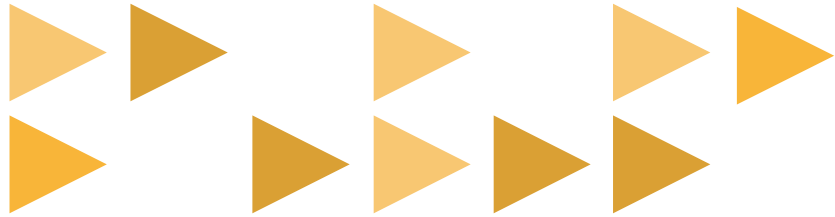




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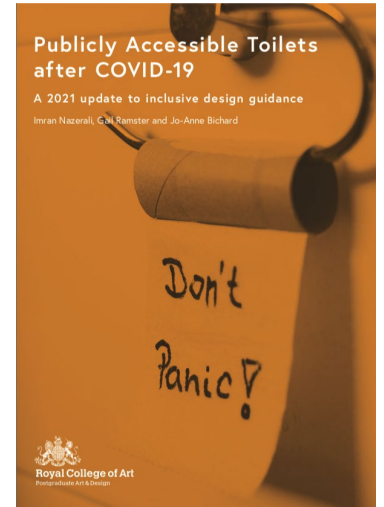
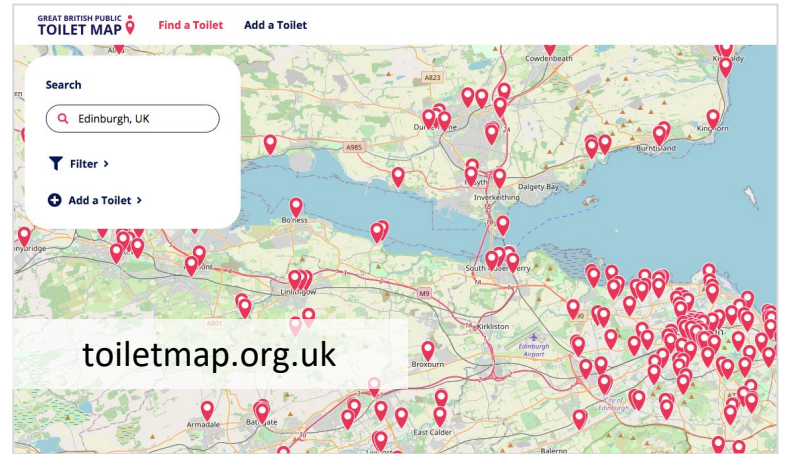




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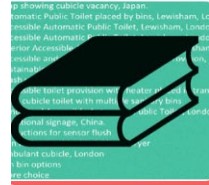
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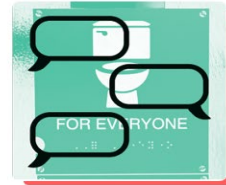
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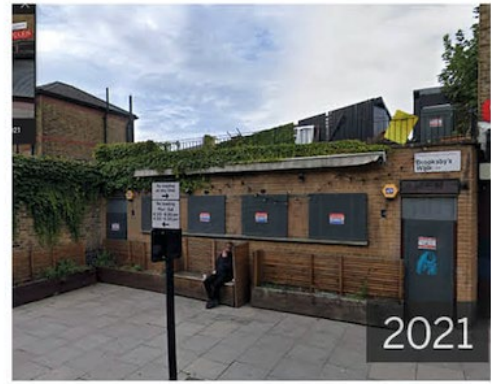
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32% (1684) of public toilets closed between 2000 and 2018 in England & Wales.

Ref: Hansard, 2020



Images: PTRU, Google Streetview, Brooksby's Walk Bar & Restaurant

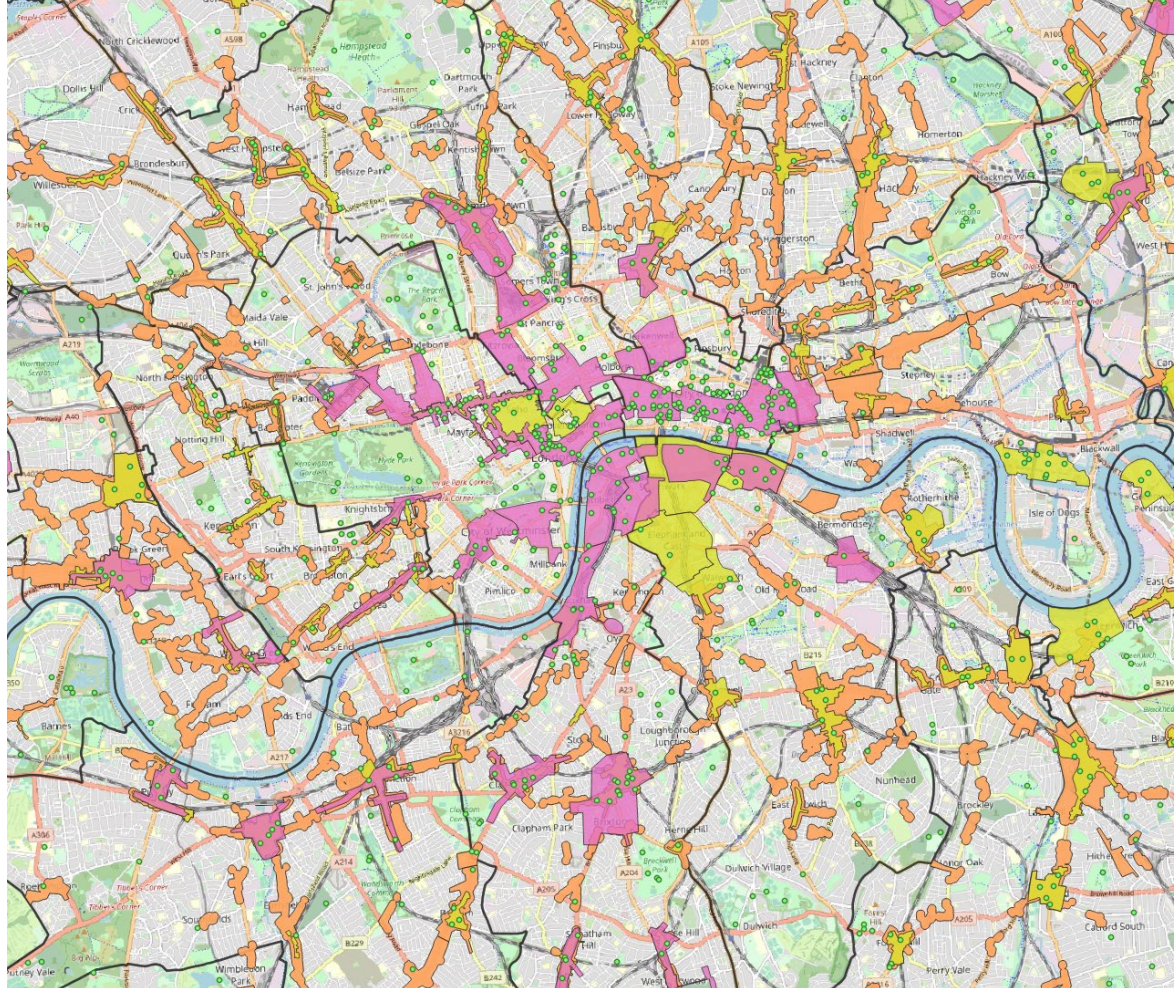
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Improving Public Toilets survey, 2023

59% of respondents said they do not have public toilets in their town centre or high street. (31% yes, 10% don't know)

Of those who said no, 59% said they limit how long they spend in an area, due to a lack of public toilets.

2305 responses



Publicly accessible toilets mapped against town centres, BIDs and high streets. (Data: Great British Public Toilet Map; London Datastore)



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how would it fit into the current infrastructure?



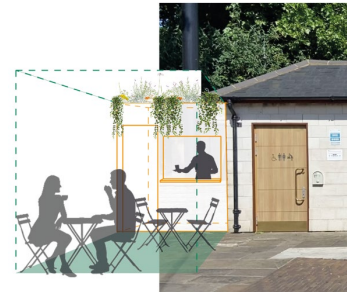
Interviewed people within retail, community safety, government and urban design.

how could it be implemented, within councils, through regeneration?



Ran an online workshop with regeneration officers.

where are the gaps in current toilet provision?



Through on-street engagement and co-design workshops



Workshop Findings: Opportunities for Engaged

- Officers reported confidence in council support and involvement in pursuing Engaged locally
- Potential support for Engaged via BID teams, local businesses.
- Opportunity to fulfil community engagement elements of regeneration through Engaged consultation and co-design.

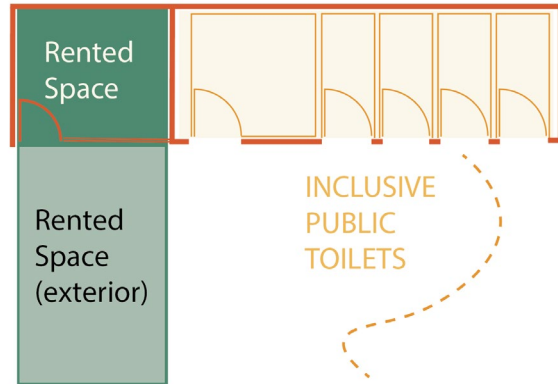




Workshop Findings: Alternatives

Alternatives in addition to 'empty shops'

- **Deconstructed version** (partner business is physically located away from toilet)
- **Extension** of existing public toilet block

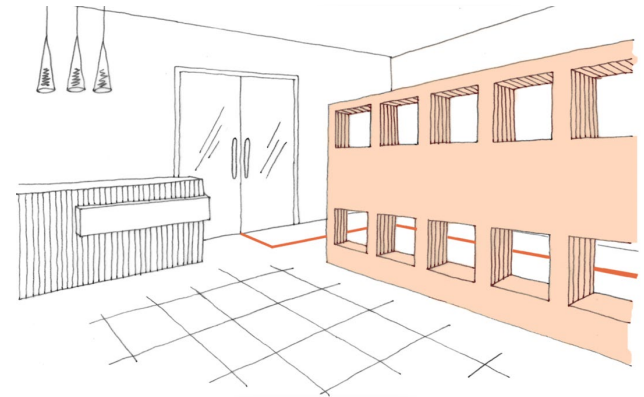
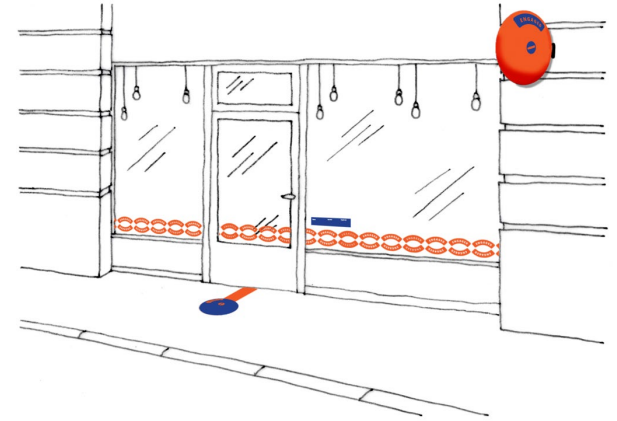




Workshop Findings: New Developments

Setting up Engaged as part of 'new developments' in the borough (as opposed to existing vacant units).

- wider possibilities for shared-space activity and longer opening times.
- ability to design, develop or build inclusive toilets from scratch.
- toilets to be planned in order to secure funding.
- integrate model of ownership and responsibilities.



Engaged: Concept Design



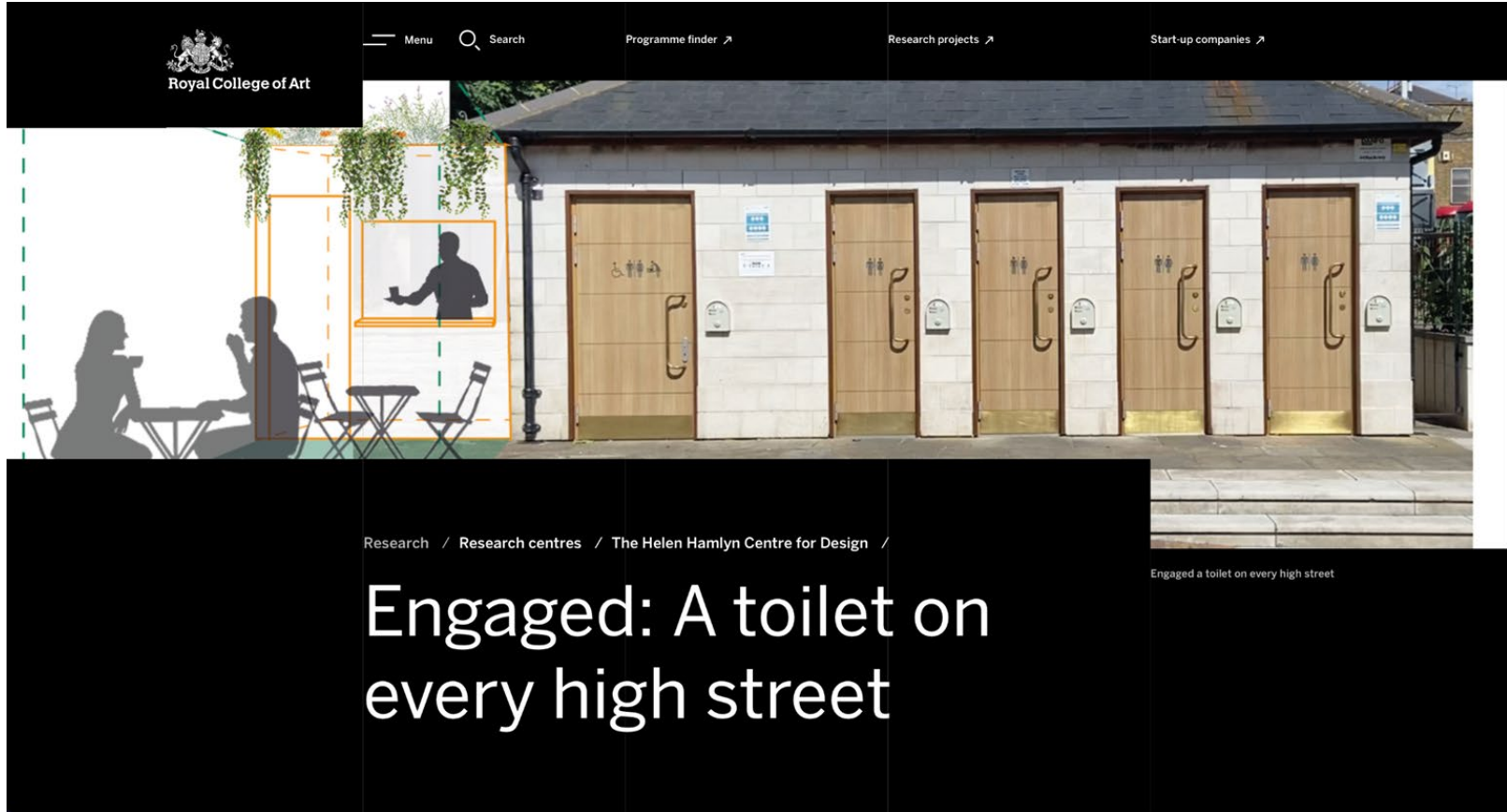
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Engaged: A toilet on every high street

Engaged a toilet on every high street



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Traditional Toilet Block

Individual Cubicle Toilets

Automatic Public Convenience



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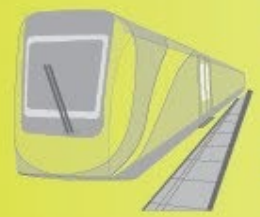
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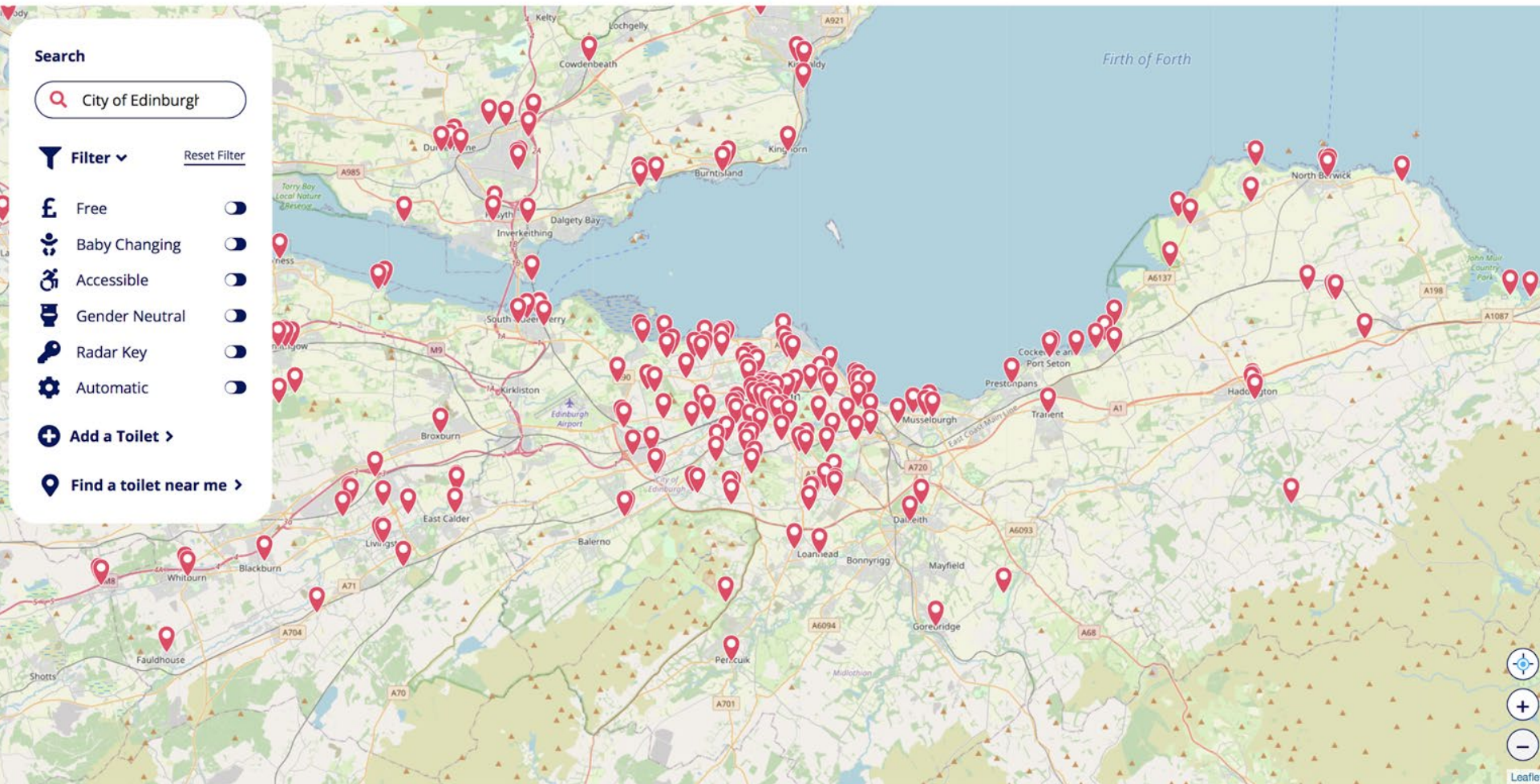
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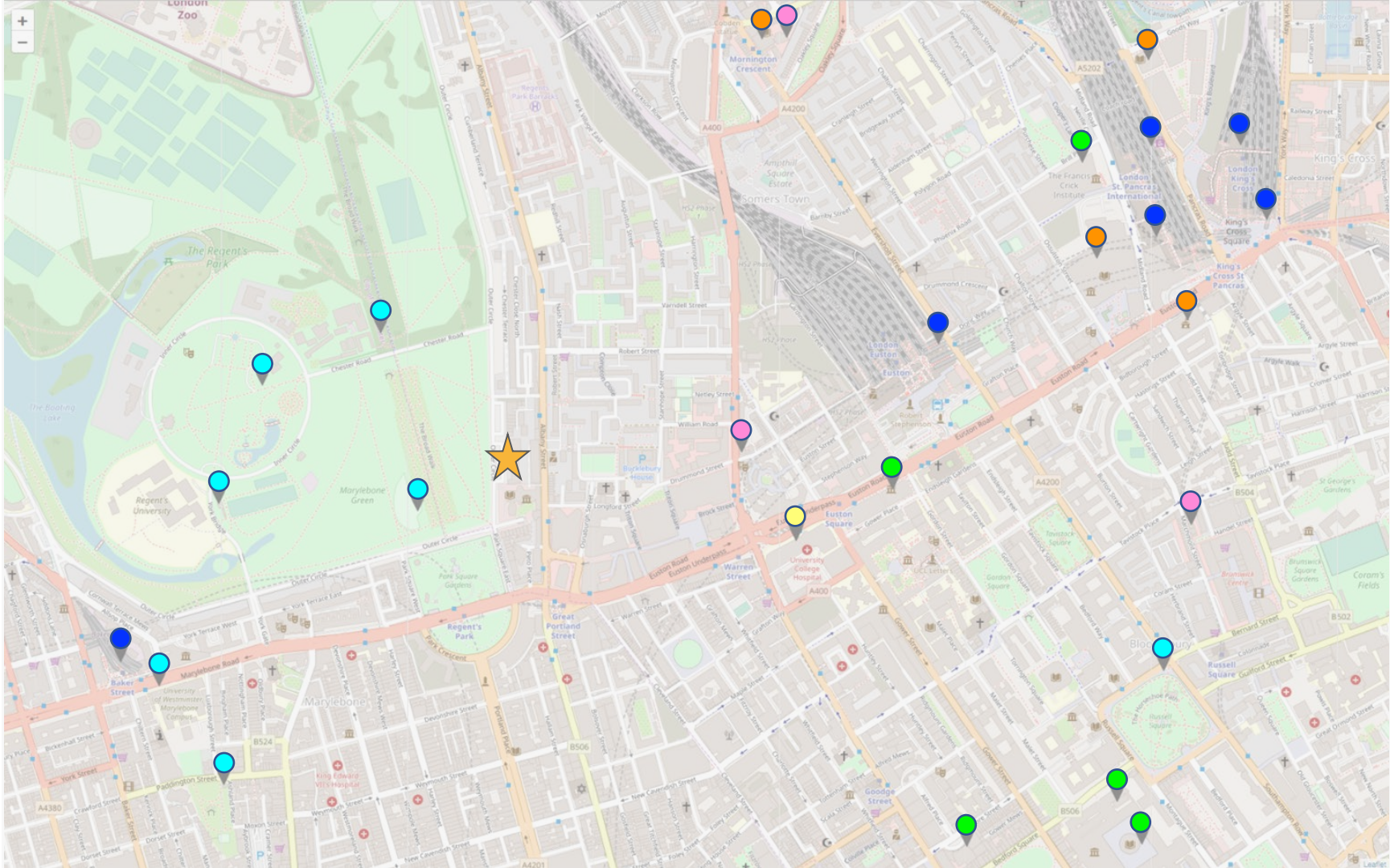
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