

Census 2011

Demographic change in Merton

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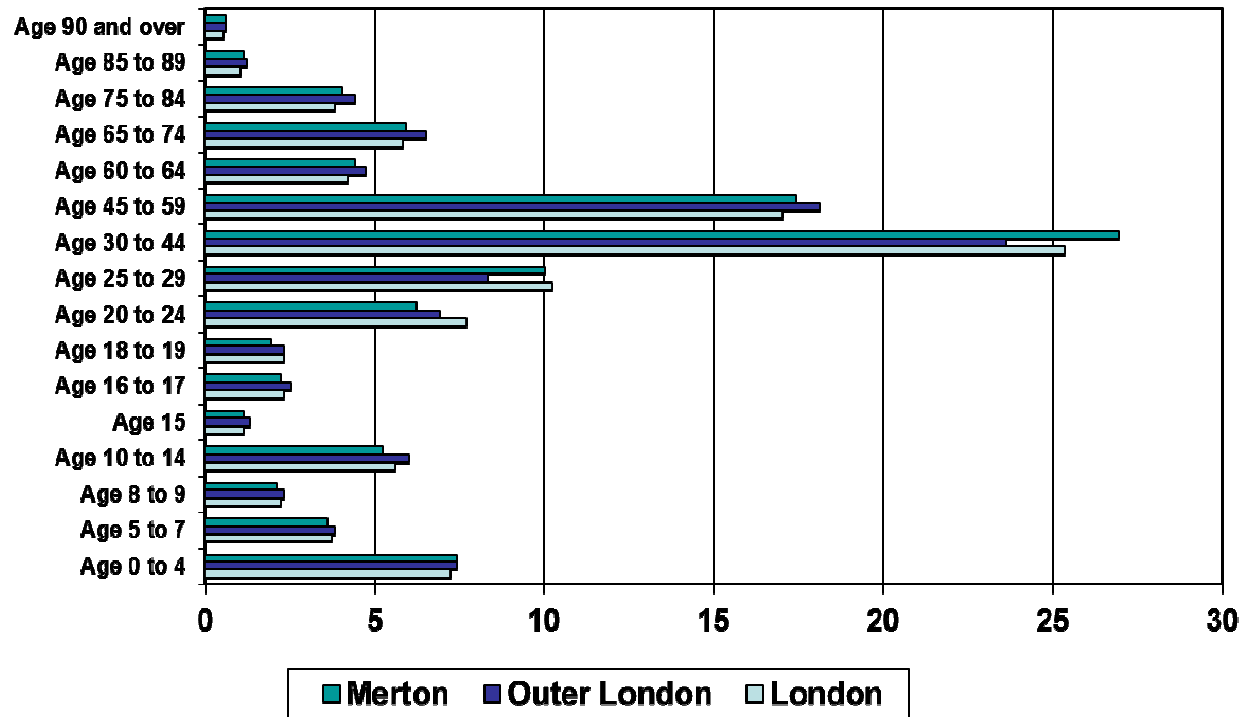
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Introduction

- Second phase of data release
- ‘Key’ statistics available for borough, ward and output area
- Two more sets to follow

Population – borough wide

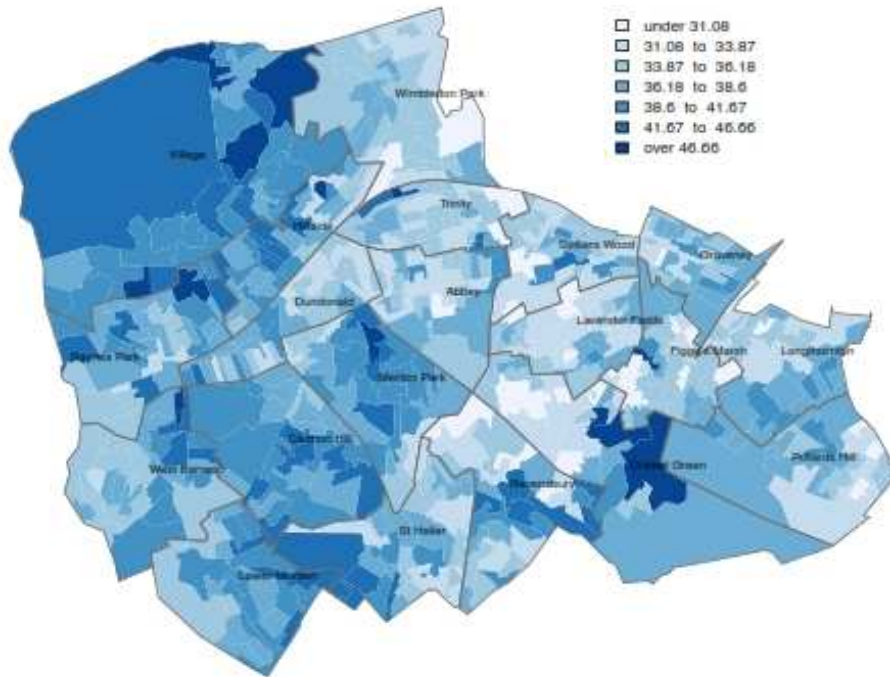
Age Breakdown (Merton): Local and London comparison



- Overall 6% increase in population
- Increase in under-5's
- Decrease in proportion of over-65's

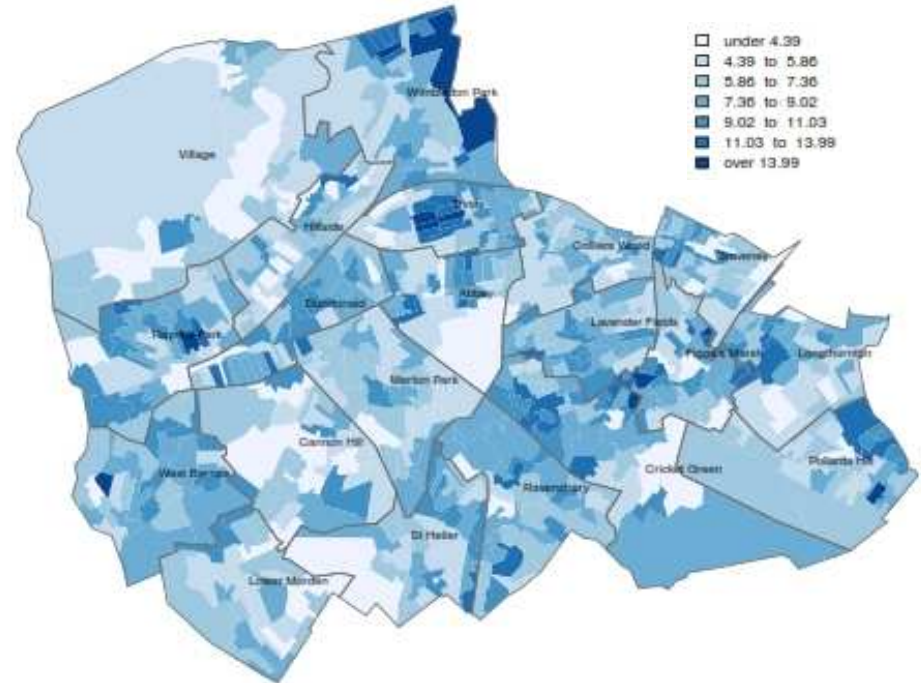
Population – ward overview

Age Structure: Mean Age



Pockets of older people in Cricket Green and Village wards

Age Structure: Aged 0-4



Main pocket of 0-4 year olds in Wimbledon Park

Ethnicity – borough wide

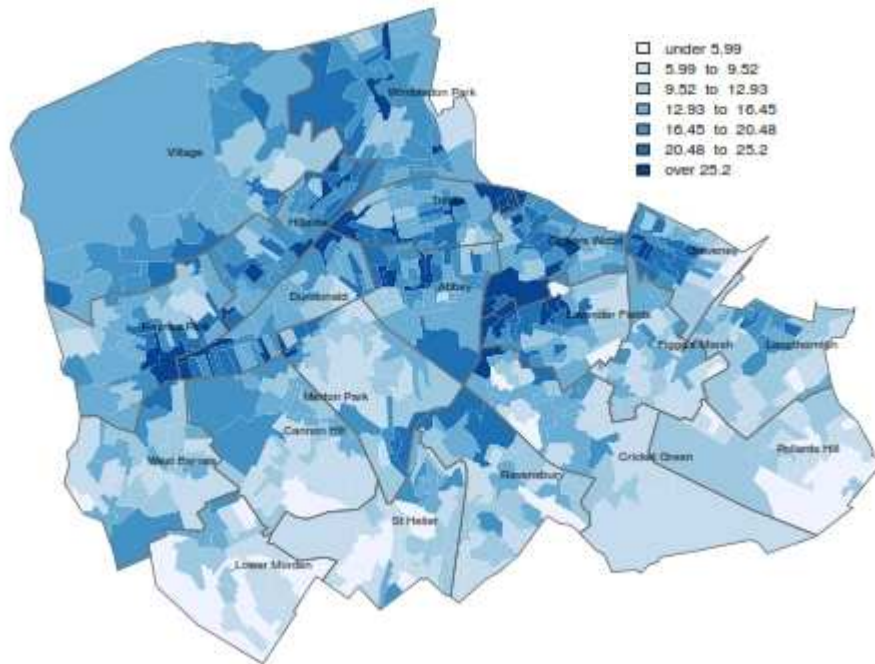
Merton ethnicity breakdown - ethnicity over 1.5% comparison



- 16% fall in White British population
- 6% rise in Other White population
- 10% fall in overall White population
- Merton has higher than London and neighbour average Pakistani population – but overall decrease from 2001
- 6% increase in overall Asian population
- 3% increase in Black population
- 2% increase in mixed population

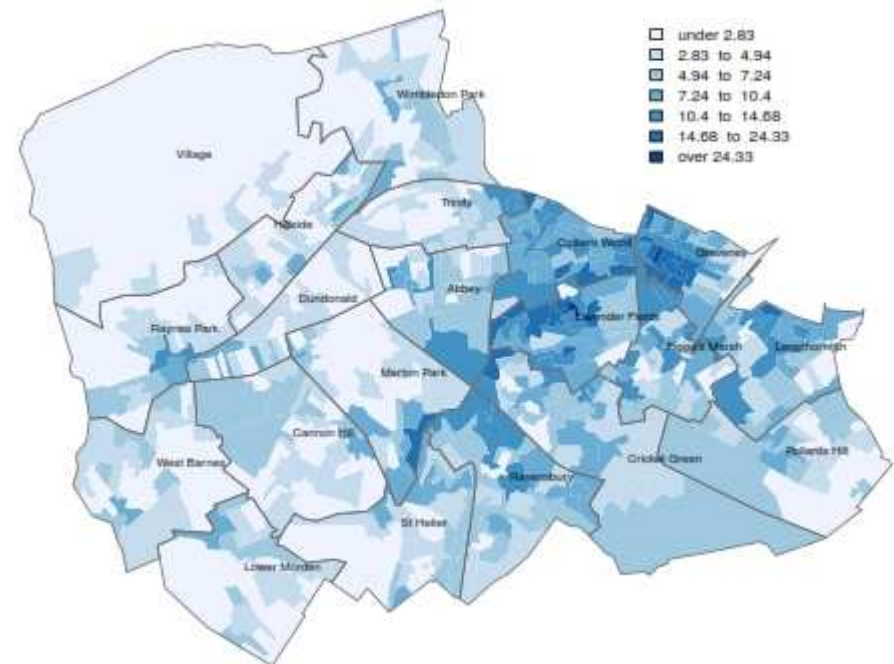
Ethnicity – ward overview

Ethnic group: White (Other White)



After UK, most residents born in South Asia and EU Accession countries

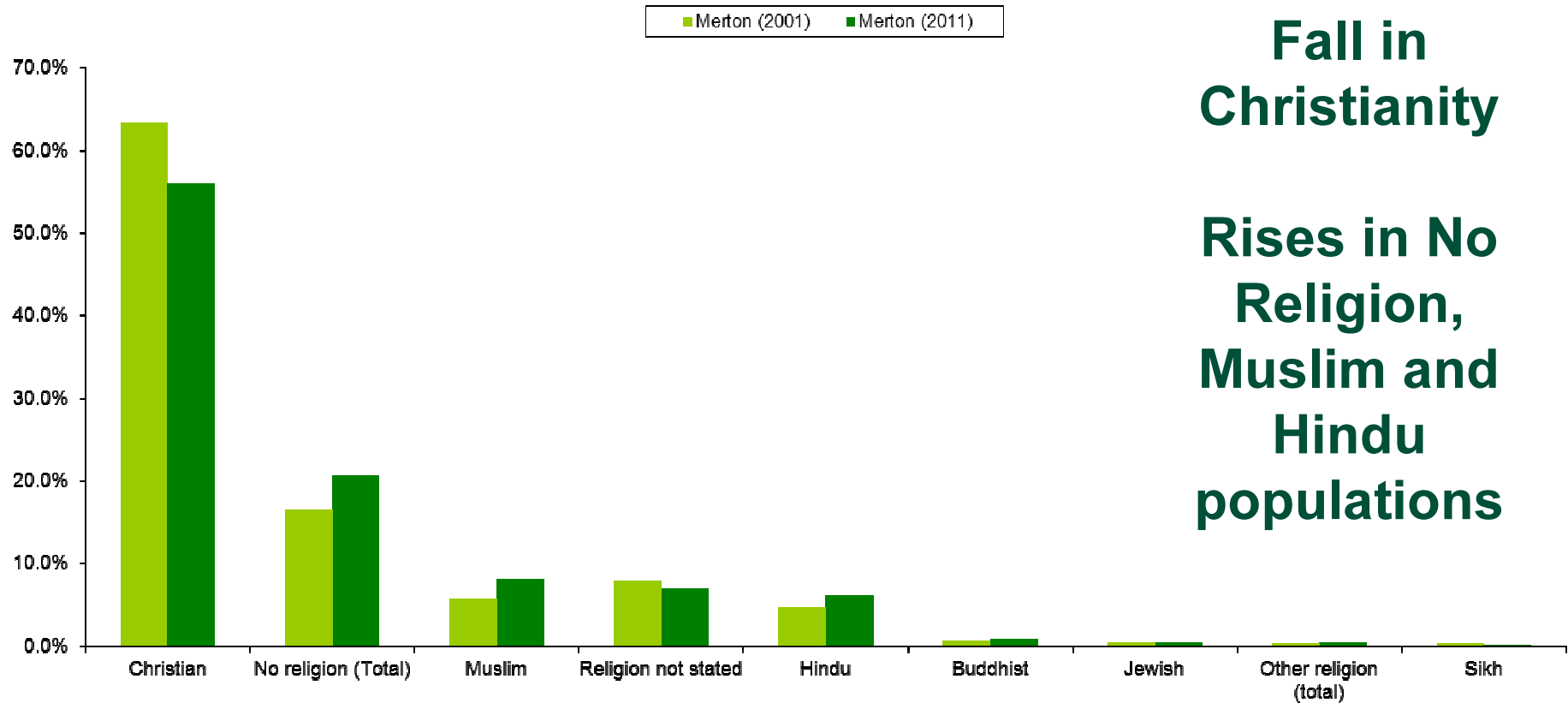
Country of birth: EU Accession countries (Apr '01 – Mar '11)



Main EU Accession country populations in the East

Religion – borough wide

Religious Belief in Merton - 2001 v 2011



Fall in
Christianity

Rises in No
Religion,
Muslim and
Hindu
populations

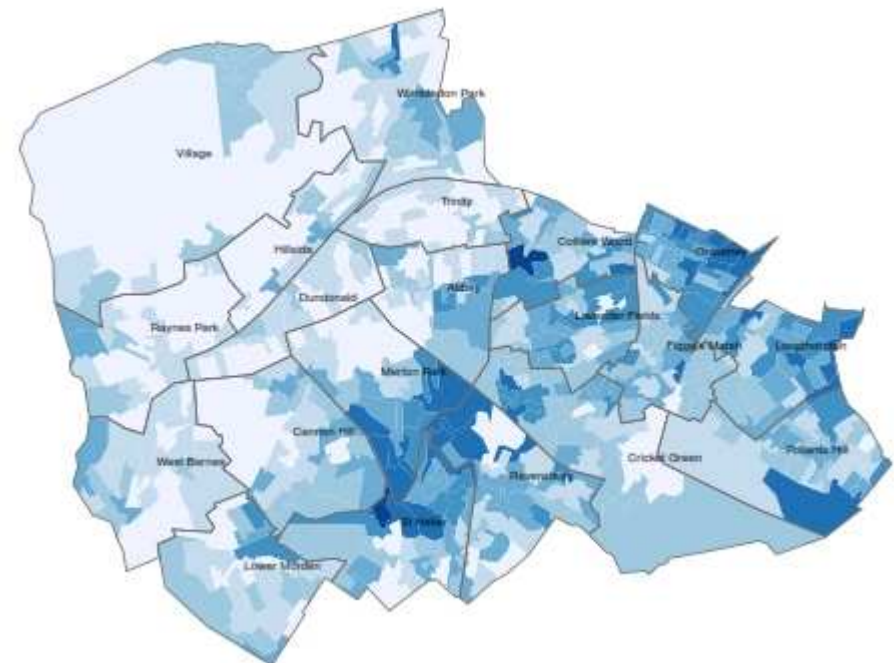
Religion – ward overview

Religious belief: Christian



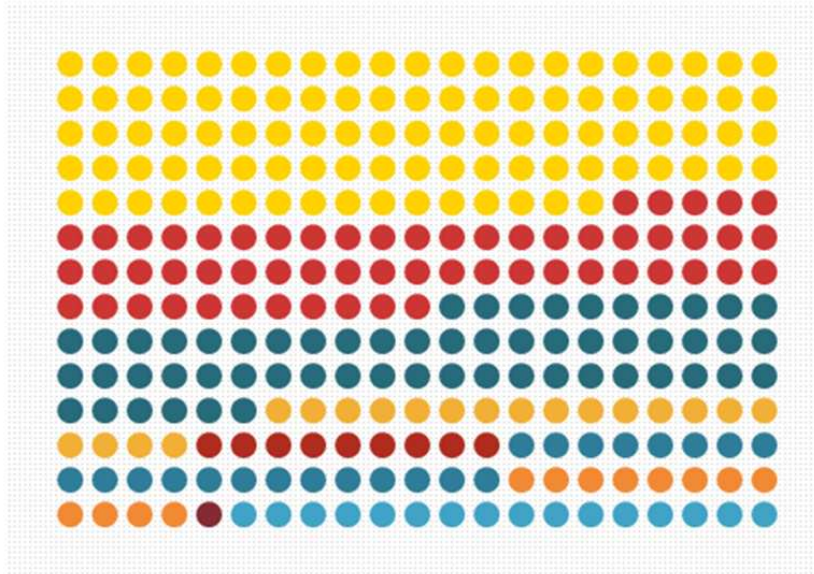
Merton Park ward has a clear West-East divide between Christians and Muslims

Religious belief: Muslim



Largest overall Muslim concentration around St Helier

Households – borough wide



- **78,757** – number of households in Merton in 2011 Census
- **78,884** – number of households in Merton in 2001 Census

One person households

Married or same-sex civil partnership: No children (including non-dependent)

Married or same-sex civil partnership: Dependent children

Cohabiting couple: No children (including non-dependent)

Cohabiting couple: Dependent children

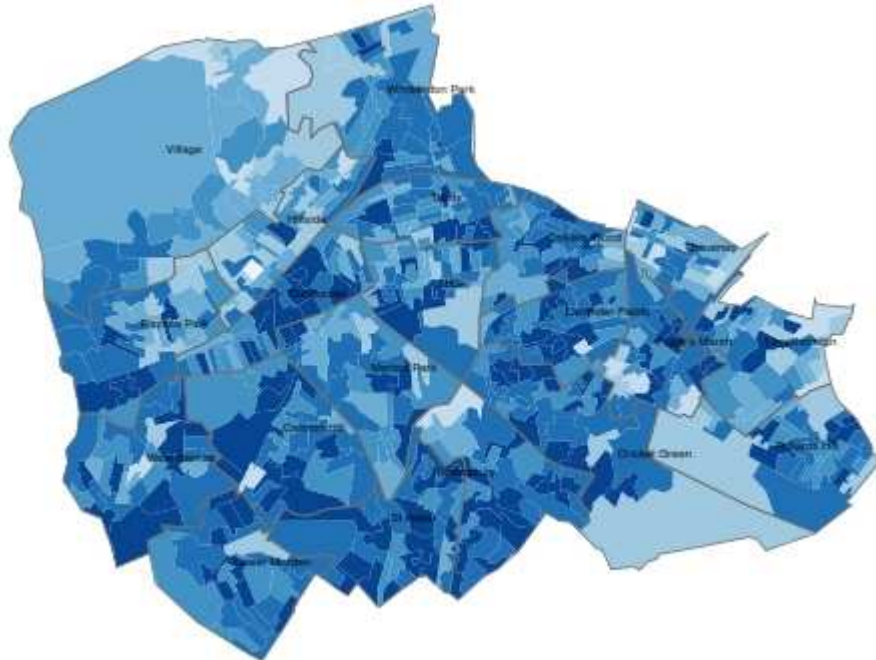
Lone parent: Dependent children

Lone parent: All children non-dependent

Other: All full-time students Other: 65+ and Other

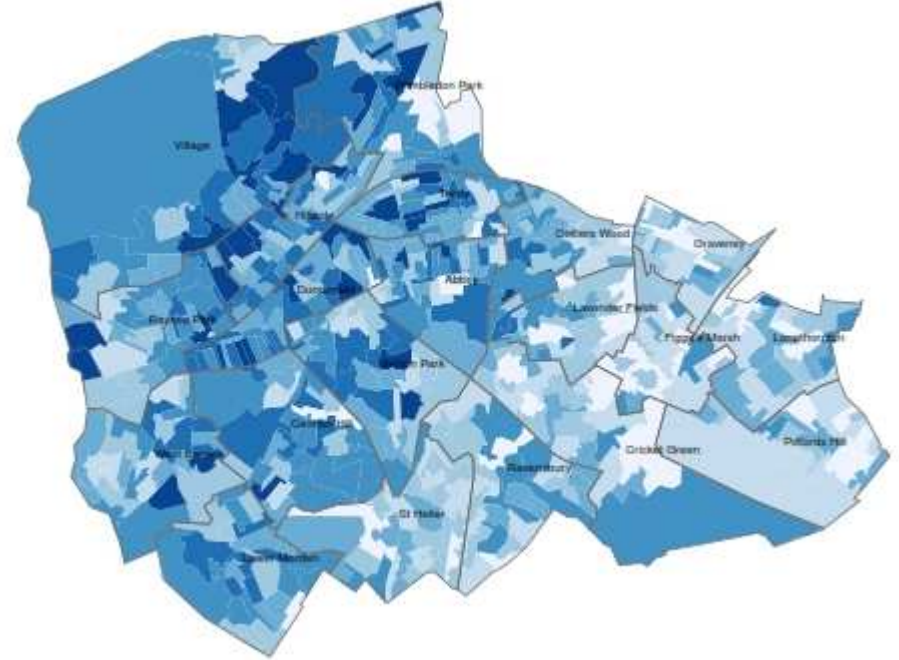
Households – ward overview

Household spaces with at least one usual resident



Furthest East-West with fewer households with single residents

Married or same sex civil partnership: no children



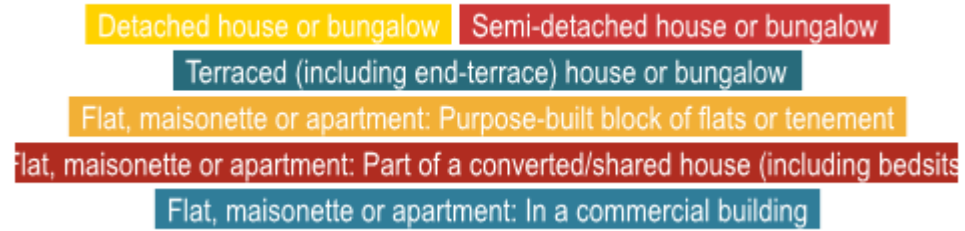
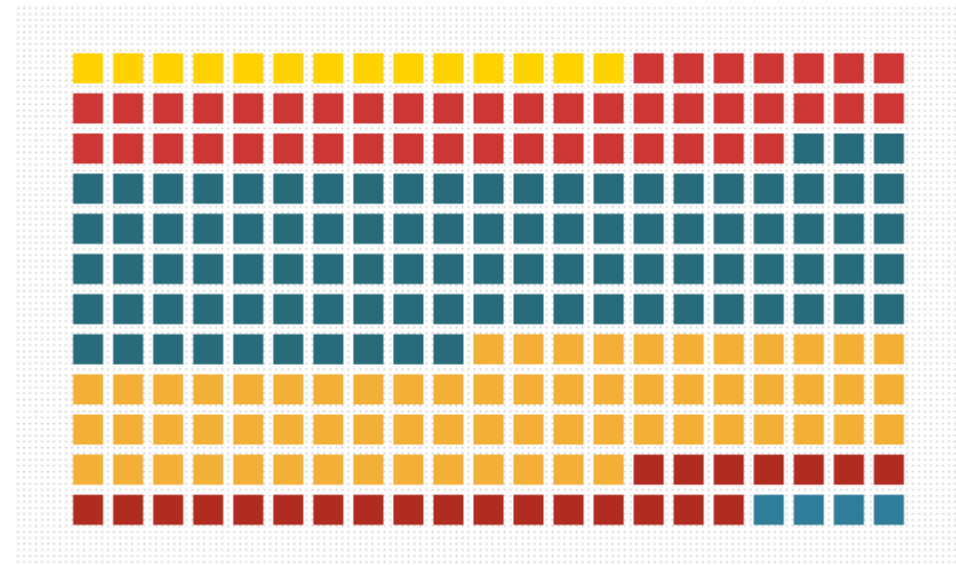
4.5% drop in Married or same-sex civil partnership: no children households

Housing – borough wide

More flats, fewer terraced properties

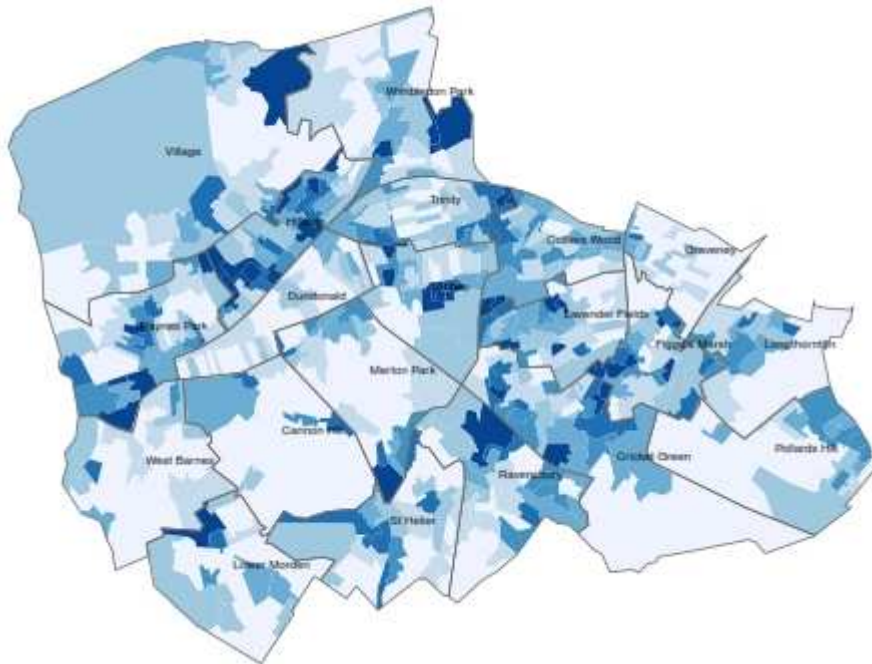
8% - increase in flats, maisonettes or apartments since 2001

6% - decrease in terraced houses/bungalows since 2001



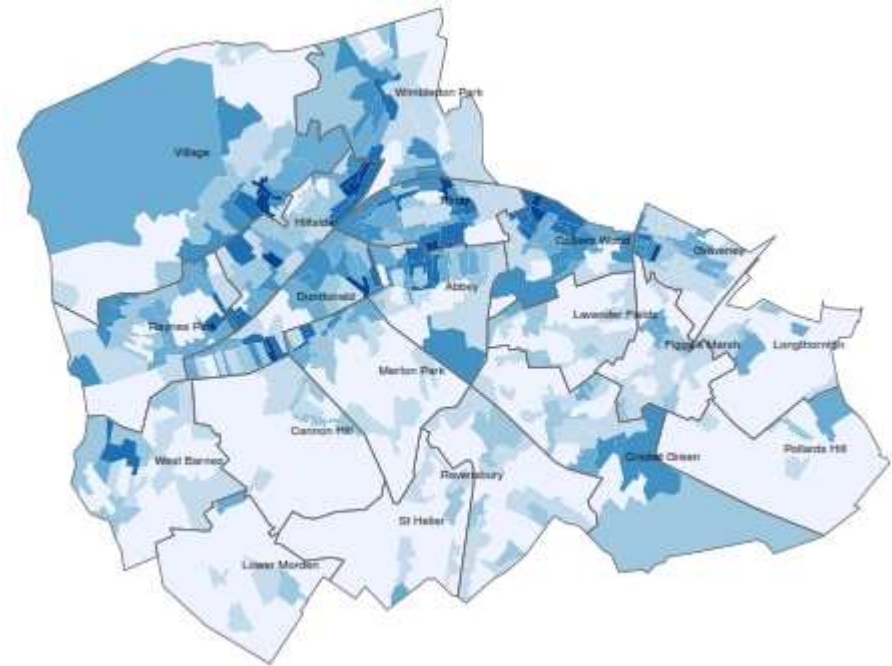
Housing – ward overview

Purpose-built block of flats



Highest concentration of flats around key transport hubs

Flats as part of a converted or shared house (including bedsits)



Main concentrations in Western parts of the borough

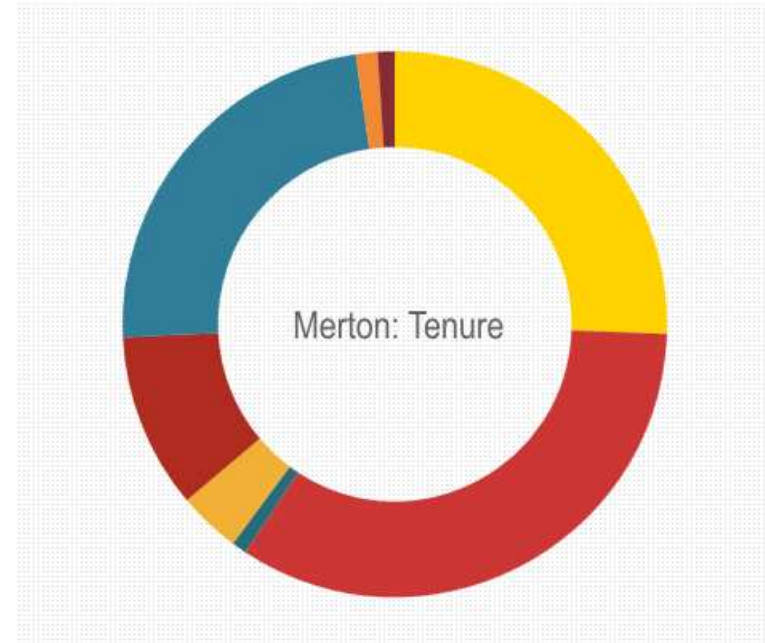
Tenure – borough wide

67% - increase in private rented accommodation

16% - fall in owned properties (mortgage or outright)

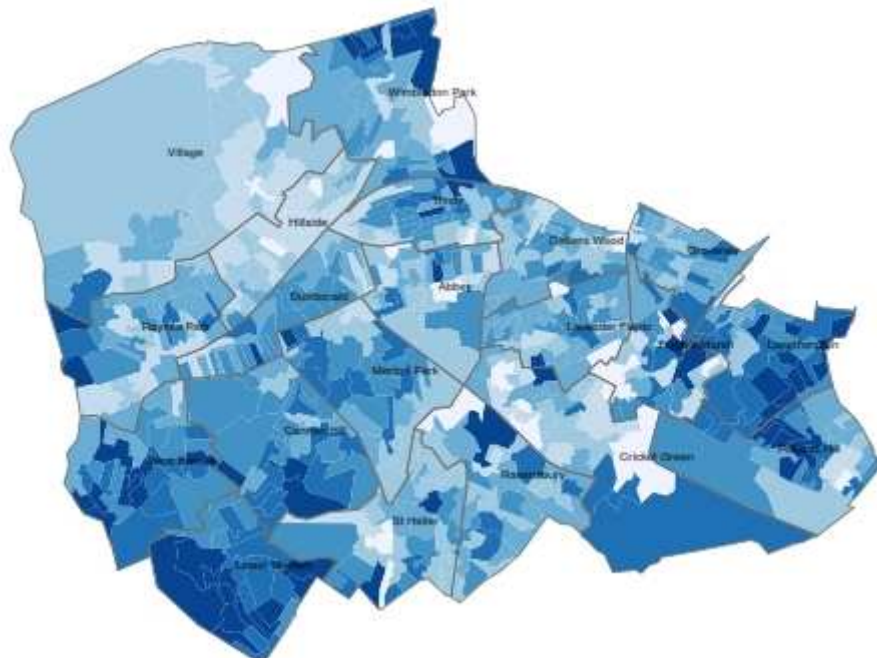
Mortgaged properties considerably higher than London average

Social rented from local authority considerably lower than London average



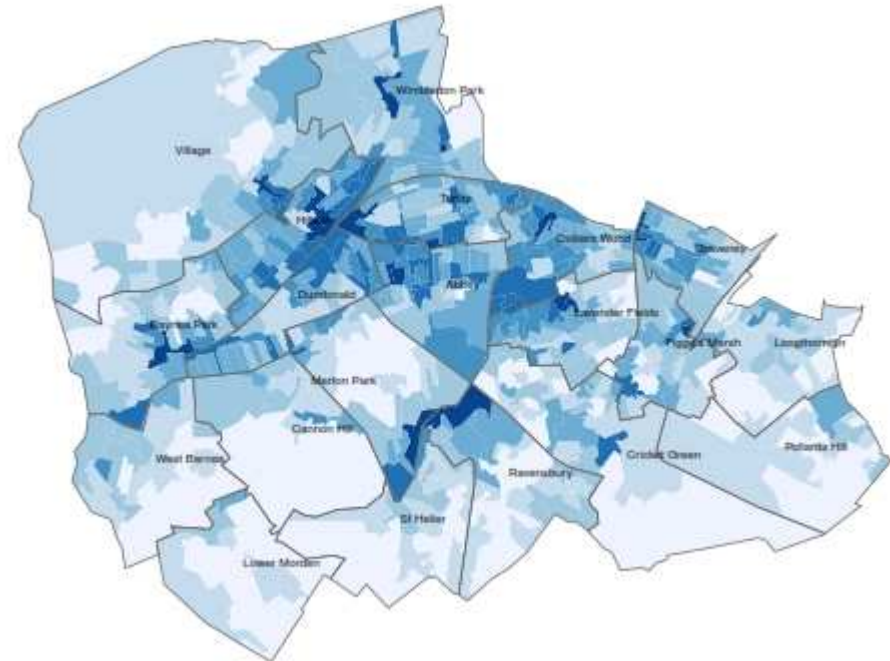
Tenure – ward overview

Owned with a mortgage or loan



Lower Morden and Longthornton wards with most mortgages/loans

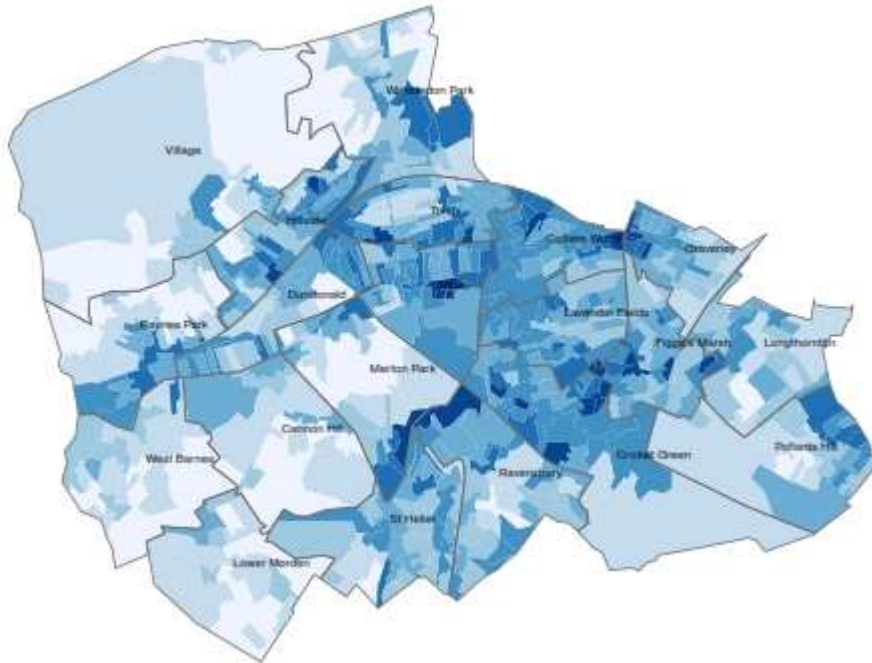
Private rented: Private landlord or letting agency



Border of Merton Park and Ravensbury particularly high concentration of private rented

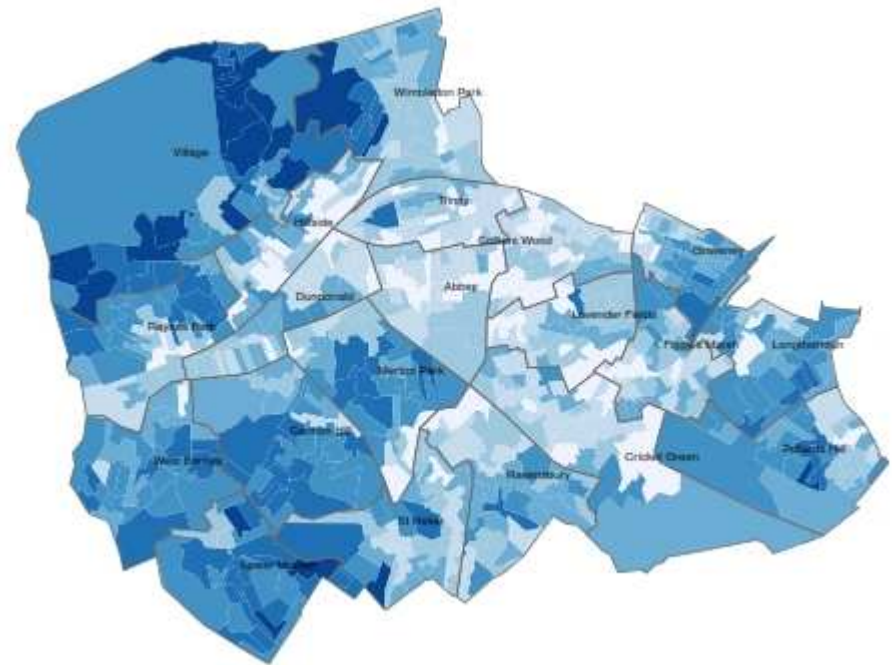
Car ownership – ward overview

No cars or vans in household



8% increase in households with no cars/vans
16% fall in households with 2 or more cars/vans

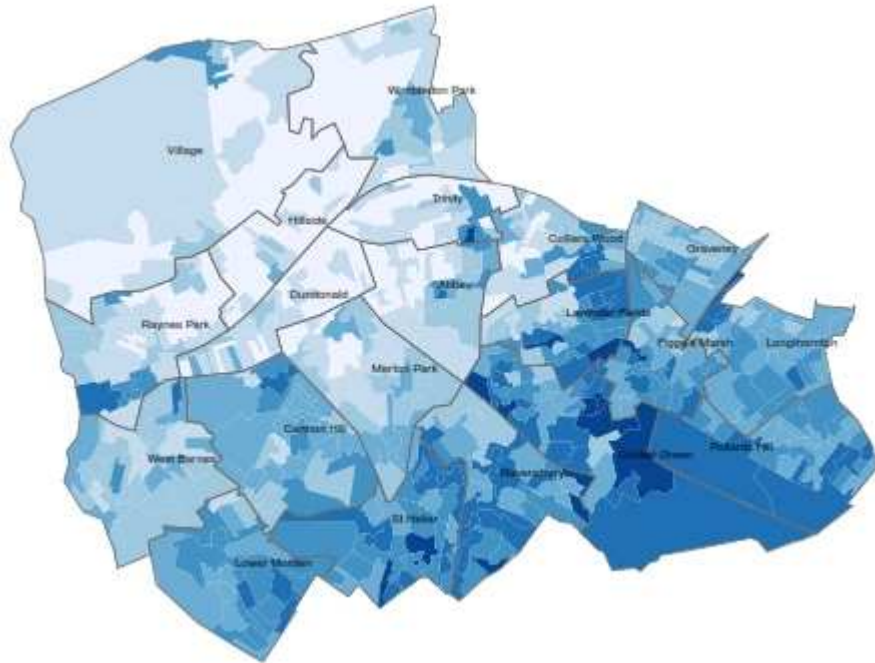
2 or more cars or vans in household



Where there are fewer transport hubs, more cars

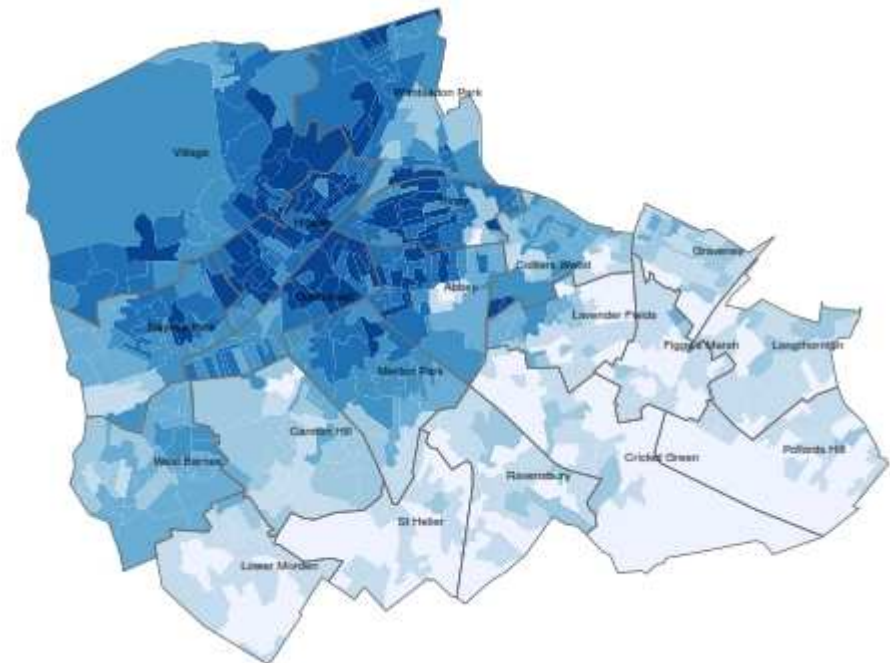
Economic activity – ward overview

No qualifications



Significant increase in people with no qualifications since 2007

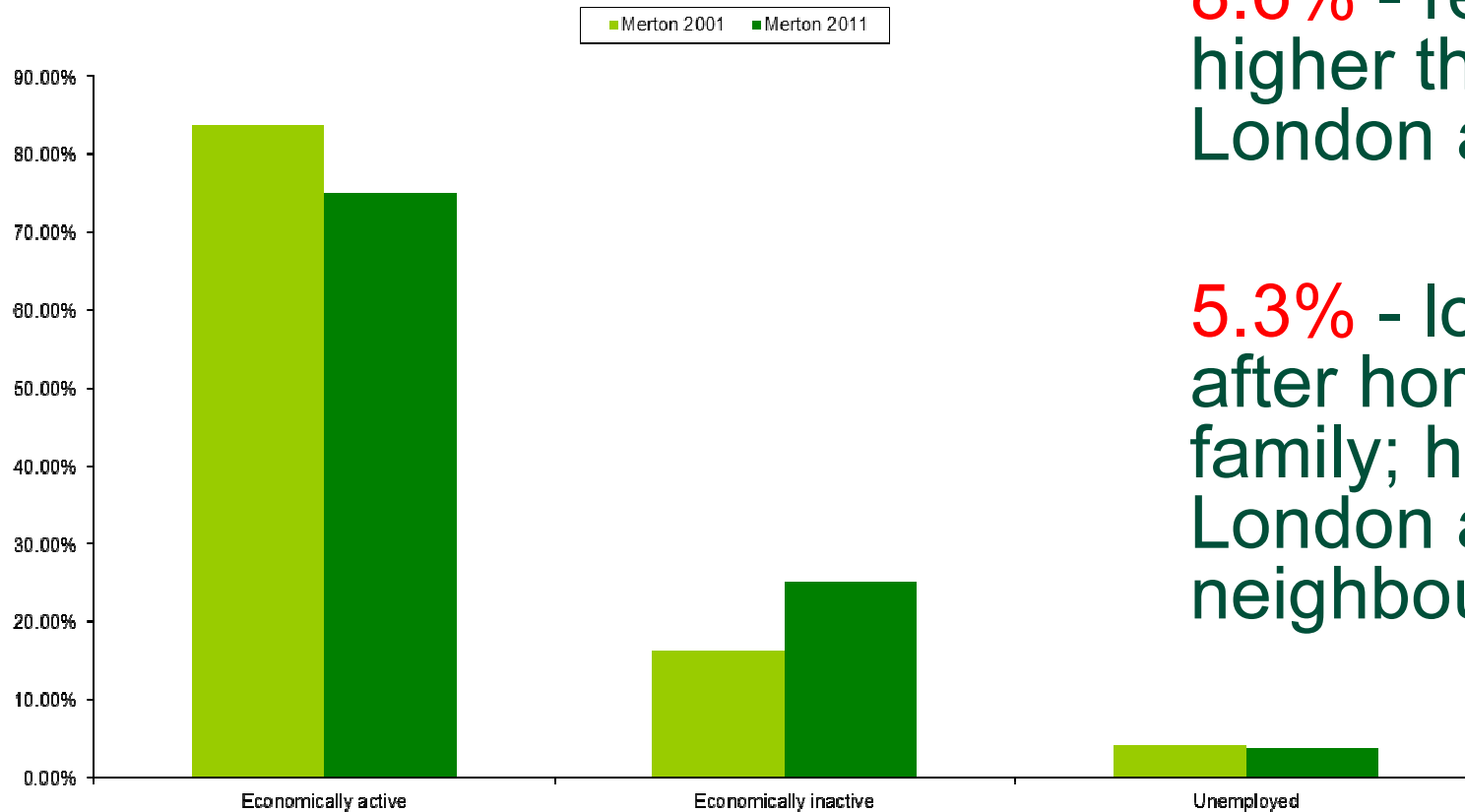
Level 4 or above



Very concentrated in the West

Economic activity – borough wide

Economic Activity in Merton - 2001 v 2011

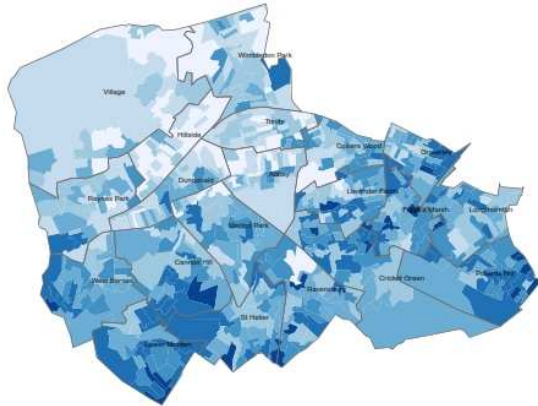


8.6% - retired;
higher than
London average

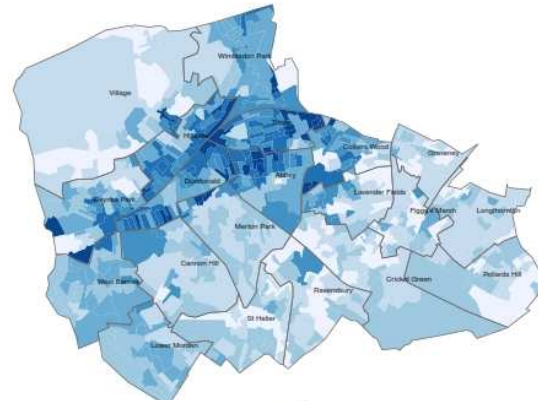
5.3% - looking
after home or
family; higher than
London and
neighbours

Economic activity – ward overview

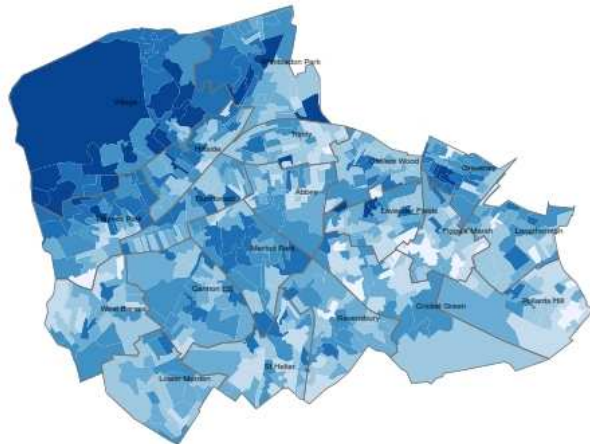
Economically active: full-time



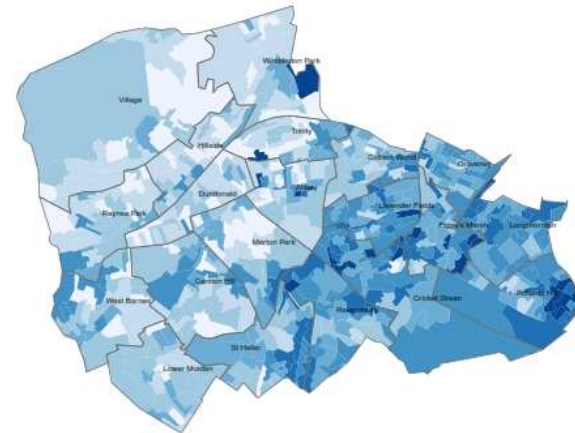
Economically active: part-time



Economically active: self-employed

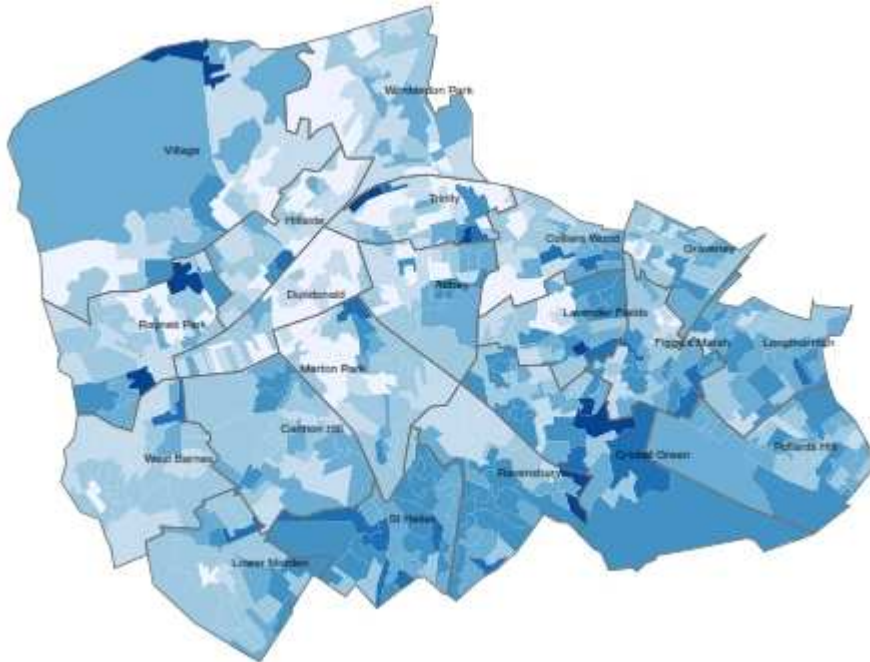


Economically active: Unemployed



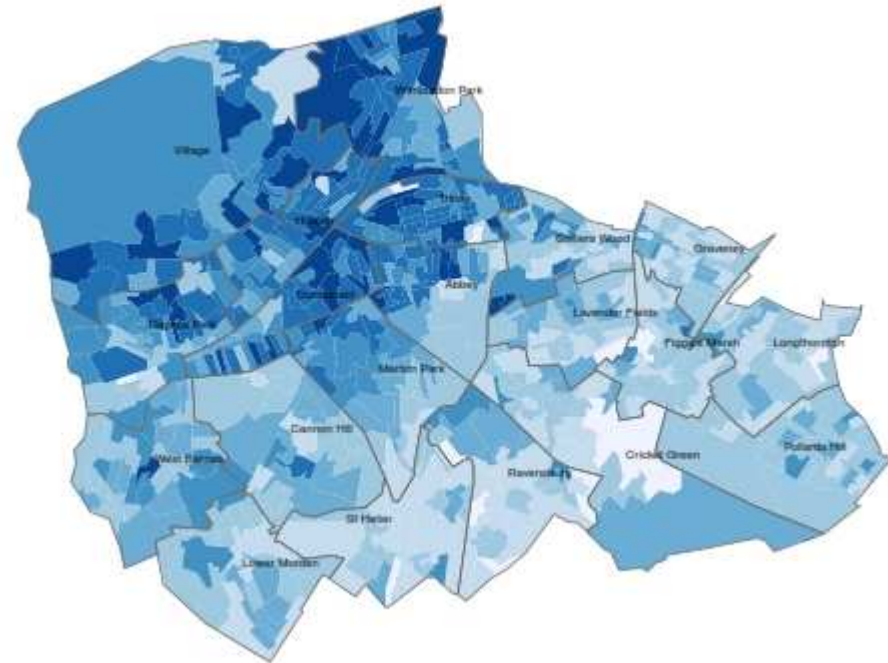
Health – ward overview

Day-to-day activities limited a lot



Eastern parts of the borough more shaded than West

Very good health



Residents in the Western parts of the borough are more likely to describe their health as very good

In summary

- More people (6%)
- Younger borough (median age down 3 years)
- More diverse (White British pop now 48%)
- Changing housing tenure – fewer owners, more renters
- Changing transport use – fewer car owners
- Good self-reported health
- East / west divide continues
- ONS mid-year estimates not to be trusted