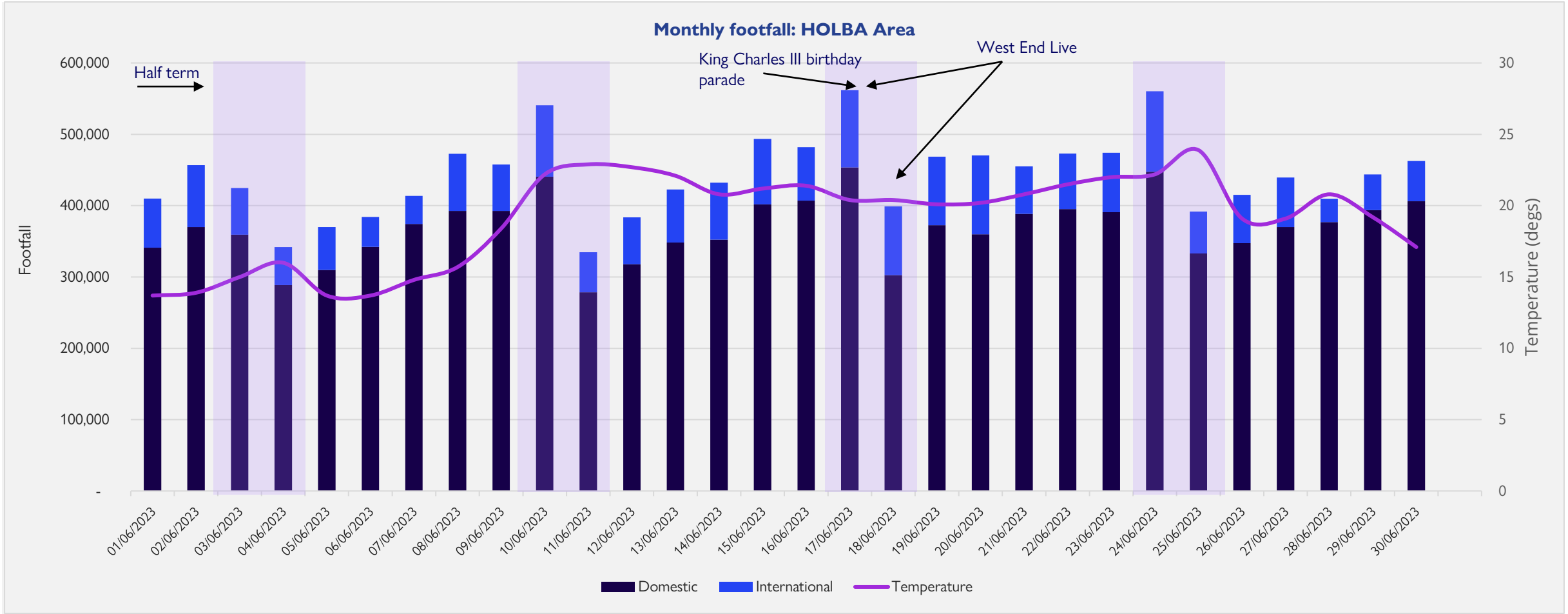
Majority of streets have seen an increase in domestic visits vs. last year



Street	Month-on-Month			Year-on-year		
	Total	Domestic	International	Total	Domestic	International
<b>HOLBA area</b>	-2%	-4%	8%	-16%	-7%	-43%
Piccadilly	-4%	-4%	-8%	4%	35%	-67%
Jermyn St	-4%	-2%	-21%	-3%	21%	-68%
Piccadilly Circus	-4%	-4%	-5%	-4%	21%	-61%
St Martin's Lane	2%	-3%	15%	7%	-8%	67%
Haymarket	-6%	-5%	-14%	-5%	21%	-73%
Haymarket - Regent St / St James	-2%	-2%	3%	11%	37%	-66%
Core West End	-3%	-3%	-2%	-17%	-14%	-27%

# Visitor Volumes

## Strong Saturday footfall

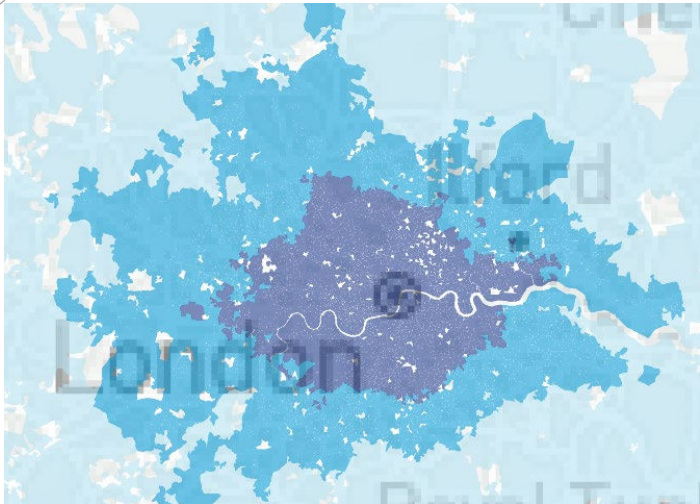
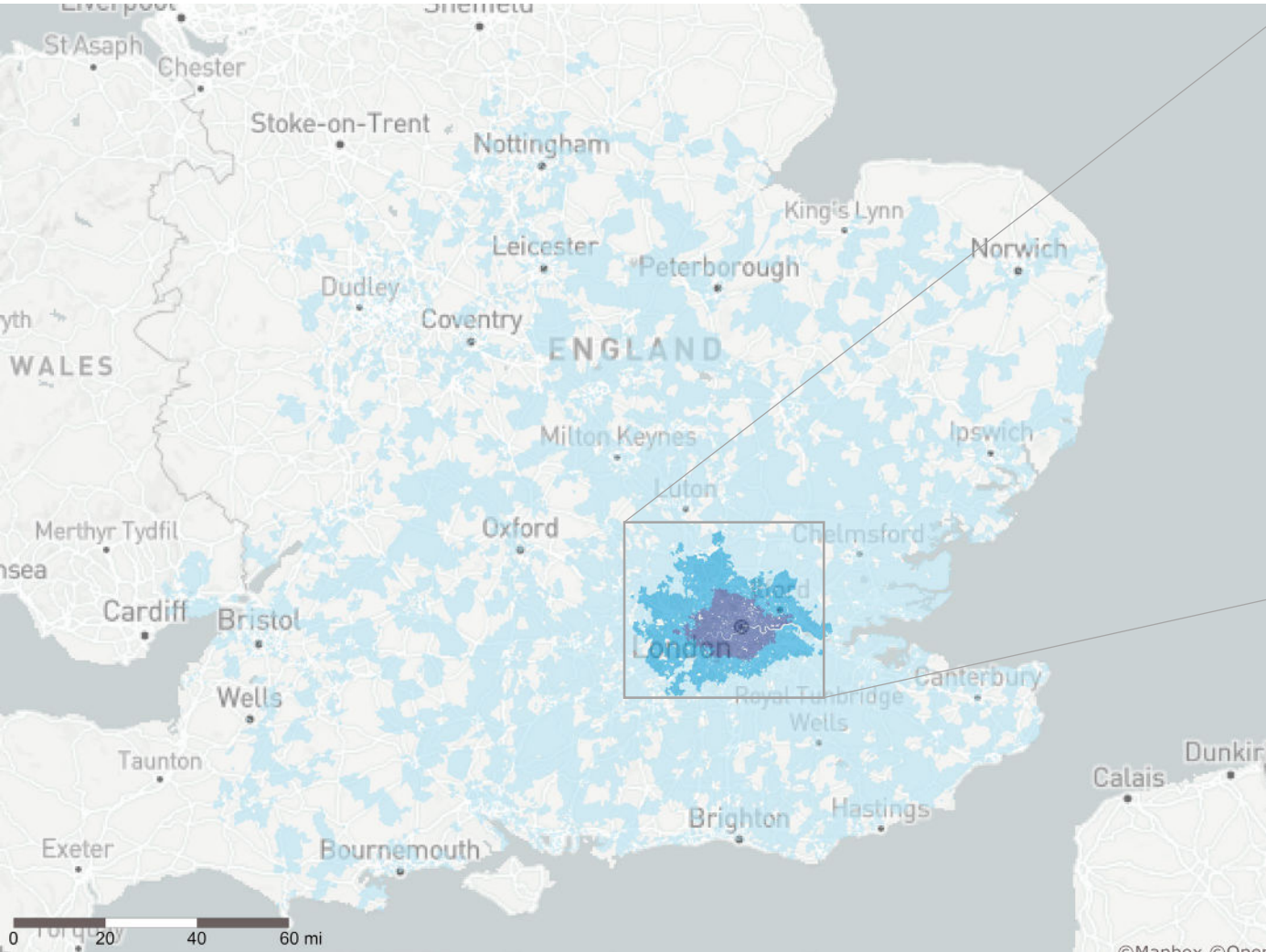






# Visitor Volumes

Tertiary catchment increased 4.3% in size vs. April



Catchment band		Population (Millions)	Change vs. previous month
	-Primary	5.1	0.2%
	-Secondary	4.4	-0.7%
	<b>Core (Primary + Secondary)</b> 75% of regular visitors	<b>9.5</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
	-Tertiary	13.8	4.3%
	<b>Total (Core+ Tertiary)</b> 95% of regular visitors	<b>23.3</b>	<b>2.4%</b>



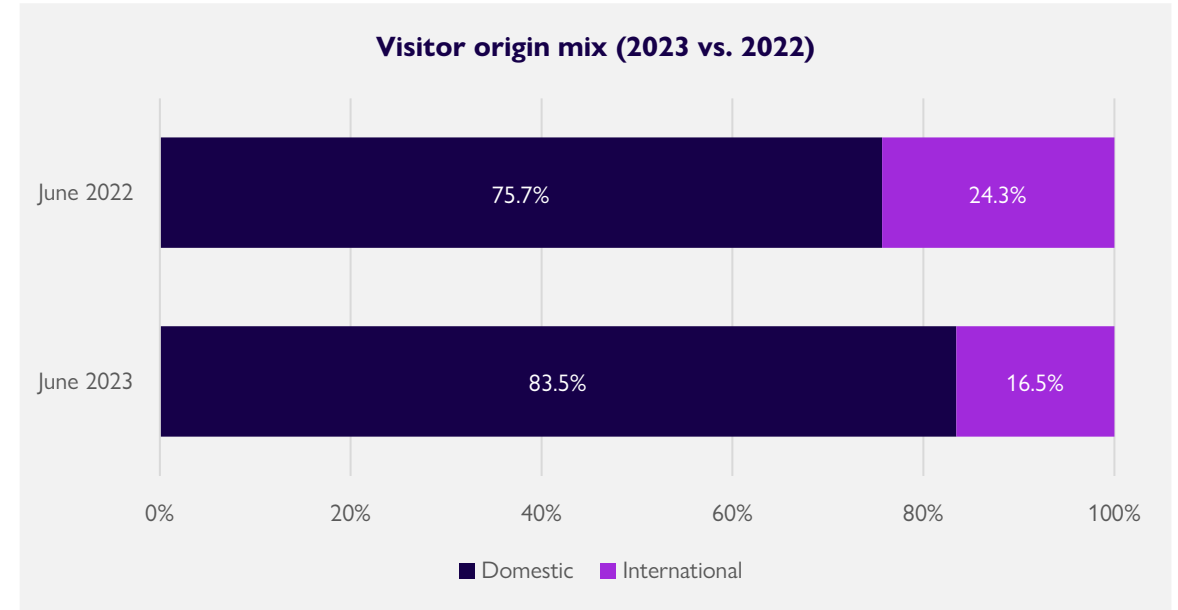
# Visitor Volumes: Visitor mix

International visitor volume up compared to May, whilst mix is consistent



Area	International mix (%)	+/- change in volume	
		Month-on-Month	Year-on-year
<b>HOLBA area</b>	<b>16.5%</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>-43.0%</b>
Piccadilly	9.4%	-7.9%	-67.5%
Jermyn St	8.9%	-20.9%	-68.1%
Piccadilly Circus	12.5%	-5.1%	-60.6%
St Martin's Lane	30.7%	15.1%	67.4%
Haymarket	7.8%	-13.8%	-72.7%
Haymarket - Regent St / St James	7.7%	2.8%	-66.1%
Core West End	16.6%	-2.4%	-26.5%

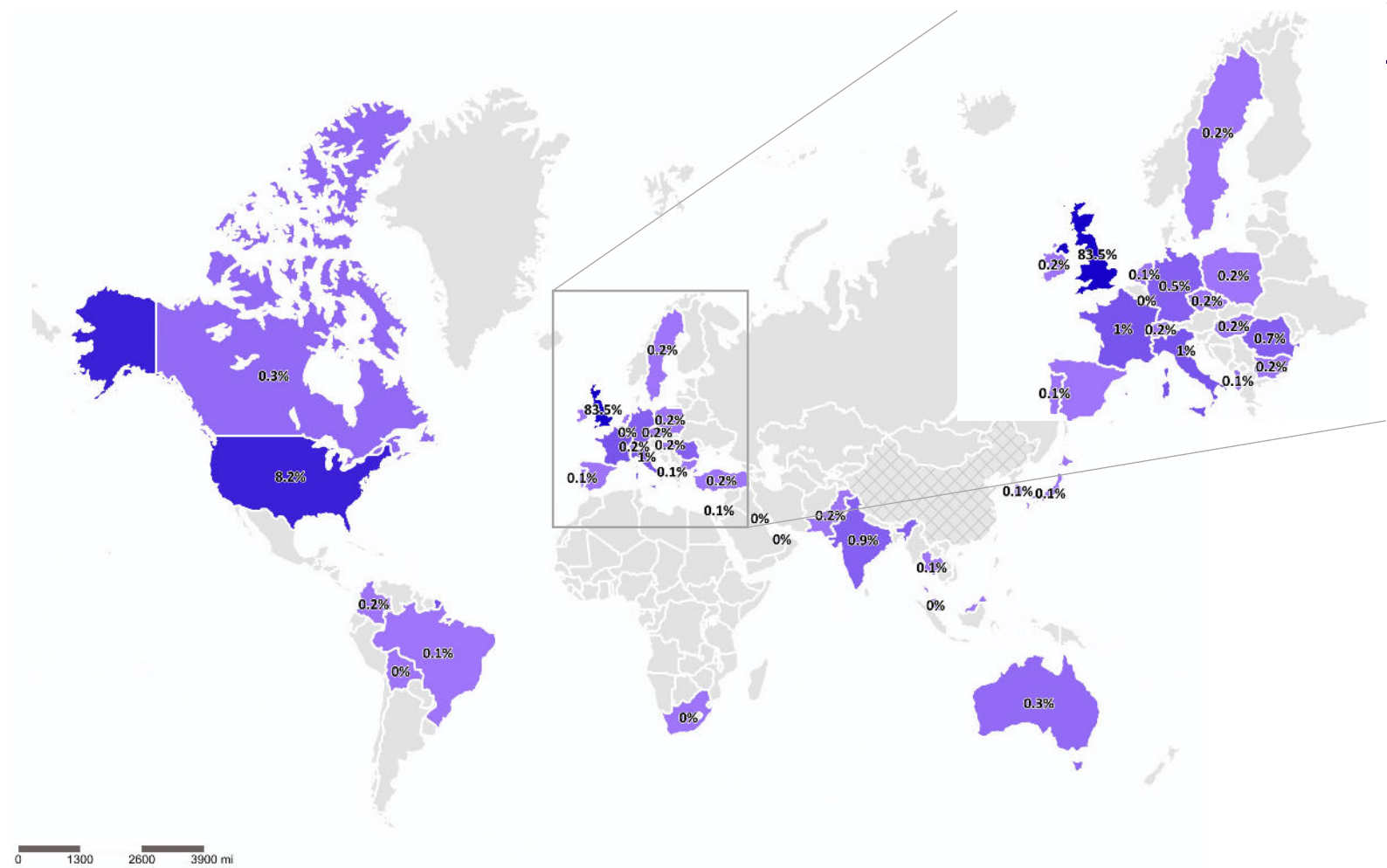
- International visits to HOLBA are up 7.7% on May
- St Martin's Lane has seen the greatest growth month on month



- International visits accounted for 16.5% of visits in June, vs. 24.3% last June

# Visitor Volumes: Visitor origin

## 16.5% of visitors to HOLBA from outside the UK



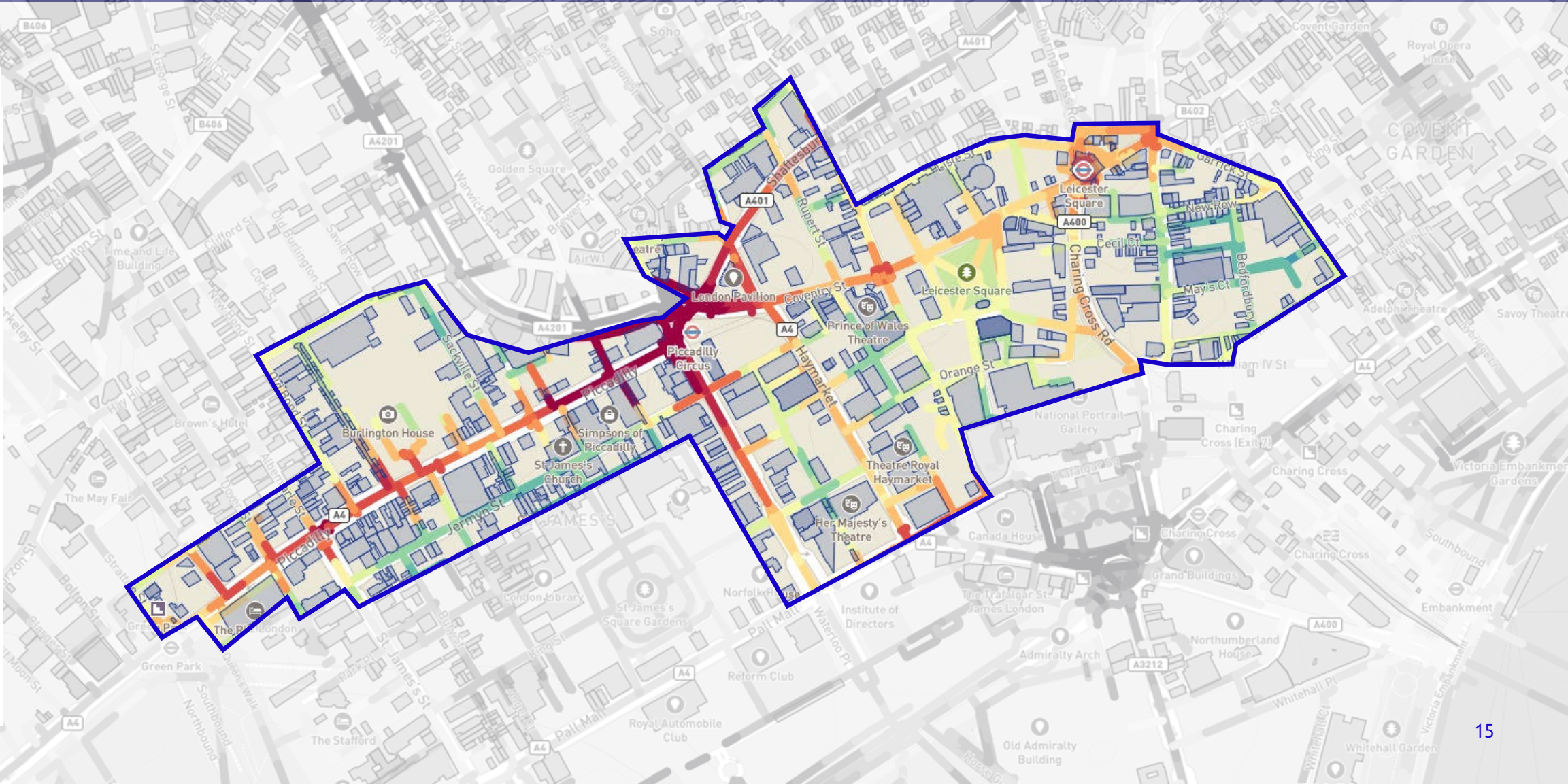
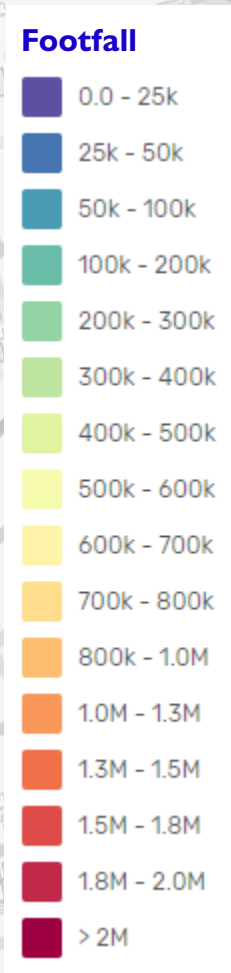
Rank	Country	%	+/- change	
1	United Kingdom	83.5%	↓	-1.5%
2	United States	8.2%	↑	2.3%
3	Italy	1.0%	↓	-0.6%
4	France	1.0%	→	0.3%
5	India	0.9%	→	0.3%
6	Romania	0.7%	→	0.3%
7	Germany	0.5%	→	0.0%
8	Canada	0.3%	→	-0.1%
9	Australia	0.3%	→	-0.1%
10	Switzerland	0.2%	→	-0.1%
Europe (excl. UK)		5.1%		-0.8%
Rest of the world		11.4%		2.2%
Non UK		16.5%		1.5%

Note: Data unavailable for visitors from China



# Visitor Volumes

## Segment footfall





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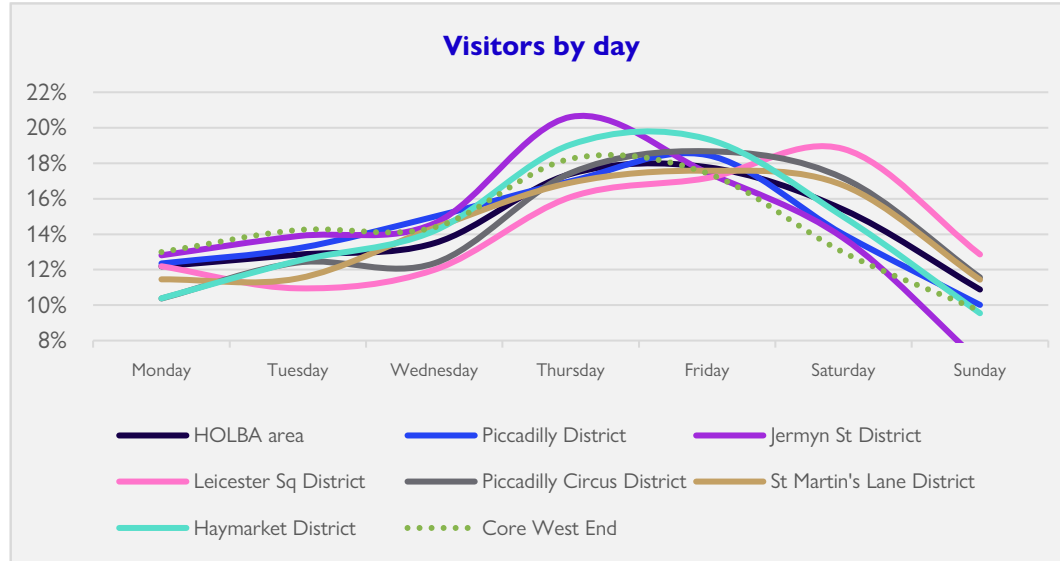
# Visitor Behaviour



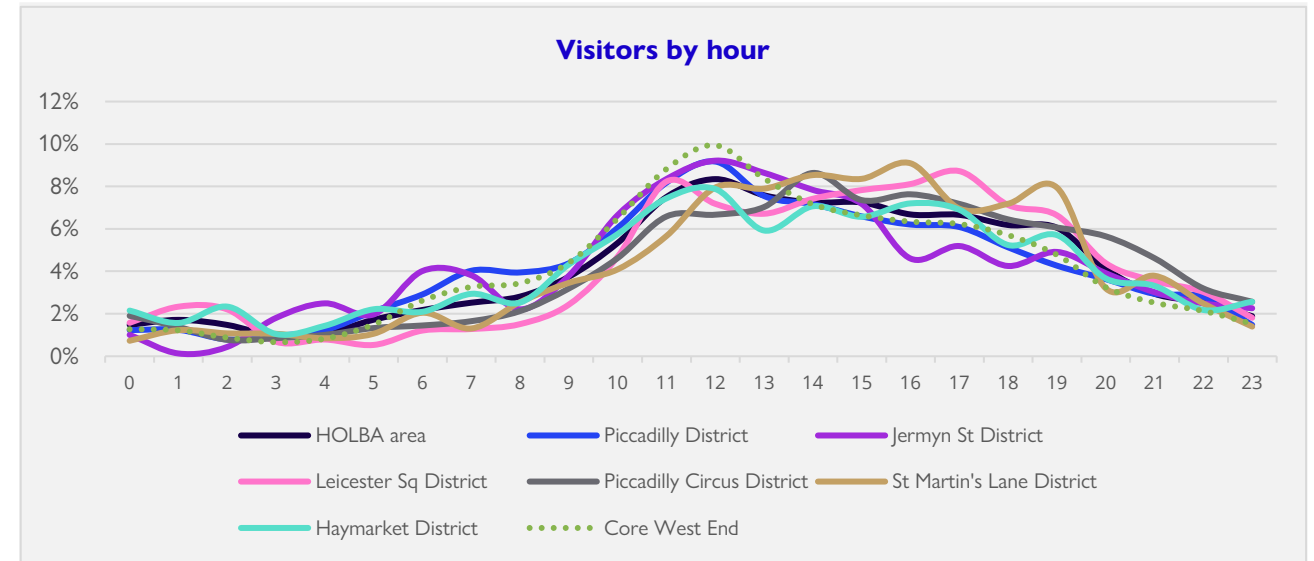


# Visitor Behaviour: Visits by day and hour

## Friday visits most popular



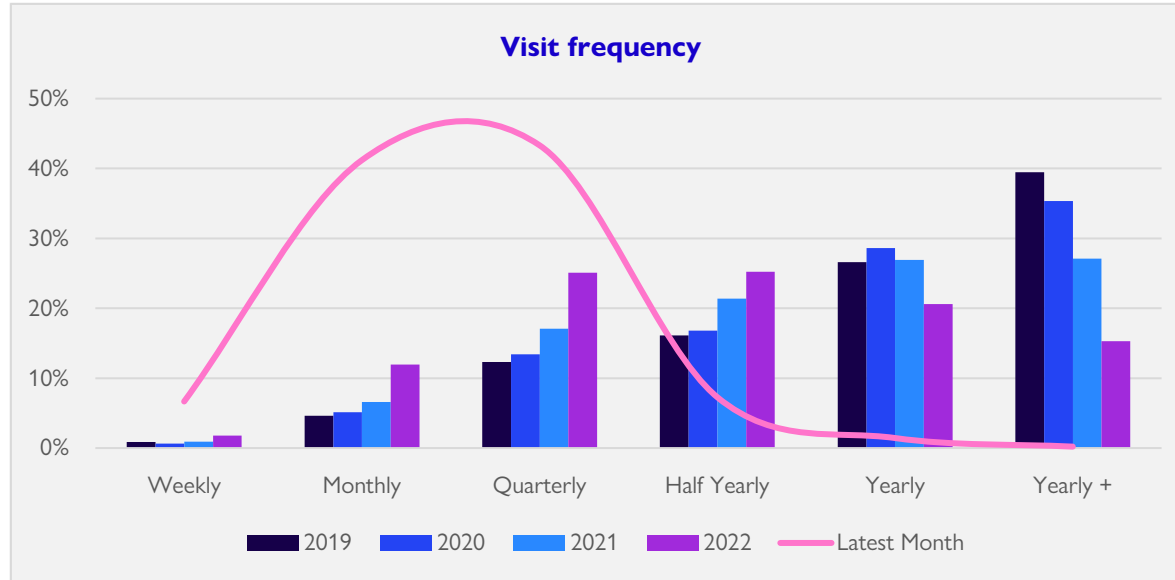
- Fridays typically saw the highest proportion of visitors (17.8%), whilst Sundays saw the lowest (10.9%)



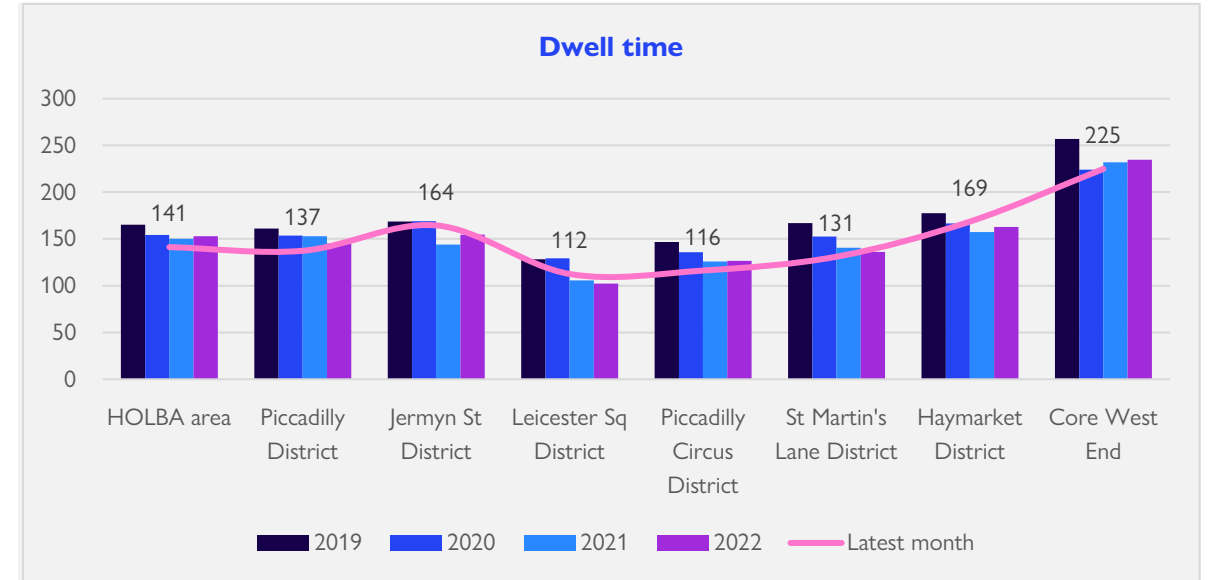
- Visitor volumes typically peak during lunchtime and into the afternoon
- However, Leicester Square and St Martins' Lane peaks during the evening, and Jermyn St has a more noticeable midday/lunchtime peak. Visitors by hour patterns consistent month to month

# Visitor Behaviour: Frequency

Visitors coming more frequently but staying for less time



- Increase in proportion of visitors visiting weekly, monthly and quarterly
- Conversely decrease in proportion of visitors visiting yearly and beyond

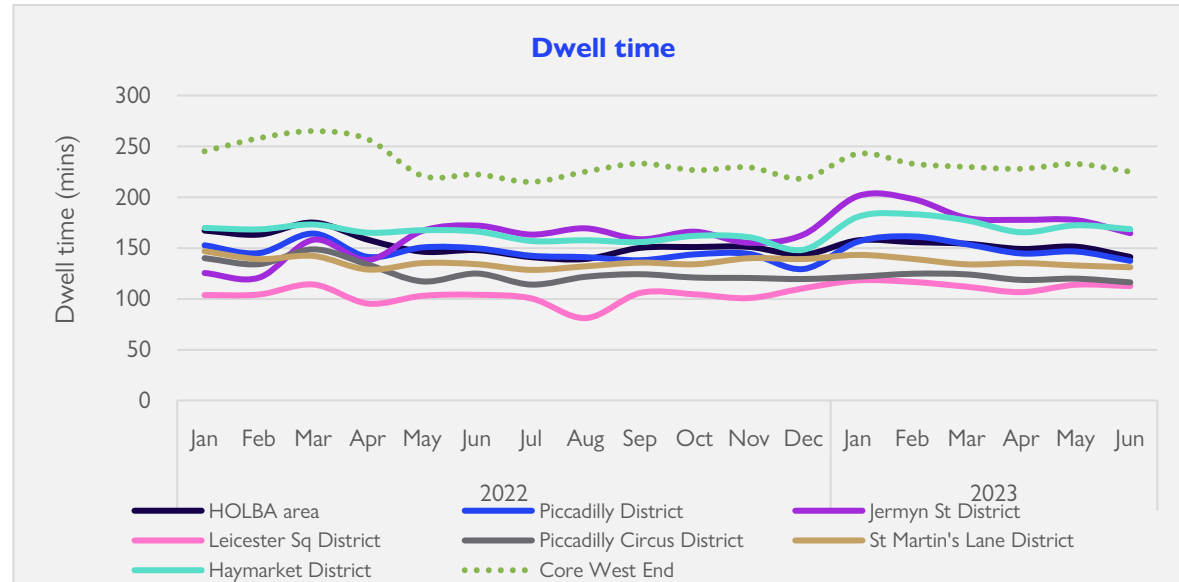


- Dwell time reduced in June vs. 2023 YTD, 141 minutes vs. 152 minutes
- Haymarket District has the longest dwell time at 169 minutes

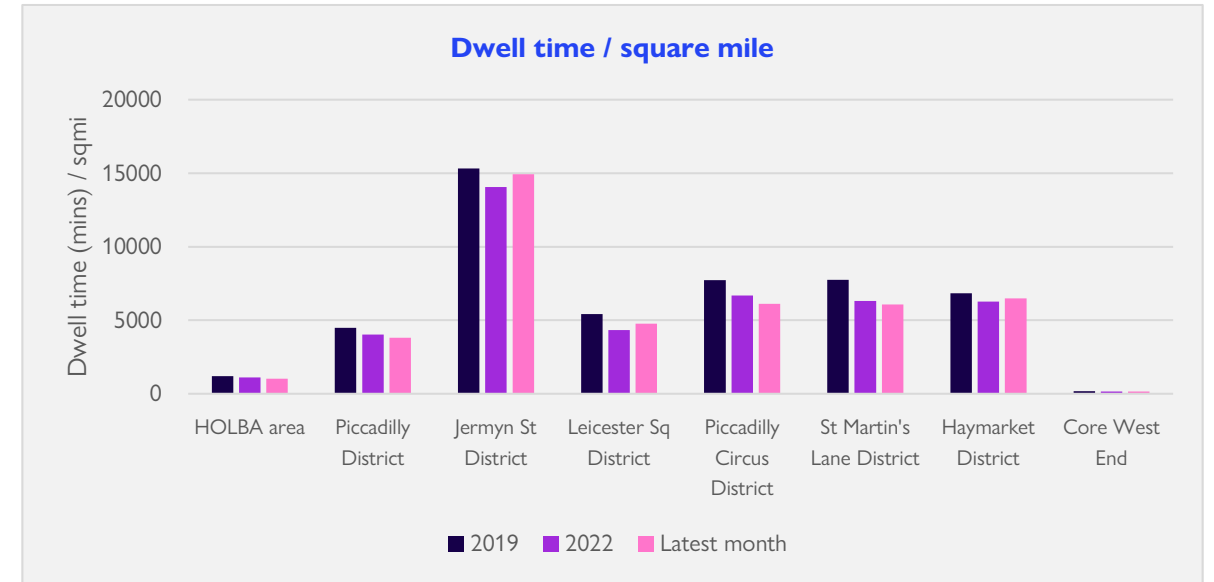


# Visitor Behaviour: Dwell time

## Little change in dwell times in June vs. May



- Dwell times in June 2023 were consistent with May in all districts



- Jermyn St has high dwell times given its comparatively small geographic area

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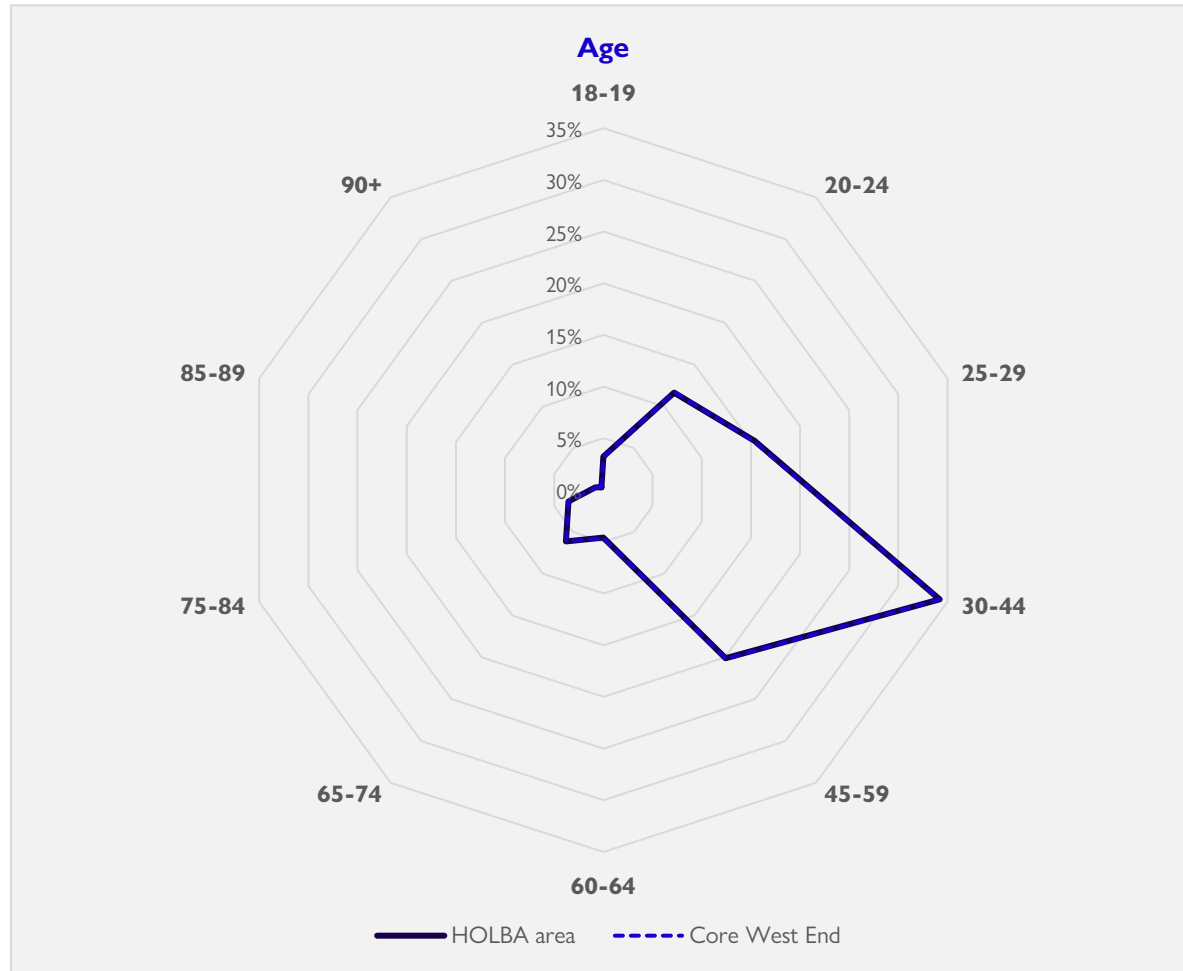
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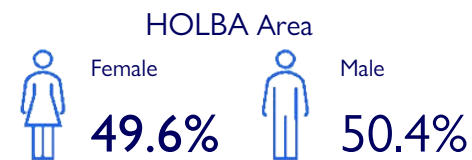


# Visitor Profile: Age & Gender

54.3% of visitors are aged between 30-59 years old

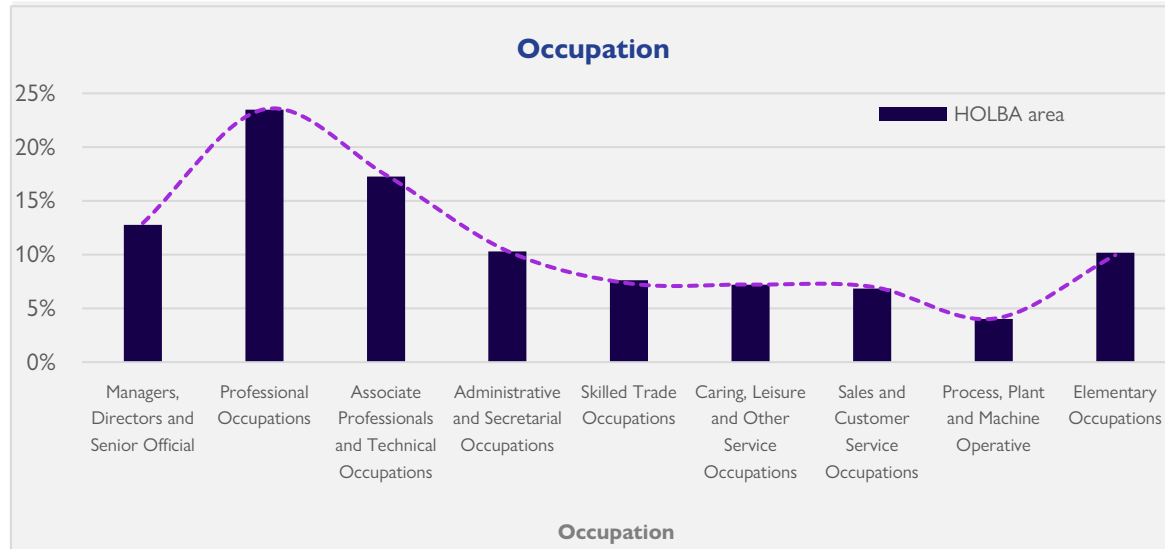


- Visitor profile skewed towards those aged 30-59 years old
  - 54.3% of visitors aged 30-59, versus 53.9% in April
- Average age relatively consistent across the different areas within Heart of London area
- Males & Females are evenly split, and in-line with the make-up of the Core West End

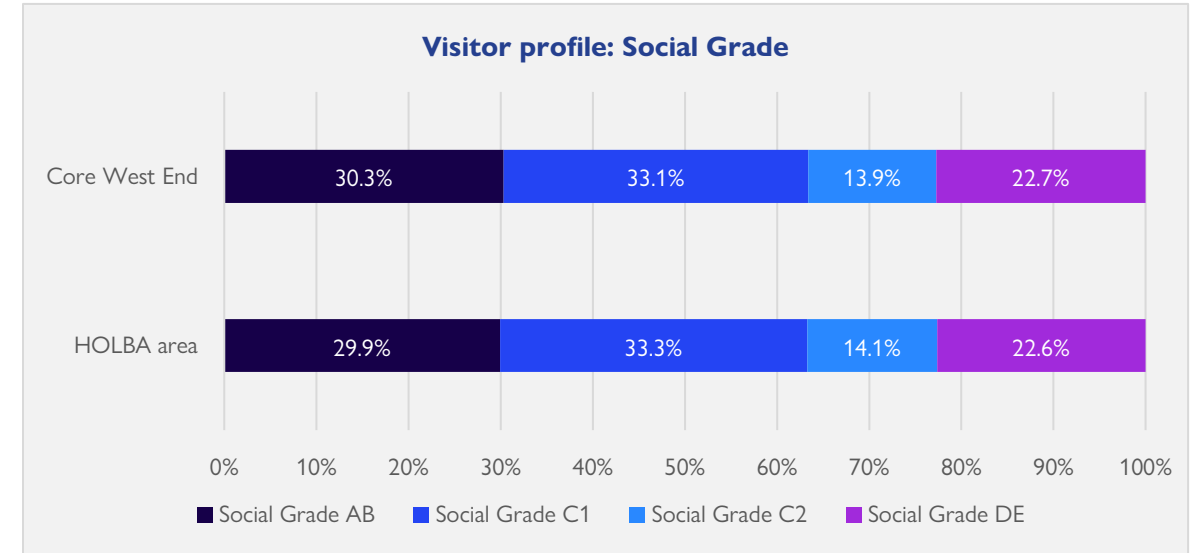


# Visitor Profile: Occupation & Social Grade

## Catchment biased towards white collar workers



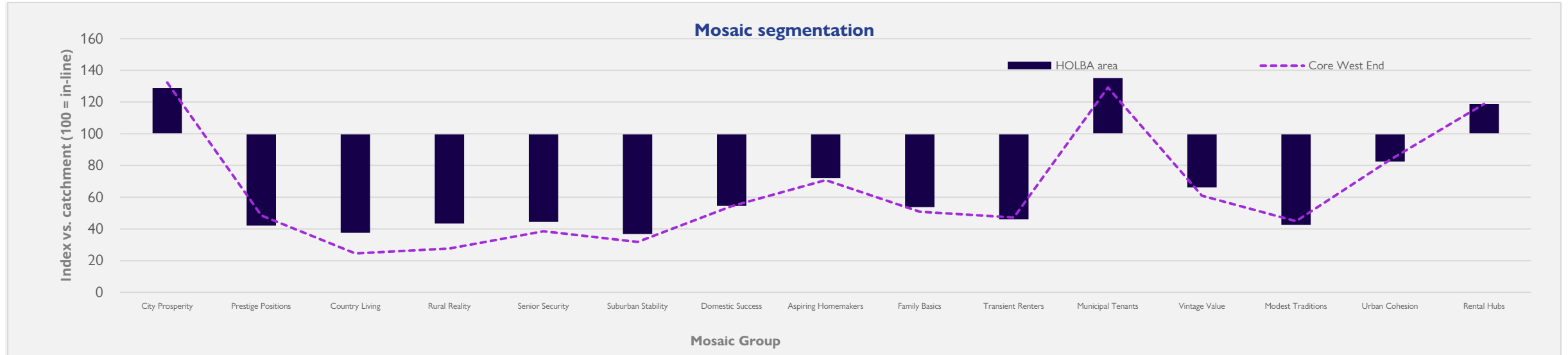
- Visitor catchment profile biased towards 'white collar' occupations, consistent with last month
- In line with wider Core West End profile



- 29.9% HOLBA Area visitor catchment profile in Social Grade AB, vs 30.3% for Core West End
- Little change versus previous month

# Visitor Profile: Occupation & Social Grade

## 'Municipal Tenants' is the most dominant Mosaic group



- Visitor profile biased towards 2 Mosaic groups; 'City Prosperity' and 'Municipal Tenants'
- City Prosperity are high income residents who have expensive homes in desirable metropolitan locations
- Municipal Tenants are residents who rent inexpensive city homes in central locations
- Profile very similar to Core West End visitors





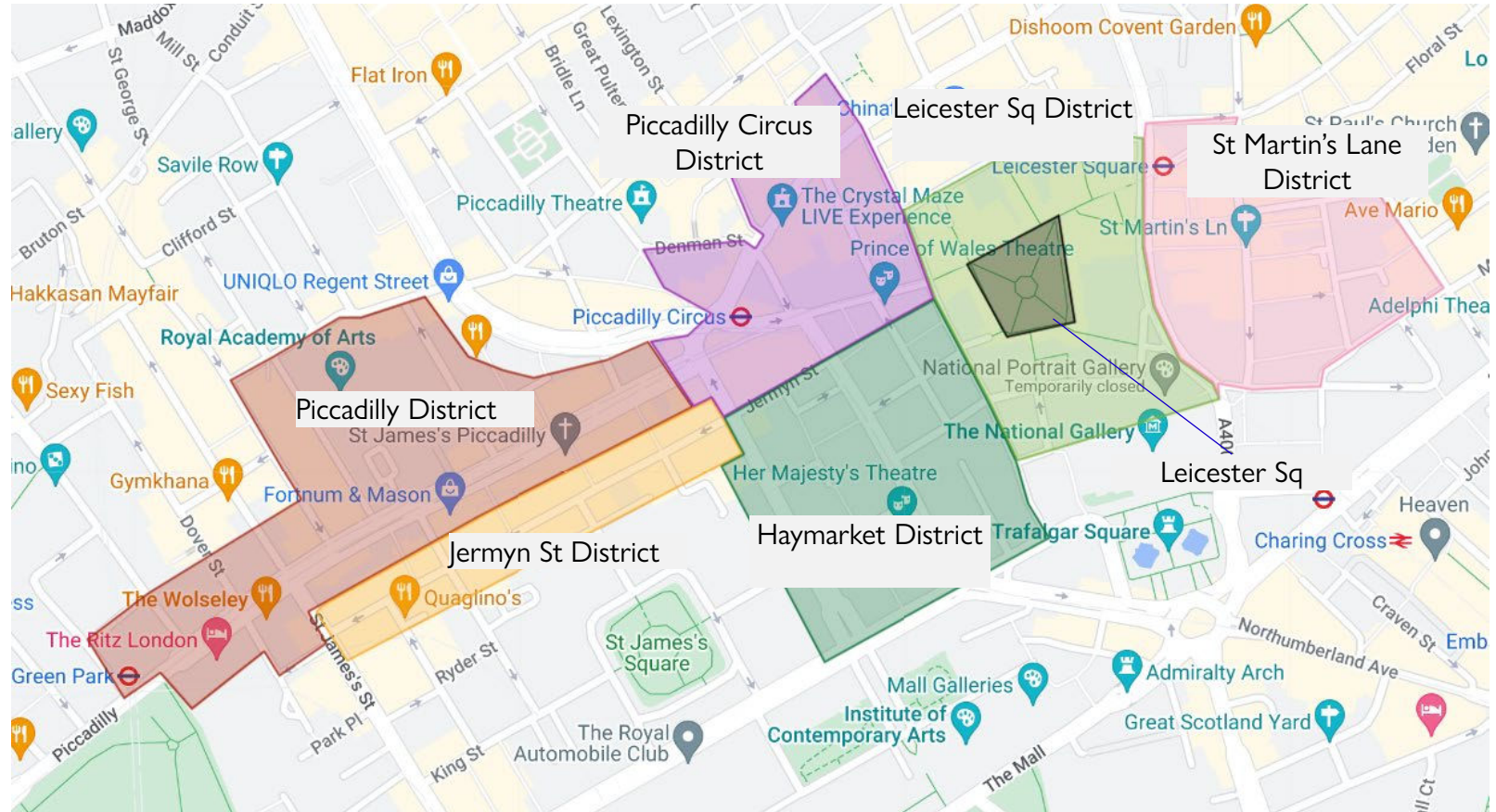


# Appendix

## Location definition



- 7 key areas within HOLBA used for analysis:
  - Piccadilly District
  - Jermyn St District
  - Piccadilly Circus District
  - Haymarket District
  - Leicester Sq District
  - Leicester Sq
  - St Martin's Lane District
- In addition Core West End area has been defined as a benchmark location



# Appendix

## Mosaic Groups



TYPE	NAME	DESCRIPTION
A	City Prosperity	High status city dwellers living in central locations and pursuing careers with high rewards.
B	Prestige Positions	Established families in large detached homes living upmarket lifestyles.
C	Country Living	Well-off owners in rural locations enjoying the benefits of country life.
D	Rural Reality	Householders living in less expensive homes in village communities.
E	Senior Security	Elderly people with assets who are enjoying a comfortable retirement.
F	Suburban Stability	Mature suburban owners living settled lives in midrange housing.
G	Domestic Success	Thriving families who are busy bringing up children and following careers.
H	Aspiring Homemakers	Younger households settling down in housing priced within their means.
I	Family Basics	Families with limited resources who budget to make ends meet.
J	Transient Renters	Single people renting low cost homes for the short term.
K	Municipal Tenants	Urban residents renting high density housing from social landlords.
L	Vintage Value	Elderly people with limited pension income, mostly living alone.
M	Modest Traditions	Mature homeowners of value homes enjoying stable lifestyles.
N	Urban Cohesion	Residents of settled urban communities with a strong sense of identity.
O	Rental Hubs	Educated young people privately renting in urban neighbourhoods.





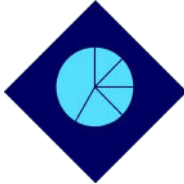


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## Mosaic definition

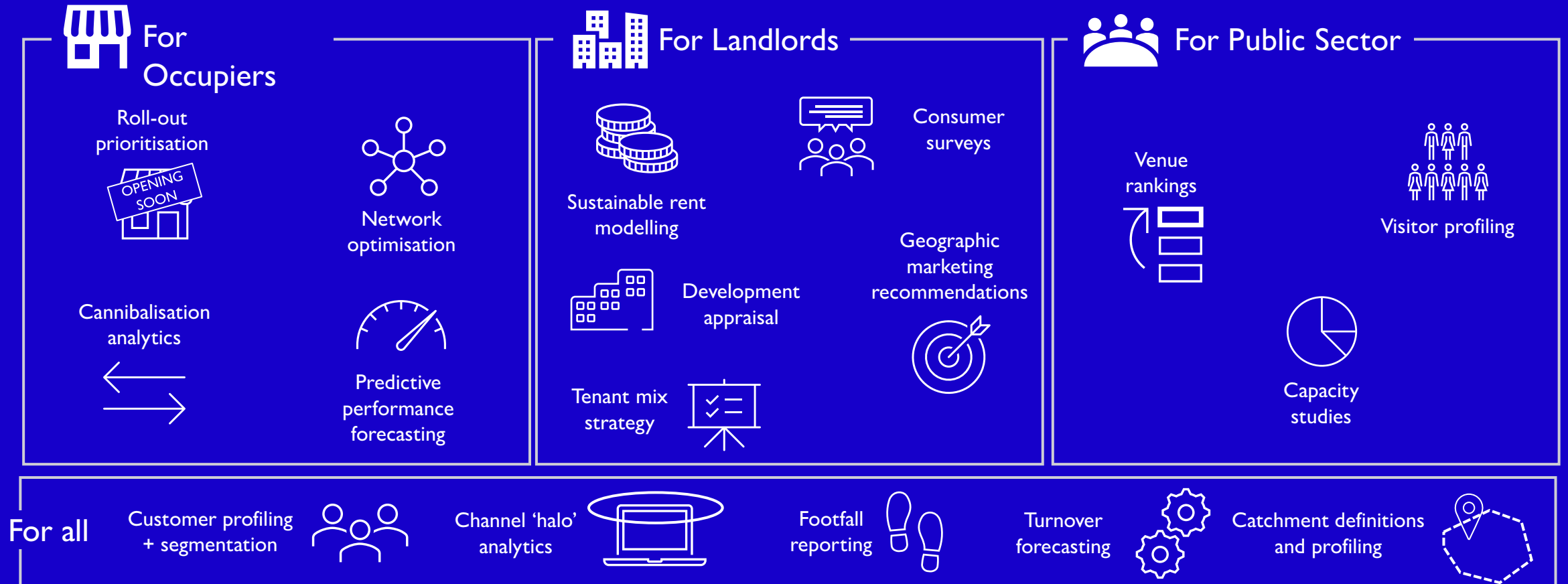


- Experian's Mosaic customer segmentation divides a consumer base into groups of individuals that are similar in specific ways, such as:
  - Age
  - Interests
  - Life Stage
  - Spending habits

UK Population	Mosaic	A02 Uptown Elite
		
51m individuals	15 groups	Uptown Elite are affluent, older families who live in desirable neighbourhoods within inner suburbs
		
25m households	66 types	

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