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# City of London Charter, 1067





# London, early 1980s

- Spitalfields



Source: Don McCullin, Photographers Gallery



# Canary Wharf 1987 and 2000



Source: IanVisits



Source: History of Canary Wharf

# Canary Wharf 2023







# Wembley



# Harrow-on-the-Hill





# London, 2022

- The City, Southwark and South Bank from Canary Wharf



Source: Jason Hawkes/Londonist



# Covid and central London

- Oxford Street, June 2020



Source: *The Guardian* (Guy Bell/Rex/Shutterstock)



# 1965: 'Greater London' and the boroughs



Source: London Online





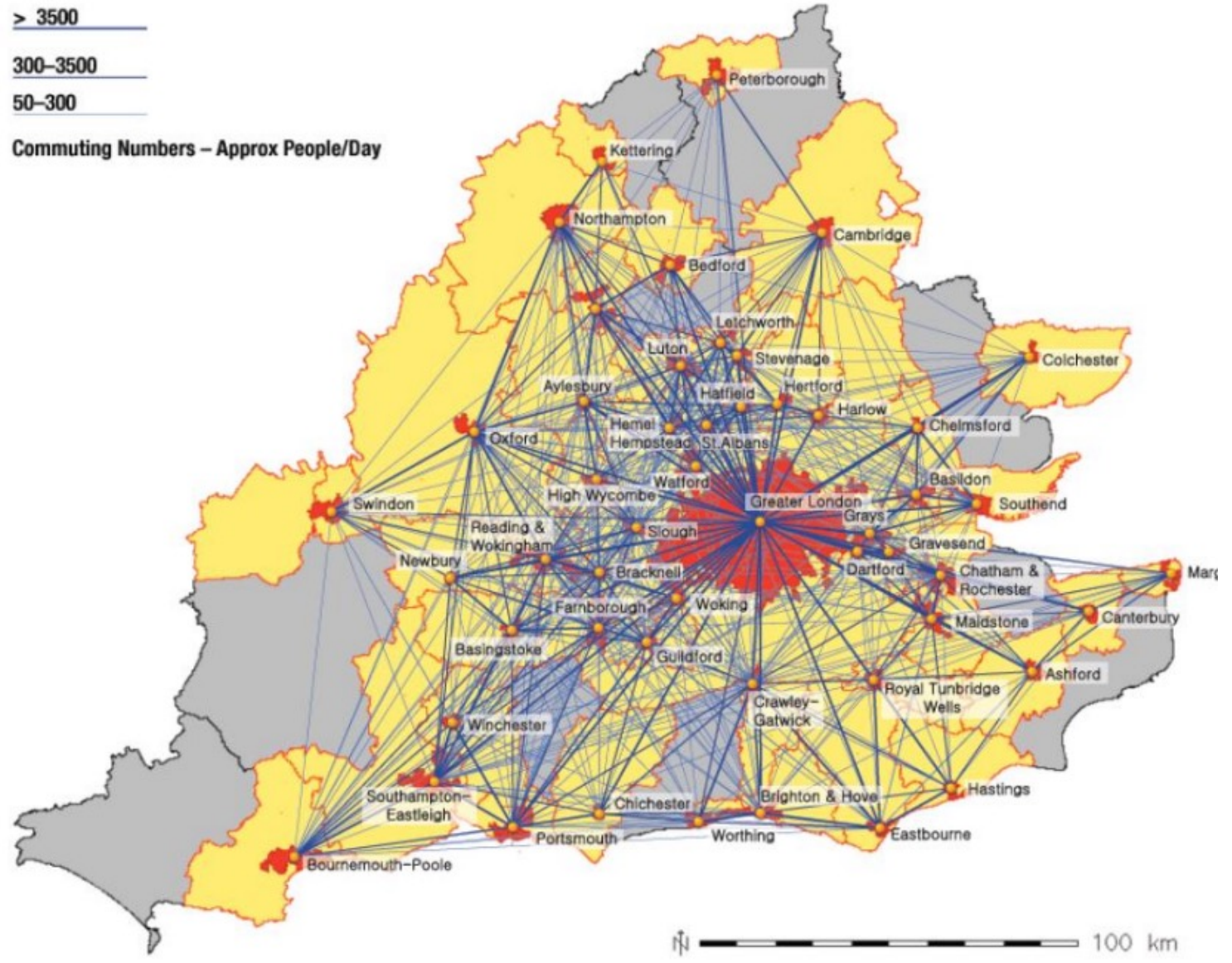
# London and its wider region





> 3500  
 300-3500  
 50-300

Commuting Numbers – Approx People/Day



Source: Polynet (Hall & Pain, 2006)



# London and the wider South East

- population, 1961 to 2020

Population, 1961 to 2020: London, Wider South East									
	1961	1971	1981	1991	2001	2011	2020*	Population increase, 1961 vs 2020	% increase 1961 vs 2020
United Kingdom	52807	55928	56352	57649	59113	63182	67081	14274	27.0
- of which									
Wider South East	17560	18813	18905	19649	20746	22720	24489	6929	39.5
- of which									
London	7997	7529	6805	6803	7322	8204	9002	1005	12.6
WSE minus London	9563	11284	12100	12846	13424	14515	15487	5924	61.9
Population as % of UK									
Wider South East	33.3	33.6	33.5	34.1	35.1	36.0	36.5		+3.2
London	15.2	13.5	12.1	11.8	12.4	13.0	13.4		-1.8
WSE minus London	18.1	20.2	21.5	22.3	22.7	23.0	23.1		+5.0

**NB:**  
Population of WSE outside London increased by c6m between 1961 and 2020



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