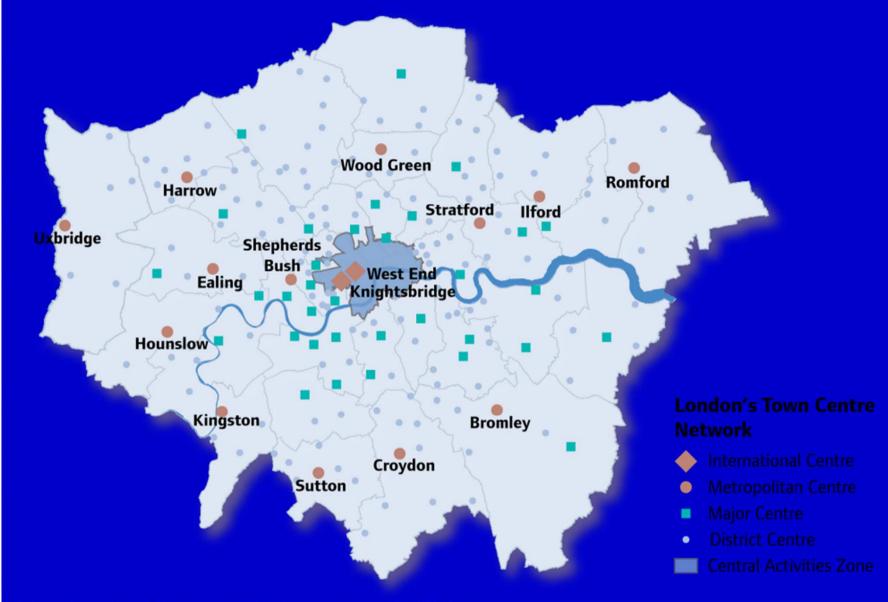


## London town centres and the 15-minute city

29th October 2020

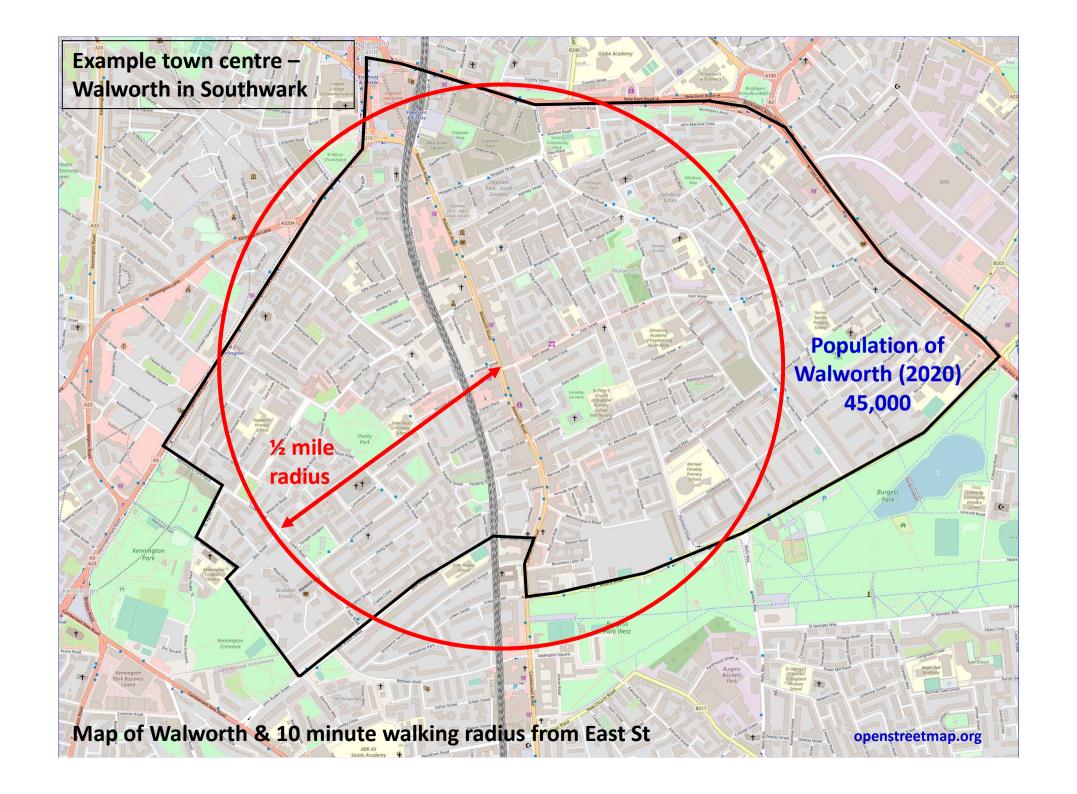


#### The London Plan identifies more than 200 town centres.



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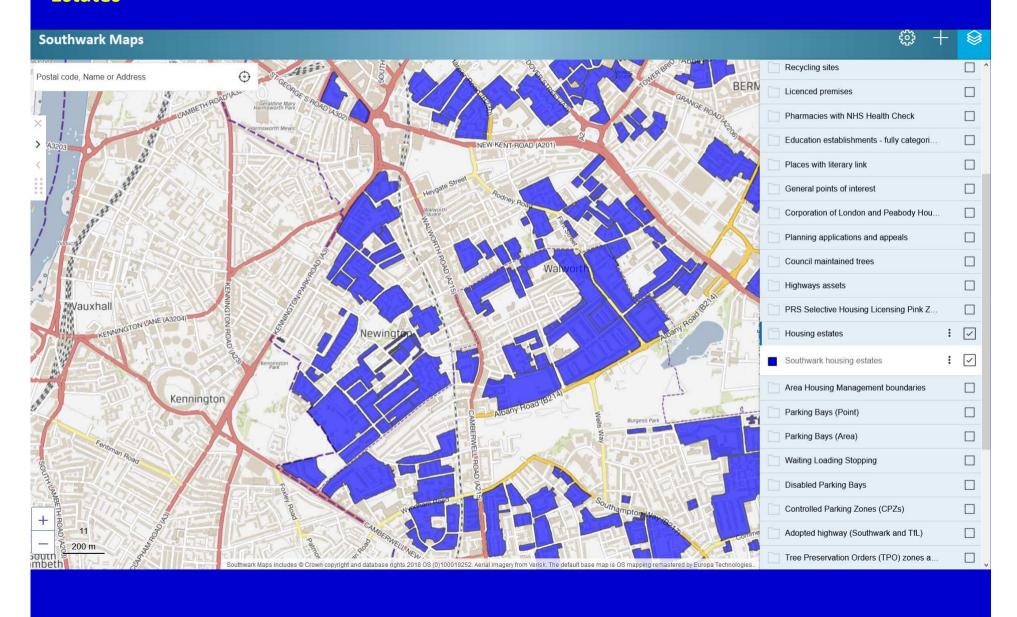


#### High Density – 45,000 people live in the 3 Walworth Wards – (GLA 2020)



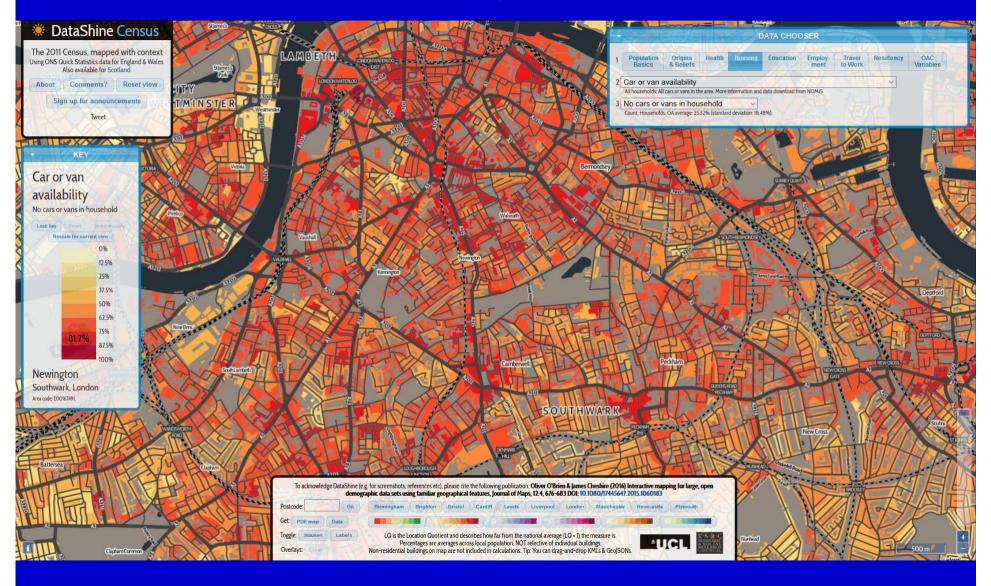
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# Diverse and mixed communities with high numbers of residents living on Southwark Council Estates



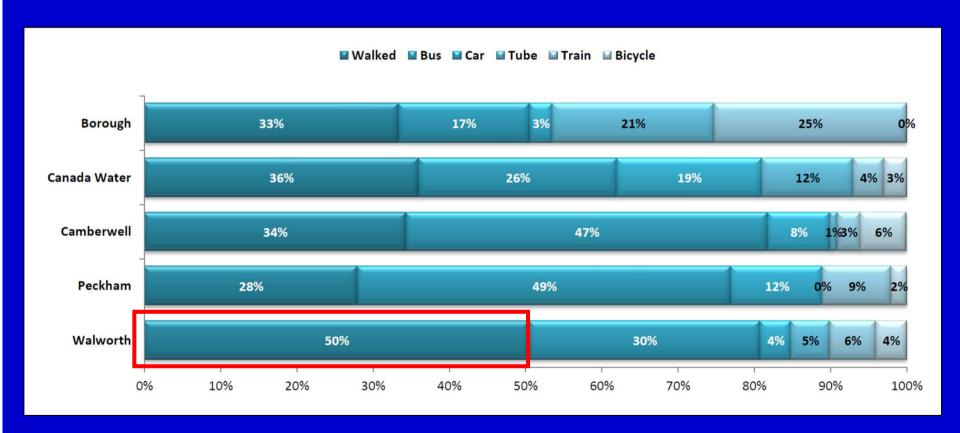
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Low levels of car ownership – on average (2011 Census) 68% of Walworth households do not own a car (Southwark – 58%; London – 42%; England – 26%).



Walworth stands out as Southwark's most walkable town centre with (pre-COVID-19) 50% of all shoppers arriving on foot – significantly more than any other town centre.

<u>Means of Travel to reach Southwark's Town Centres (ROI Team – Understanding Perceptions of Southwark Town Centres – February 2014)</u>



### Many amenities within 15- minute walk on the Walworth Road









### Many amenities within 15- minute walk on the Walworth Road (cont'd)









The area is now starting to be redesigned to enable and encourage high levels of walking and cycling with Walworth Healthy Streets.



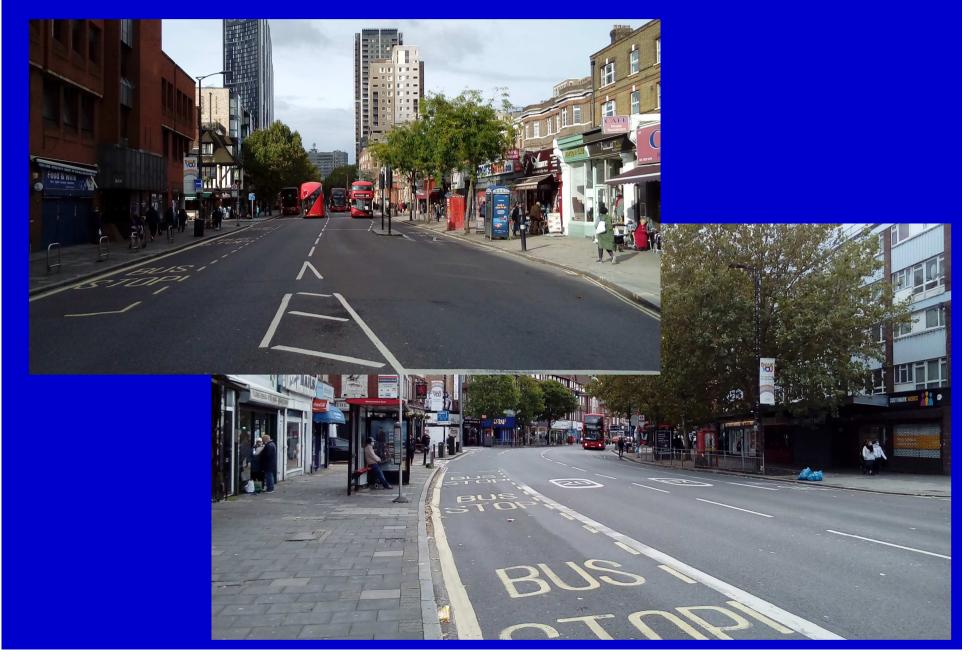




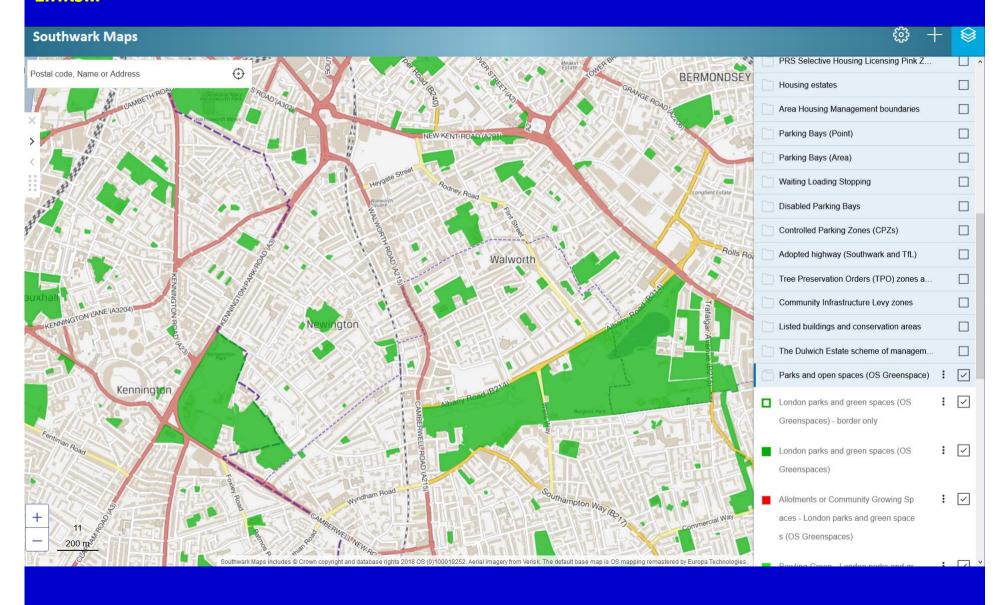
The central part of the Walworth Road was altered in 2009 to reduce danger and intimidation with wider pavements, a narrower road, more greenery and frequent safe crossings...



...BUT there remains a need to reduce the negative parts of the Walworth Road – very wide (and faster sections) ) north of the Browning St and around the Gateway Estate...



# Many green spaces – East Walworth known for its pocket parks and the East Walworth Green Links...



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As in the Pullens, lots of streetspace could be re-imagined as green spaces with reduced levels of parking...

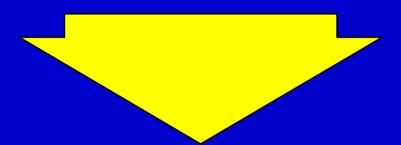


...but many parts are lacking in greenery. Work to transform hard urban landscapes could be aided by the rethinking of the role of some streets with opportunities to make them more of a place through planting and giving more space over to people on foot and cycling.



Walworth has all the ingredients of a low carbon 15-minute city...

- Huge number of local amenities.
- Very good access to public transport.
- Easily walkable/cyclable high street and town centre.
- Opportunities to rethink streets to be more sustainable.
- Opportunities to link up the large number of green spaces and create others.



Potential model inner city area for zero-carbon living with huge improvements in wellbeing, happiness, activity and sustainable living.