

# Competitive Position

*Winchester*

**Q4 2019**



# Introduction

Following a successful tender process JLL, in partnership with Arup, were appointed as the Strategic Placemaking Consultant for Winchester City Council (WCC) in May 2019.

The project is being led by Katie Kopec, International Director based in JLL's Head Office in London. The project is being supported by JLL's regional offices in Southampton and Bristol, with Arup's Winchester office providing technical and masterplanning expertise.

WCC have a number of key regeneration projects across the city that are in varying stages of fruition. The key projects are as follows:

- ❖ **Station Approach** – a 140,000 sq. ft office development currently in planning;
- ❖ **Central Winchester Regeneration** – a mixed use development opportunity in the city centre. The subject of an adopted SPD;

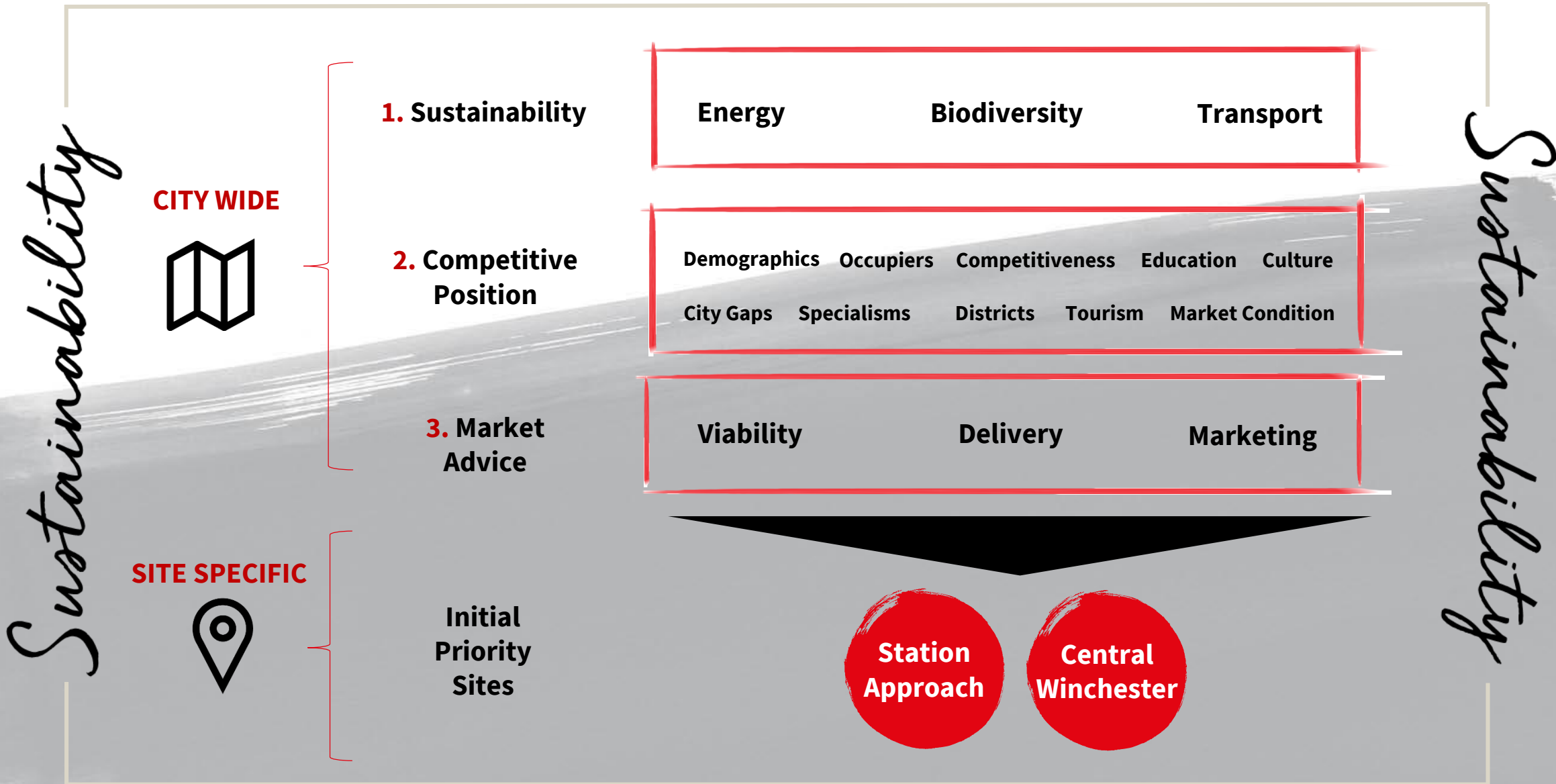
In addition to these projects, WCC own or control numerous potential development sites across the city.

JLL have been instructed to provide site-specific development advice and overarching strategic advice to WCC to inform key real estate decisions across the city, with a strong sustainability focus. This document details our initial research and market findings that will inform our baseline assumptions for the city and help to inform our objectives throughout the consultancy.





# Overall Approach

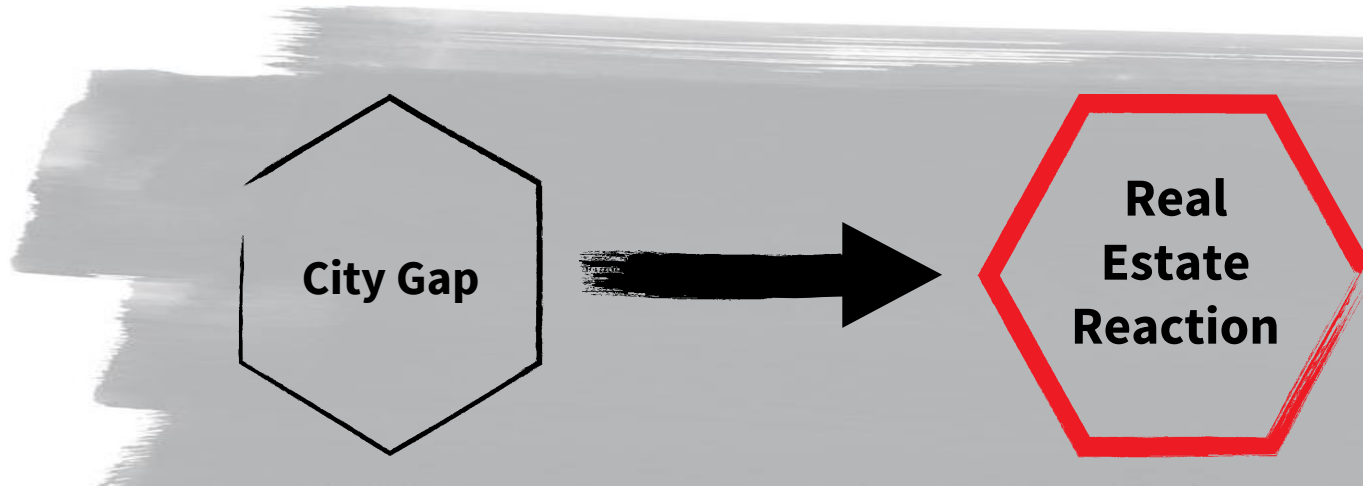


- ❖ This report analyses items 2 and 3 in our overall approach; Winchester's 'competitive position' and 'market advice'.
- ❖ The aim of the report is to identify areas of strength, weakness and opportunity for the City. Our findings will help inform future placemaking opportunities and our underlying assumptions in regard to market appetite.
- ❖ The report is intended to provide a baseline position and understanding between JLL, WCC and any associated parties. However, the conclusions of this report should not be regarded as finite. There are a number of emerging trends, market demands and project challenges that must be considered when placemaking.
- ❖ We will consider these trends in greater detail on a site-by-site basis, to ensure that the appropriate development potential is achieved for each of the site-specific projects.
- ❖ Demographic data has been assessed using a 5km and 10km radius from the City centre.



- ❖ In tandem with the creation of this document we have undertaken engagement with a number of key stakeholders, community groups and organisations. We have also reviewed documents and data provided by WCC. We have used relevant information from this work to inform our conclusions herein.

We have approached these conclusions in the following way:



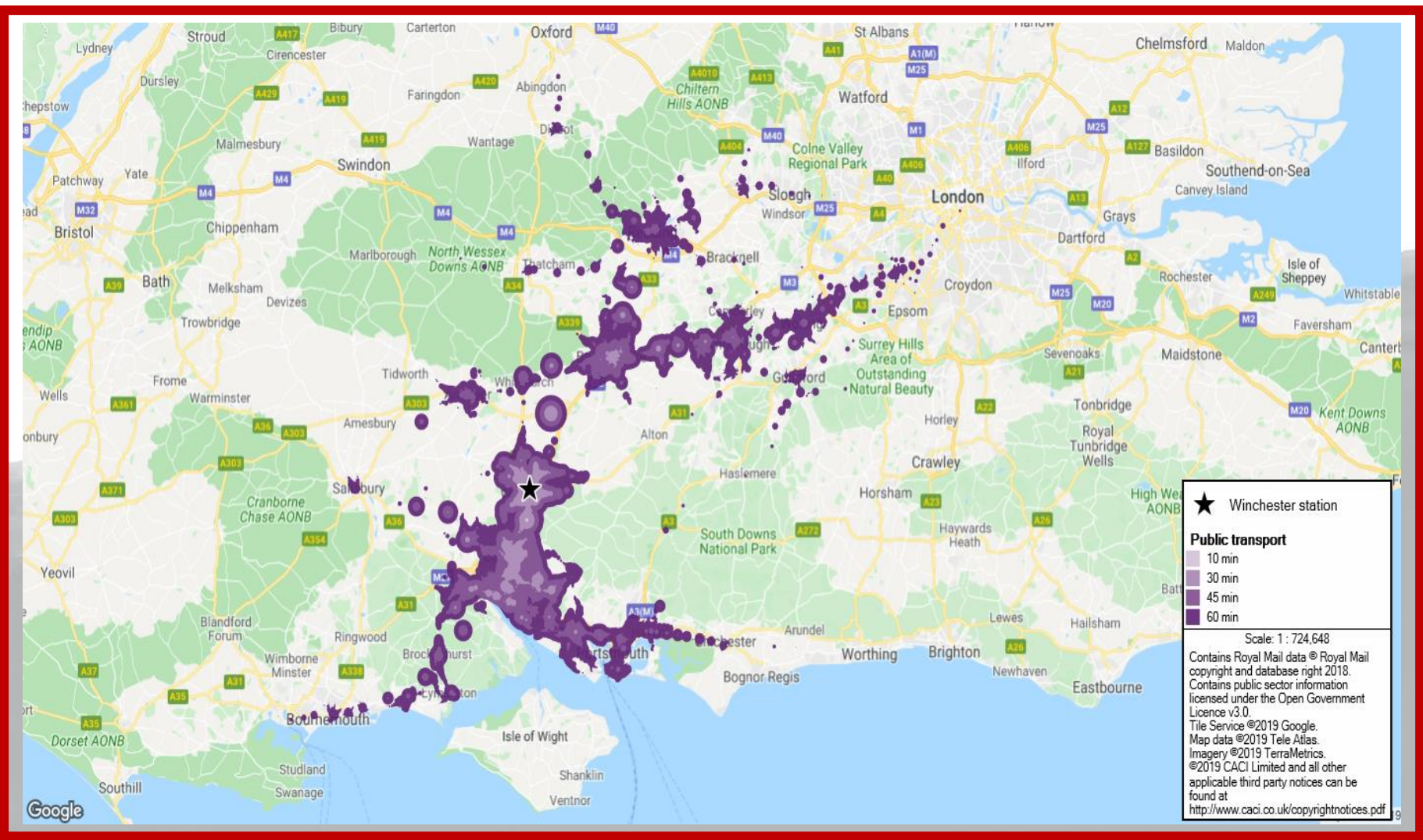
- ❖ The 'real estate reactions' are not intended to provide a definitive answer, solution or remedy to the associated 'gap'. They are intended to provide a view on whether the 'gap' is a strength, weakness, opportunity or threat. We have identified these suggestions to provoke further discussion and investigation.
- ❖ The desired outcome for each gap needs to be driven by decision makers at WCC. Choosing the most desirable reaction will ultimately depend on **site specific** characteristics to deliver a balance of **strategic**, **financial** and **market** objectives. Equally, the weighting and significance of each 'gap' must be fully considered in any decision making process.

# Demographics





# In Detail: Public Transport



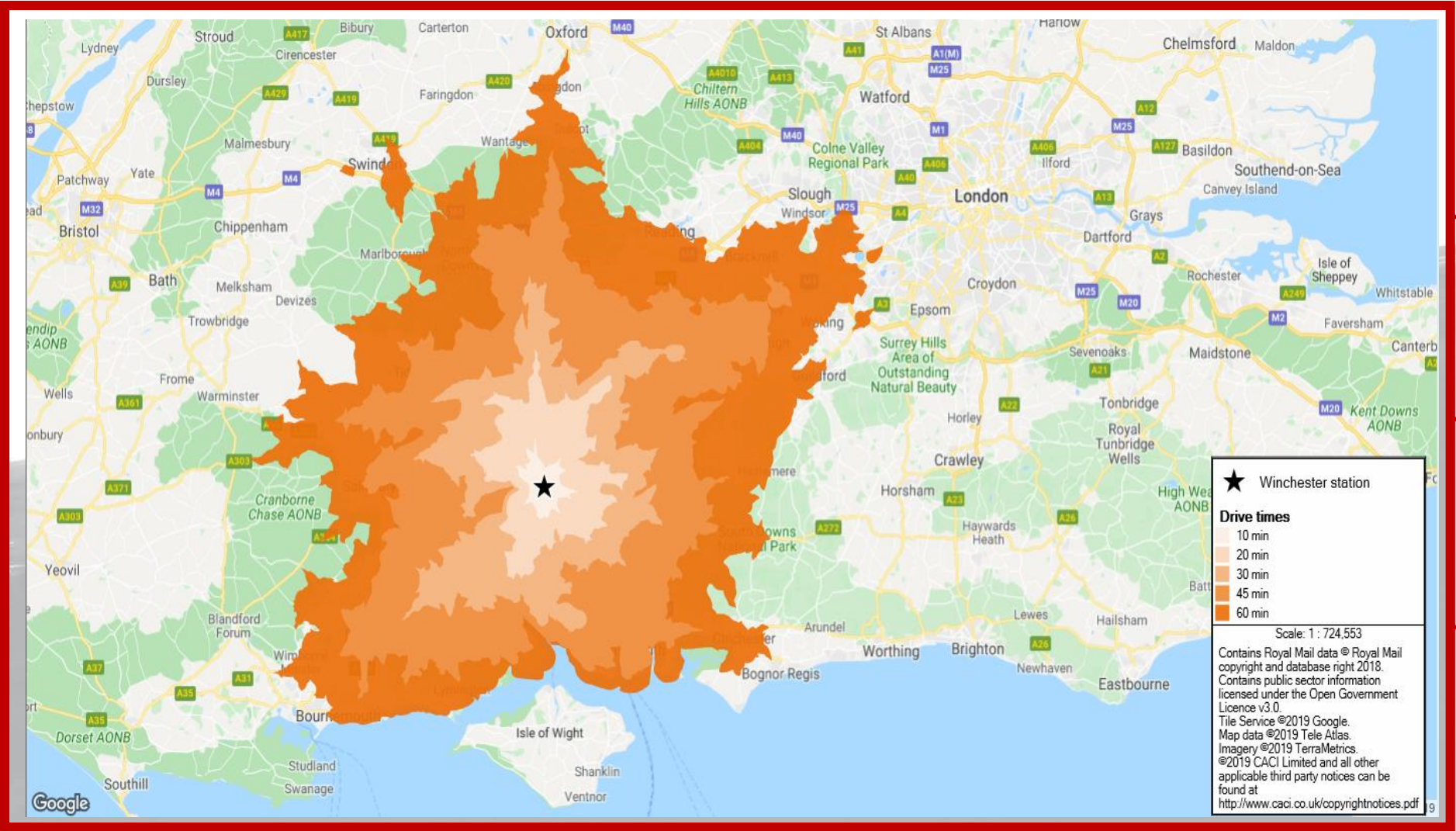
**London Waterloo:**  
58 minutes



**Southampton: 14m**  
**Portsmouth: 30m**  
**Lymington: 30m**  
**Poole: 47m**



# In Detail: Drive Time



**Heathrow: 50 miles**  
**Southampton: 12 miles**  
**Bournemouth: 38 miles**

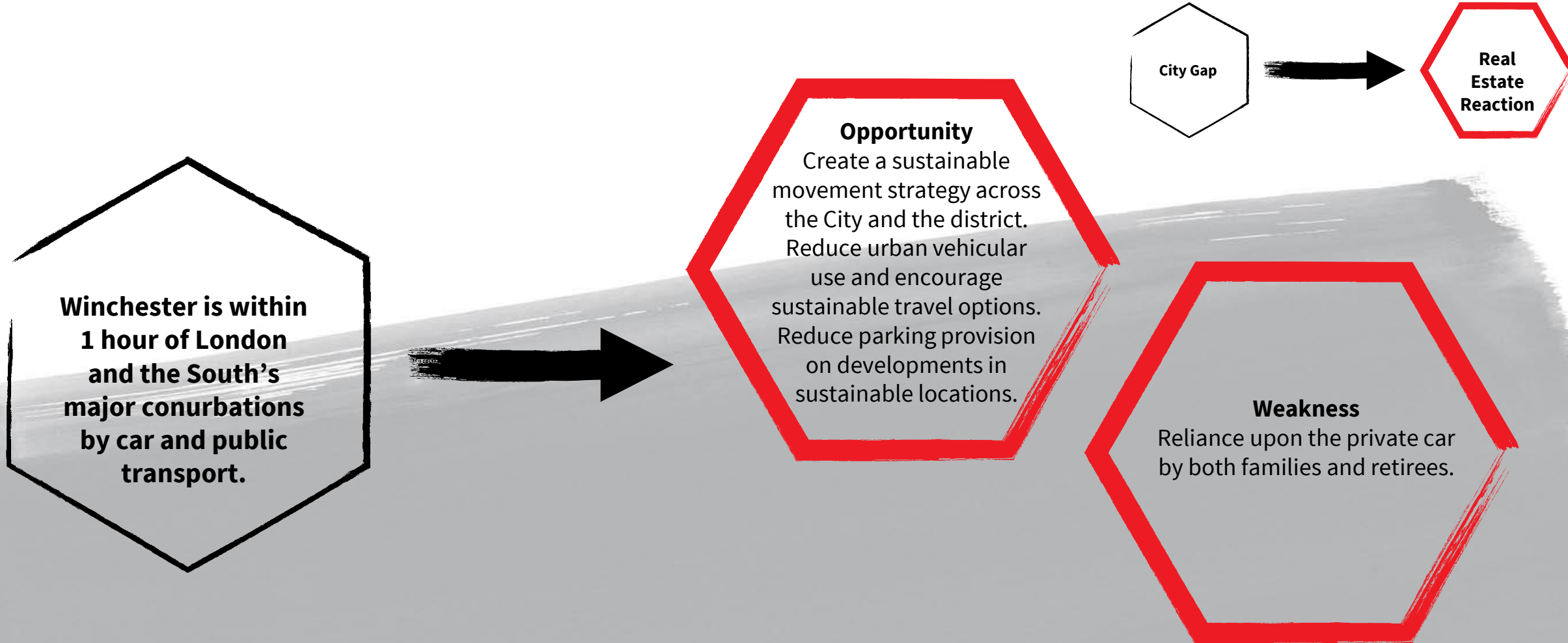


**M3: <5mins**  
**A34: <5mins**  
**M27: 12 mins**

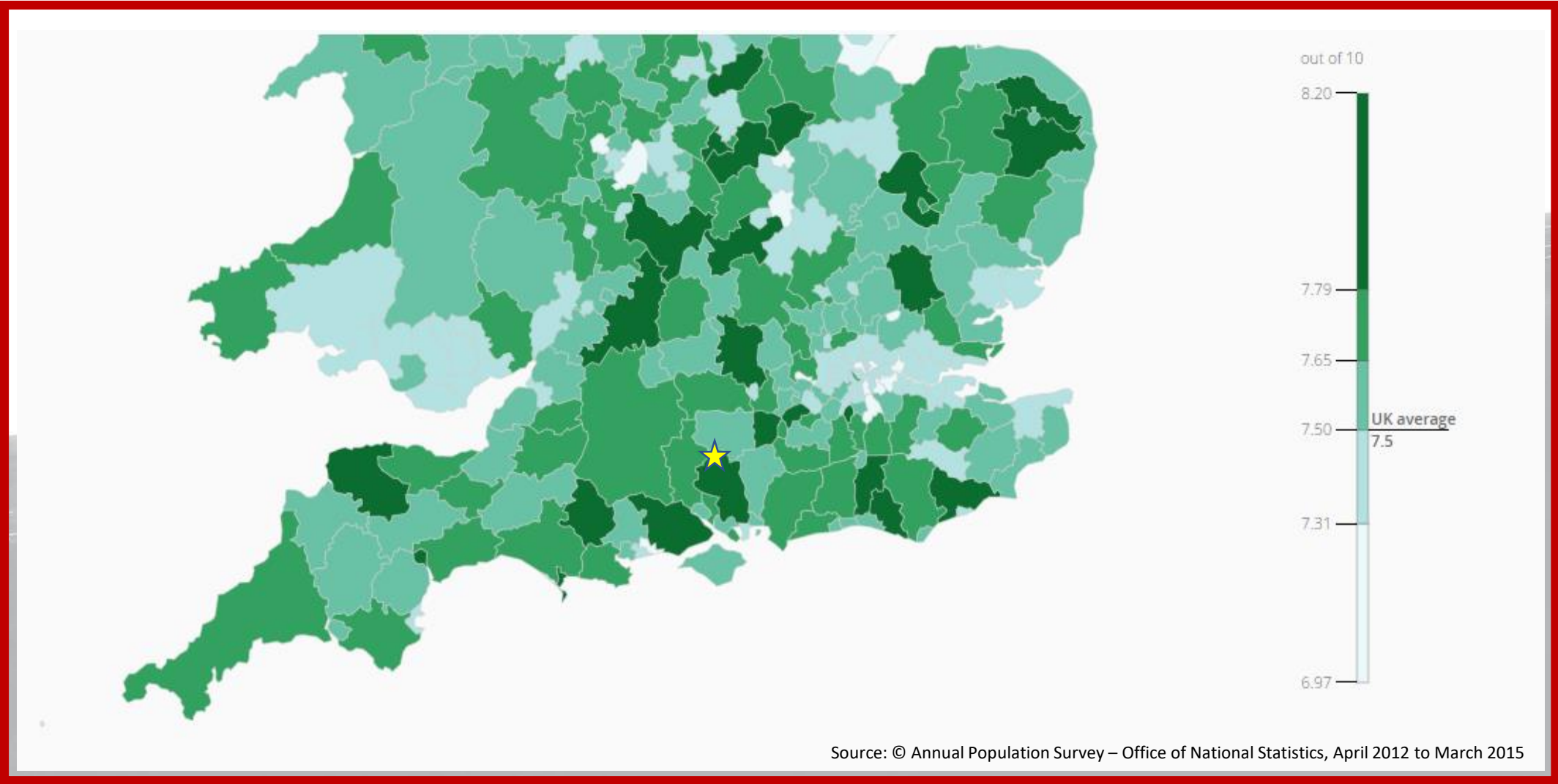


**Southampton, Portsmouth, Bournemouth, Salisbury, Reading, Oxford, Guildford, Chichester, Slough**

# 1. Transport Links



# Life Satisfaction

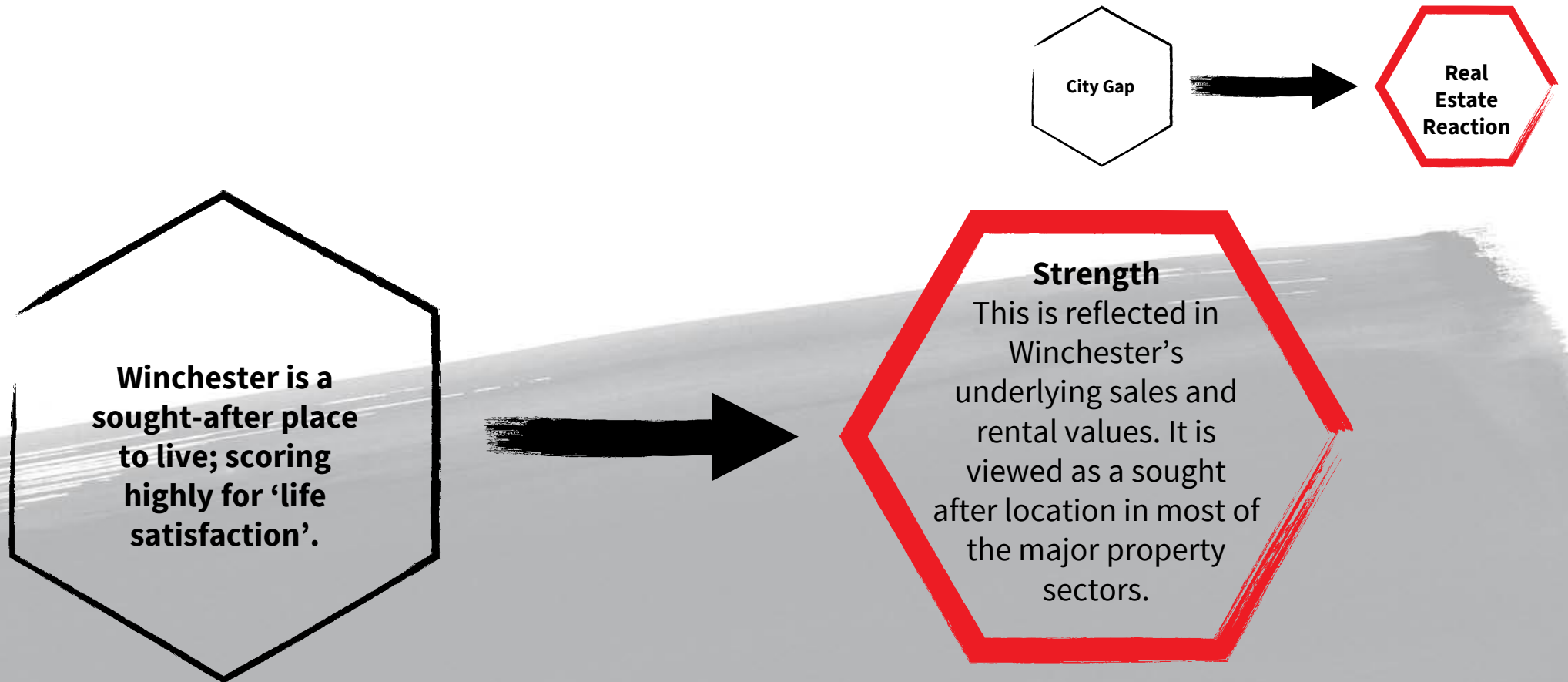


**7.9/10**  
Life Satisfaction

**Higher than the**  
UK Average



## 2. Life Satisfaction



# Approach to assessing demographics



- We have analysed the following data sets based on a 5 km and/or 10 km radius from Winchester Train Station:
  - Age Structure;
  - Population projection;
  - ACORN profile; and
  - Income profile.
- This approach has been used as it reflects how the real estate development and investment market would assess a site/location.
- It should be noted that when looking at the 10km radius elements fall outside of the Winchester District boundary.

# Age Structure and Population Projection – 10km radius

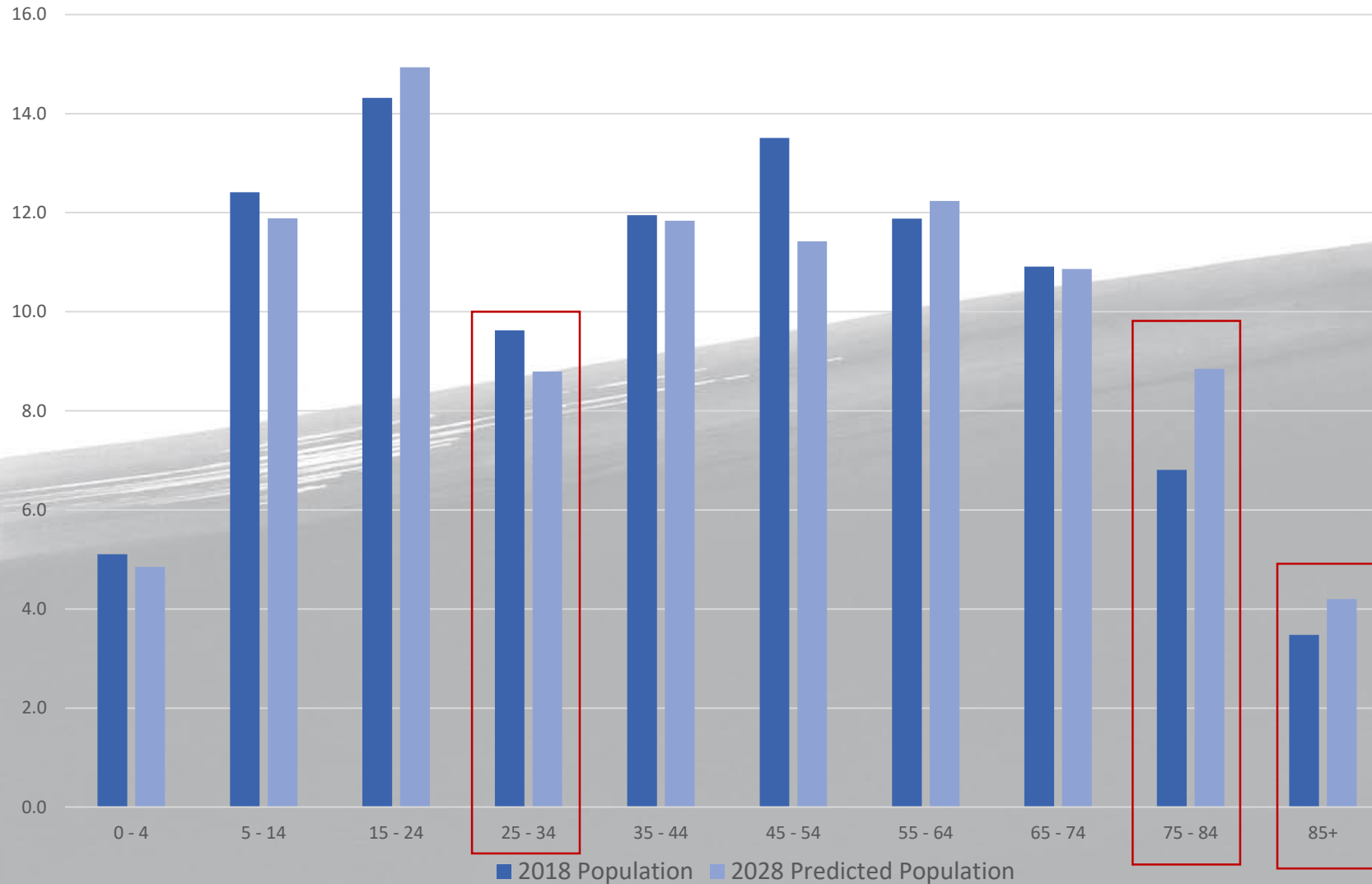


- ❖ At present, over 20% of Winchester's population are 65+, this is above the UK average of 18%.
- ❖ 14% of Winchester's population are between the age of 15-24, this is above the UK average of 12%.
- ❖ c.10% of Winchester's population are between the age of 25-34, this is below the UK average of 14%.
- ❖ The population of Winchester is projected to increase from 95,025 in 2018 to 101,279 in 2028.
- ❖ The rate of population growth in Winchester is projected to be greater than the rate of growth in the UK.

Resident Population Projections	Data for area	Data for UK
<b>Population 2018</b>	95,025	64,587,260
<b>Population 2023</b> Projected Growth 2018 to 2023	98,230 3.4%	66,368,971 2.8%
<b>Population 2028</b> Projected Growth 2018 to 2023	101,279 6.6%	67,867,549 5.1%



# Population Projections – Winchester – 10km radius

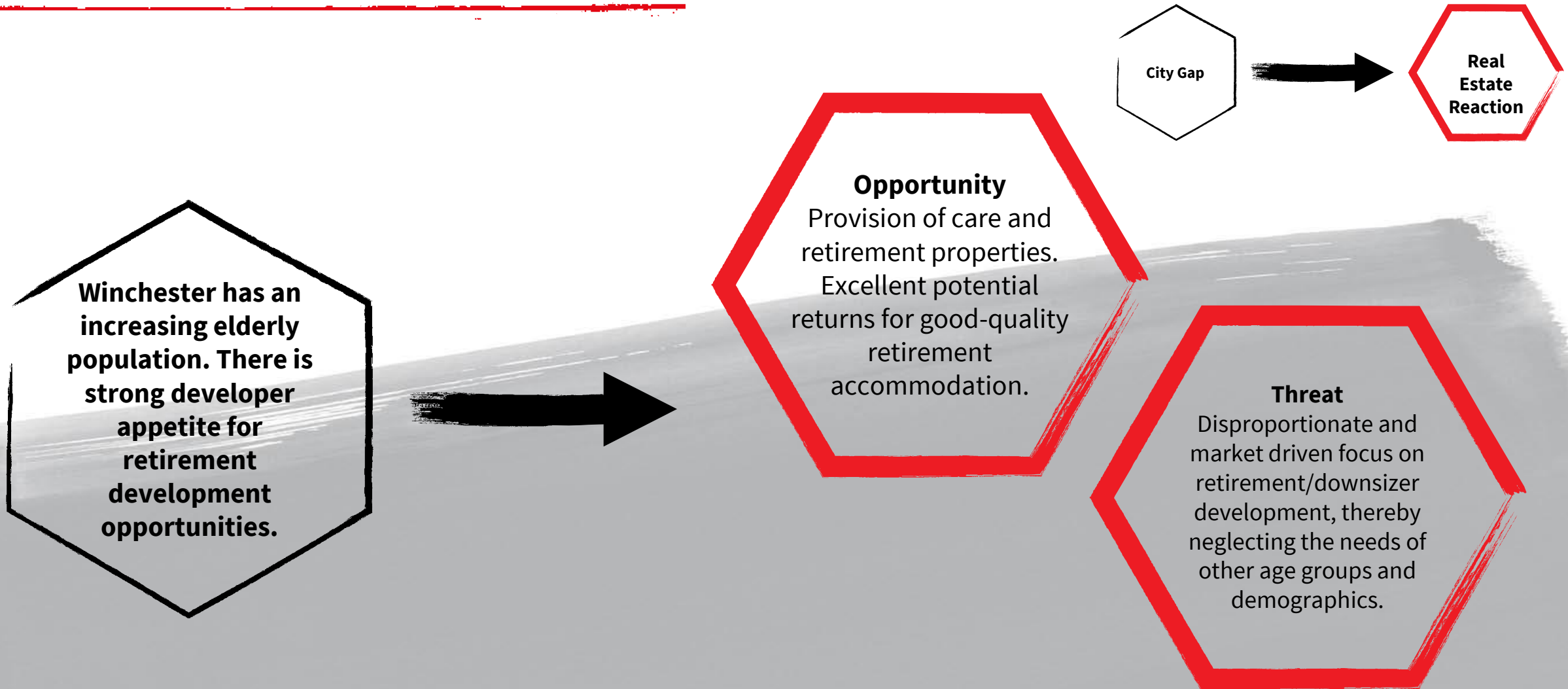


## Key messages:

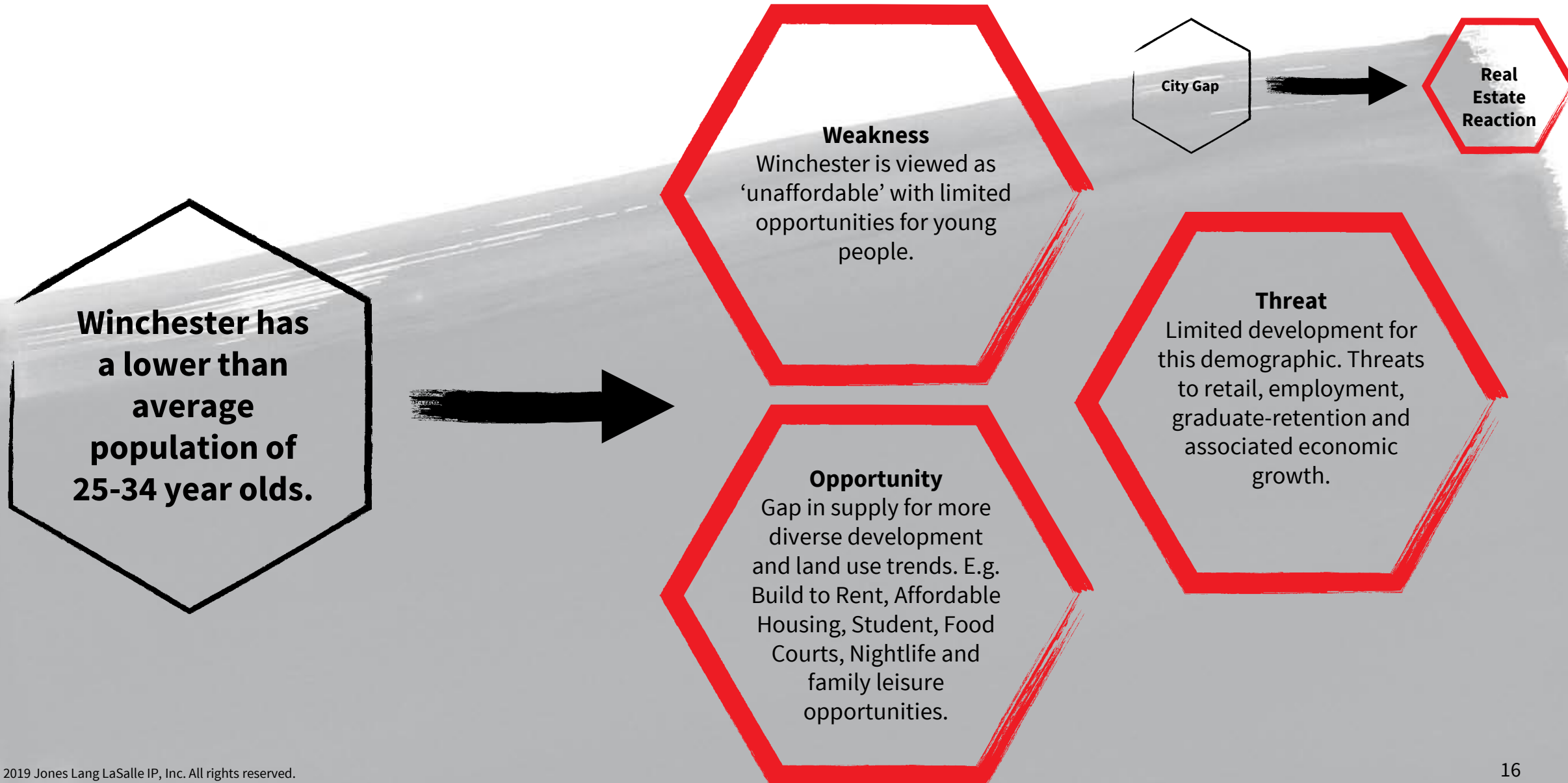
Of the anticipated population growth in Winchester up to 2028, there are two key themes:

- ❖ Continued under-representation of 25-34 year olds.
- ❖ Continued growth of Winchester's aging population.

### 3. Demographics

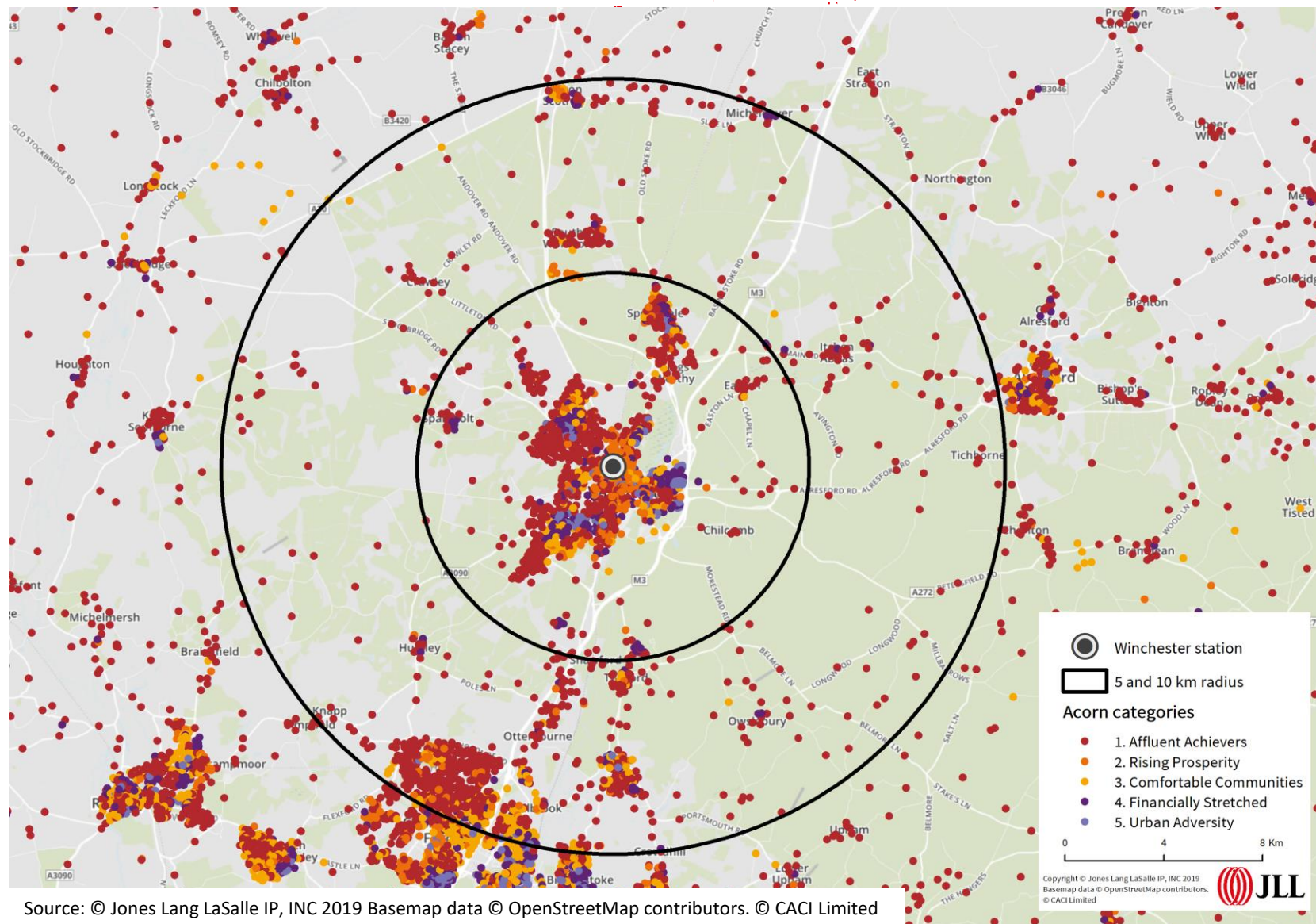


## 4. Demographics





# ACORN Profile – 5 & 10km radius



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## ● Affluent Achievers

These represent the most financially successful people in the UK. They live in wealthy, high status rural, semi-rural and suburban areas of the country.

## ● Rising Prosperity

Generally younger, well educated, mostly prosperous people living in major towns and cities.

## ● Comfortable Communities

Much of 'middle-of-the-road' Britain. All life stages are represented in this category. Generally, people own their homes.

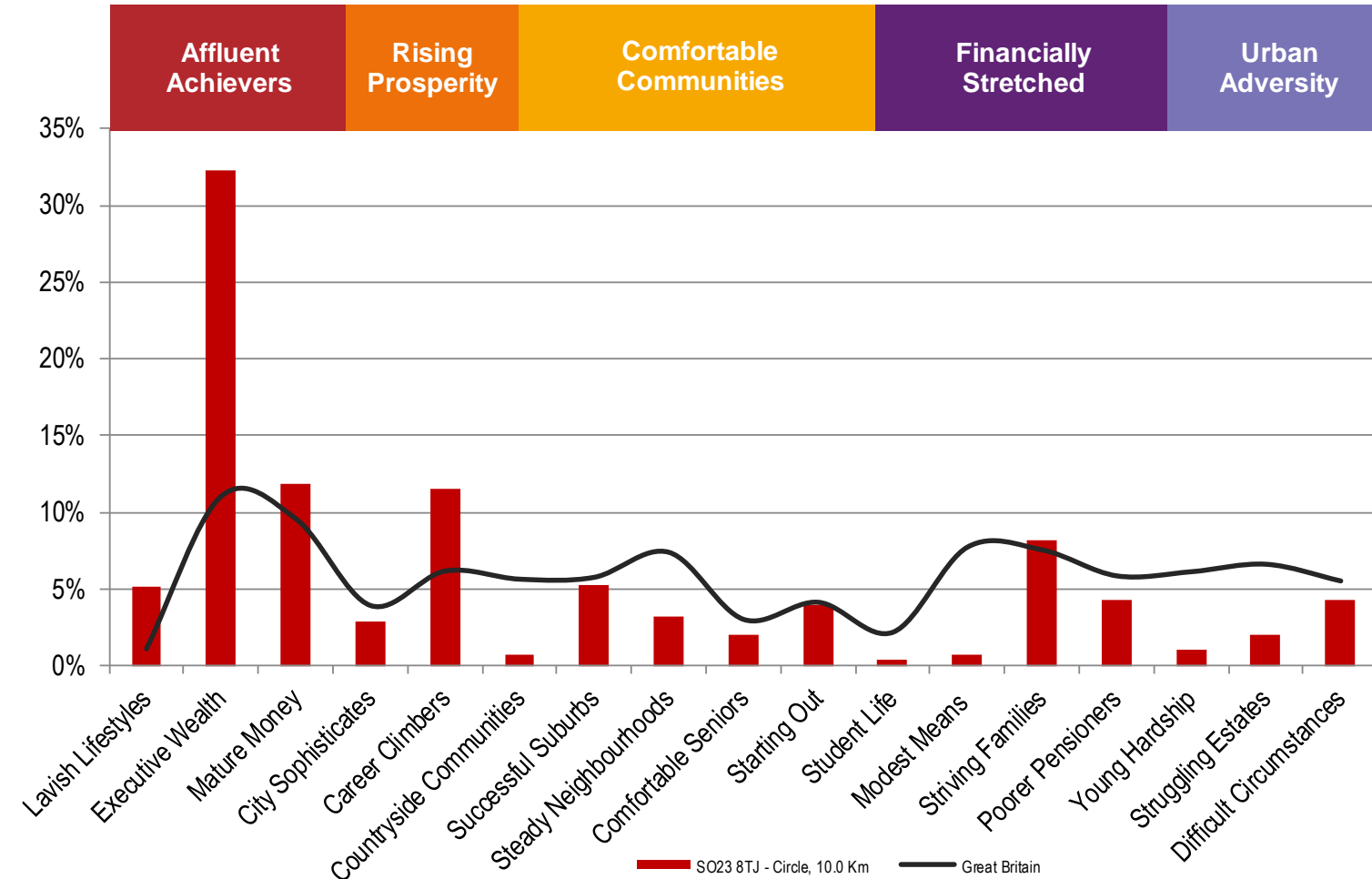
## ● Financially Stretched

A mix of traditional areas of Britain. Housing is often terraced or semi-detached including council or housing association accommodation.

## ● Urban Adversity

The most deprived area of large and small towns and cities across the country. Household incomes are low.

# ACORN Profile – 10km radius



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**50%**  
**Winchester**  
**Affluent**  
**Achievers**

**UK Average:**  
**Affluent**  
**Achievers**  
**22%**

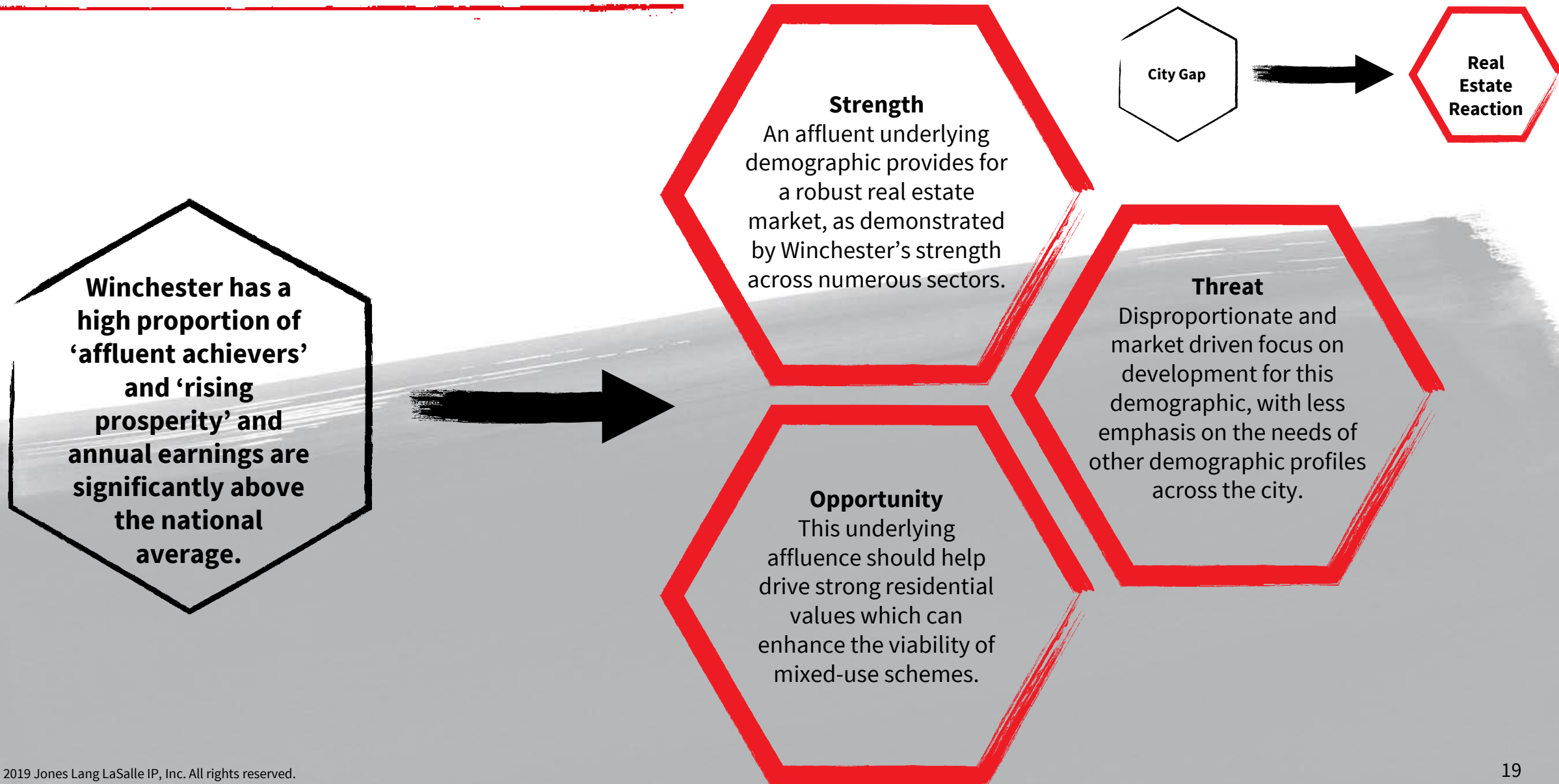
## Dominant Executive Wealth

*"These are wealthy families living in larger detached or semi-detached properties either in the suburbs, the edge of towns or in semi-rural locations. Whilst these are generally family areas there are also some empty nesters and better off retired couples. Many families own their home but a good number may still be repaying a mortgage. Incomes are good since many have managerial and professional occupations with perhaps one in five being company directors. These are high income people, successfully combining jobs and families"*

## Above Average Striving Families

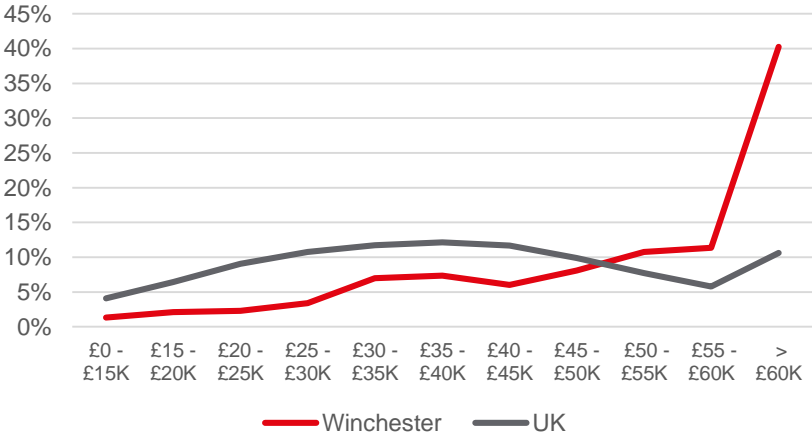
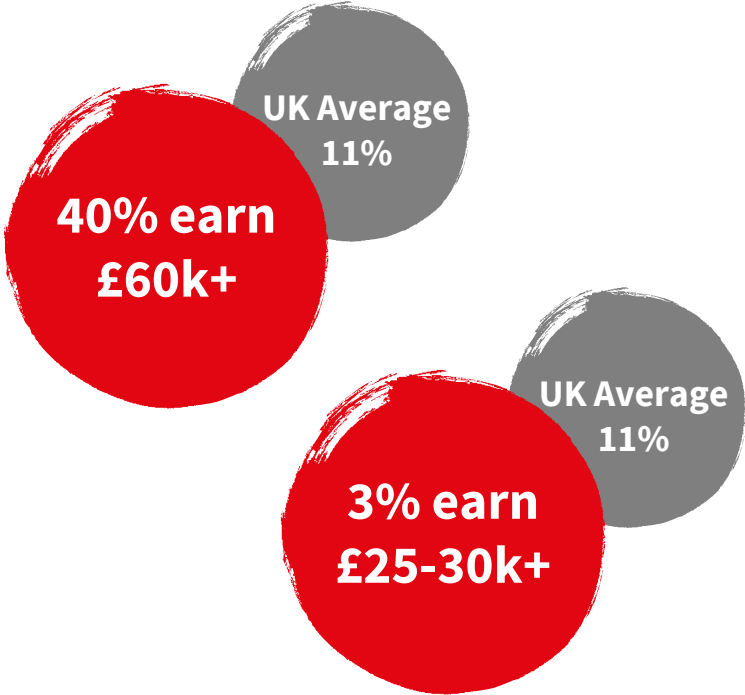
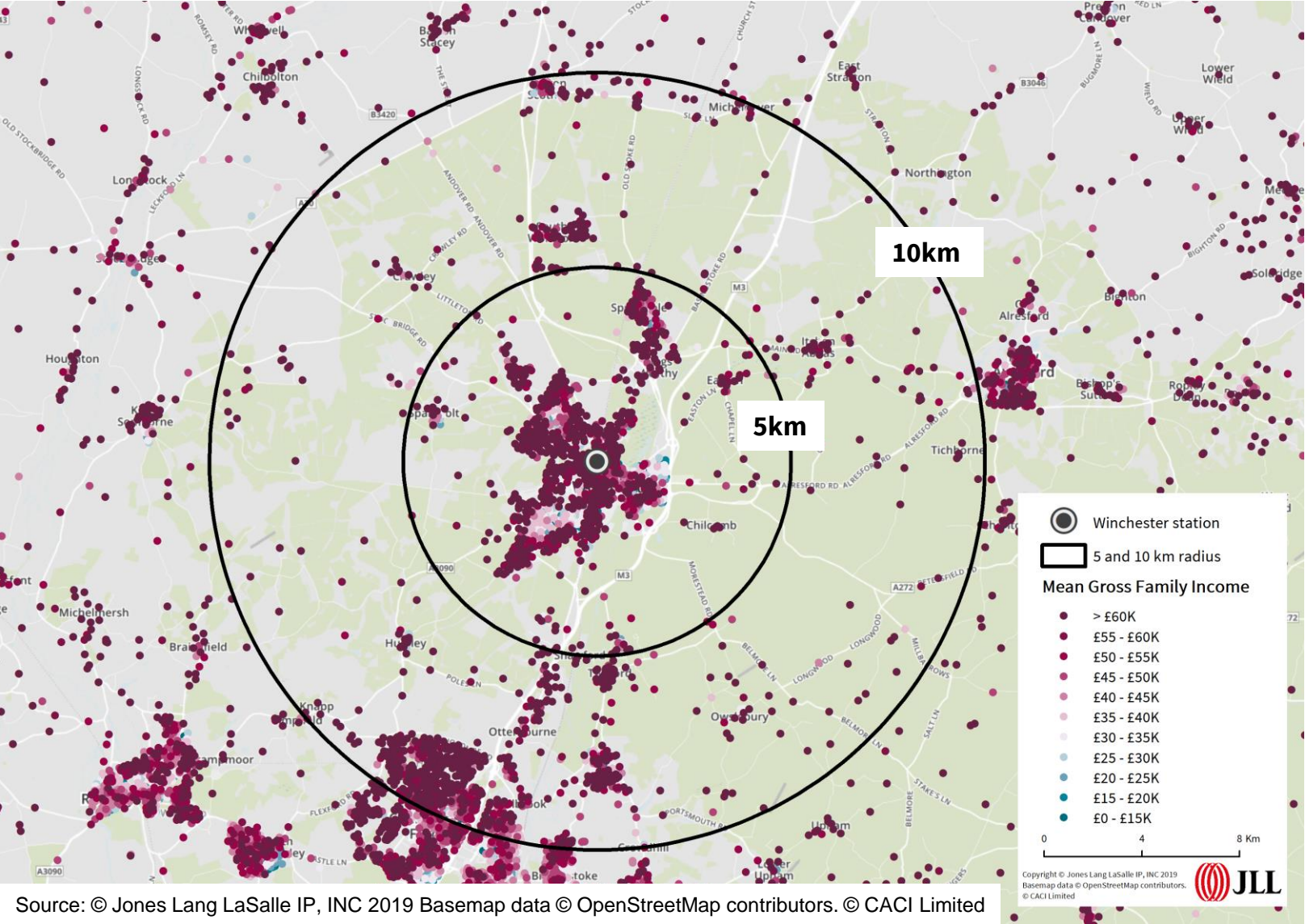
*"These low income families typically live on traditional low-rise estates. While many rent their homes, an equal number have bought their homes. Incomes are likely to be well below the national average. Shopping tends to focus on cheaper stores and leisure activities. These families are struggling to get on limited incomes in urban areas"*

## 5. Demographics



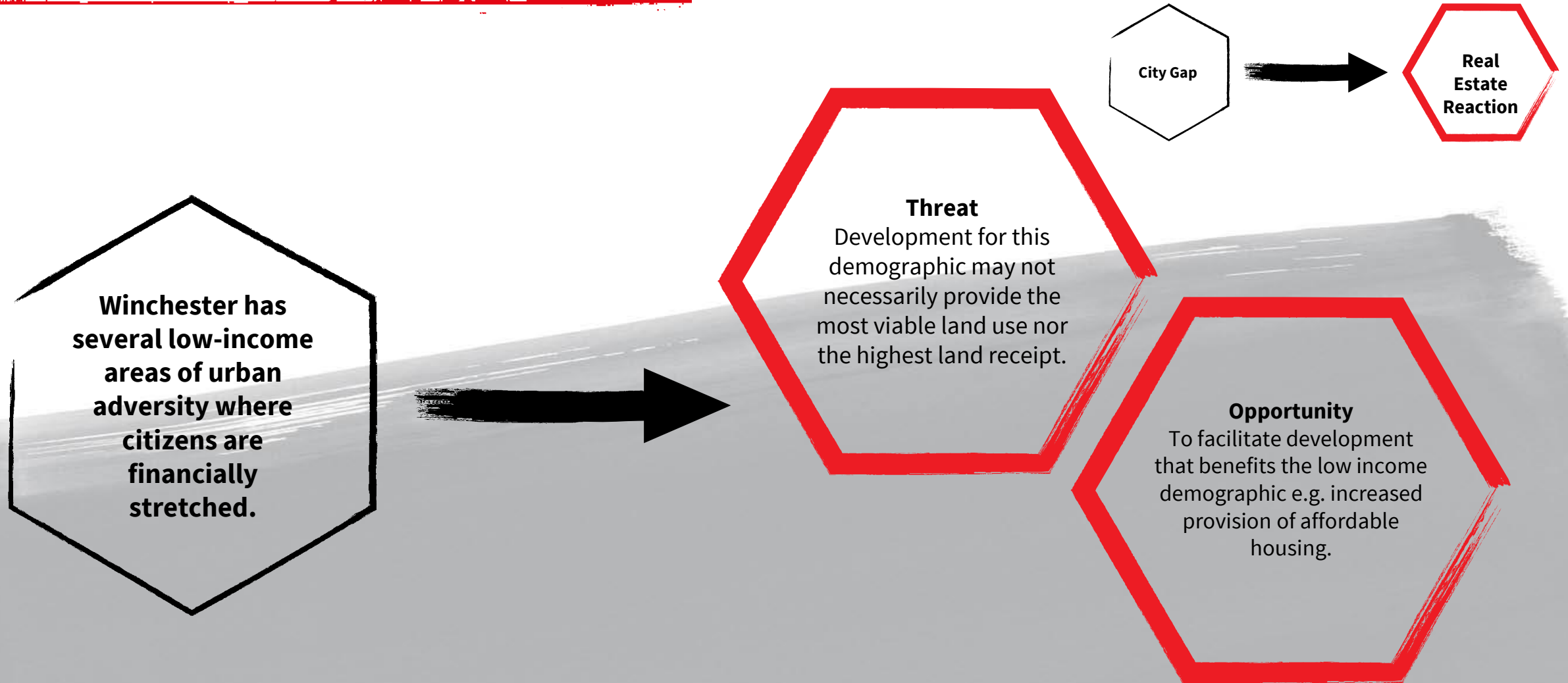


# Income Profile – 10km Radius





## 6. Demographics



# University of Winchester

- The University of Winchester was founded in 1840 and is located 10-minutes walk from the city centre.
- Winchester University's Faculty areas of specialism include; Humanities and Social Sciences, Education, Health and Social Care.
- Within these faculty areas the University offers numerous subject specific courses which are consistently rated highly in internal and national surveys of student satisfaction.
- The University has embarked on a dramatic expansion of its portfolio of degrees, adding 50 new programmes in two years – an increase of more than a third.

**Top  
20**  
for Teaching  
in the UK

**7,794**  
Students in  
2017/18

**86%**  
Full Time Study  
2017/18

**£48m**  
Campus  
Development  
(2018)

Source: <https://www.winchester.ac.uk/about-us/our-future/the-university-in-numbers/>

## Facts:



- ❖ 94% of students are from the UK, 1% from the EU and 5% non-EU.
- ❖ 92.1% of admissions are from state schools (non-grammar).
- ❖ 69.6% are middle class and 30.4% working class.



UNIVERSITY OF  
WINCHESTER

# Winchester University – Graduate Retention

- ❖ The Southern Policy Centre released a report in February 2019 titled “Home, Here or London? Retaining graduates from the central South’s Universities”.
- ❖ The University of Winchester (UoW) is one of the ‘core’ Higher Education Institutes (HEI’s) reviewed in the report.
- ❖ Winchester is significantly more successful at retaining students (20.2%) after graduation in comparison to other higher education institutions in the south east (14.4%).
- ❖ Significantly, Winchester only loses 12.7% of its graduates to London in comparison to 23.1% of students moving to London after graduating from other higher education institutions in the south east.
- ❖ However this data may be skewed somewhat by the relatively low sample size of UoW compared to other Central South Universities (Southampton: 4,320 students, Portsmouth 5,180 students and Bournemouth 3,315) and also the relatively high proportion of students leaving Portsmouth (24.8%) and Southampton Universities (27.1%) for London. The type of courses offered at each University may also impact on retention.
- ❖ In a regional context, the Central South performs poorly for graduate retention against other comparable regions (e.g. West of England).



# Other Educational Facilities

## Winchester School of Art

- ❖ Part of the University of Southampton, a Russell Group University.
- ❖ One of the world's leading art and design institutions.
- ❖ The School has an established history of almost 150 years.
- ❖ More than 1,500 students.
- ❖ The School is linked to the University of Southampton's Highfield campus via regular transport services.
- ❖ The campus is positioned on the edge of Winchester, a short walk from the high street.

## Sparsholt College University Centre

- ❖ Created by the University of Southampton and Sparsholt College.
- ❖ Sparsholt College has been offering Higher Education since the late 1970s.
- ❖ A leading institution for land based education.
- ❖ There are more than 1,900 full time students and 3,000 part time students.
- ❖ Sparsholt's private direct coaches can take students from the University Centre to a variety of locations.
- ❖ The college is located in Sparsholt roughly 3.5 mile from central Winchester.



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Winchester  
School of Art

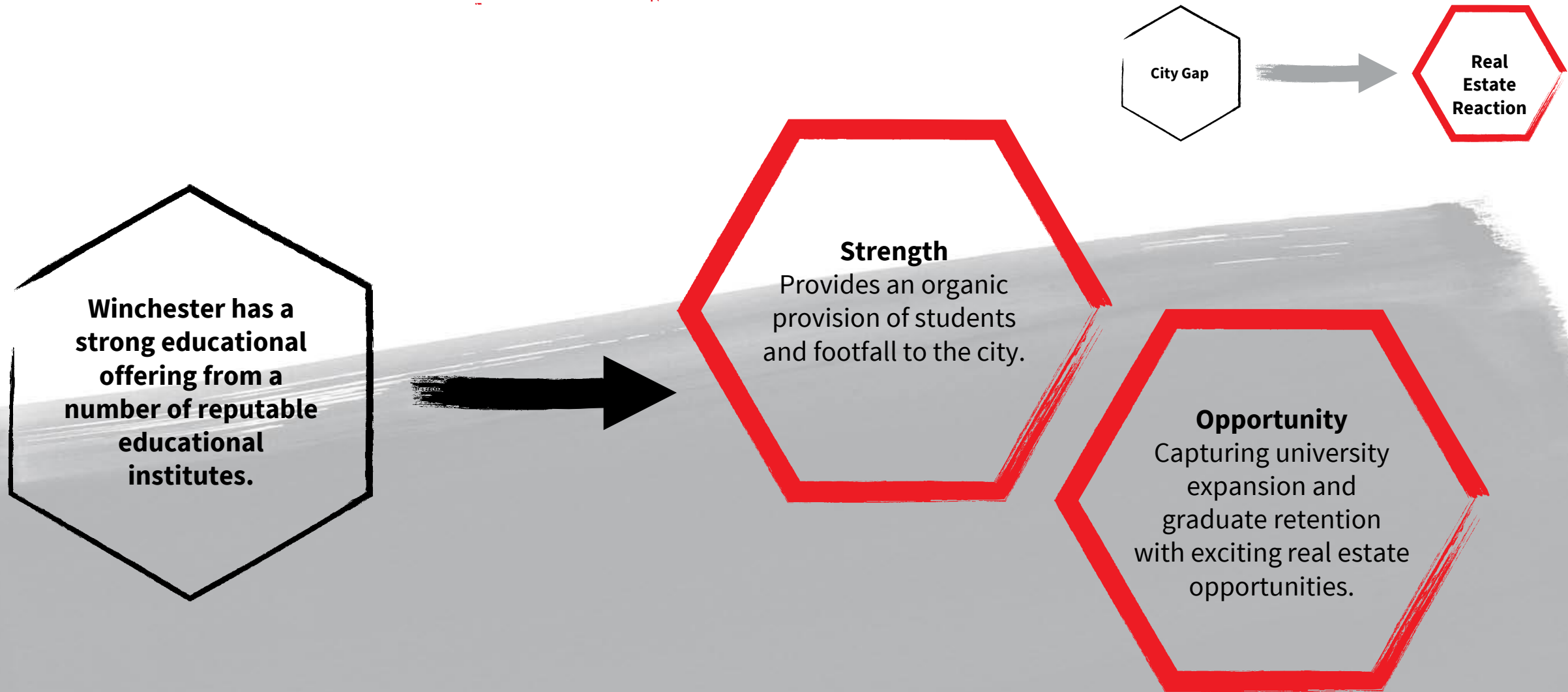
UNIVERSITY CENTRE  
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WINCHESTER  
COLLEGE



## 7. Education



# Culture

**5.6m**

**Visitors per Year  
(Winchester)**

## Heritage:

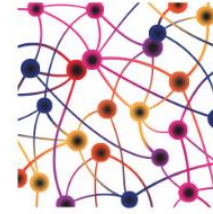
- ❖ Winchester Cathedral
- ❖ The Great Hall  
(Winchester Castle)
- ❖ Wolvesey Castle (Old  
Bishop's Palace)
- ❖ St Lawrence in the  
Square
- ❖ Winchester City Mill
- ❖ Winchester College
- ❖ Royal Armouries Fort
- ❖ Winchester's Military  
Quarter

## Entertainment:

- ❖ Theatre Royal  
Winchester
- ❖ Railway Inn
- ❖ Discover Centre
- ❖ The Minster Gallery
- ❖ The Guildhall
- ❖ Chesil Theatre
- ❖ Winchester City Mill &  
Shop

## Museums & Galleries:

- ❖ Winchester Science  
Centre and  
Planetarium\*
- ❖ Jane Austen' House  
Museum
- ❖ Westgate Museum
- ❖ Winchester City  
Museum



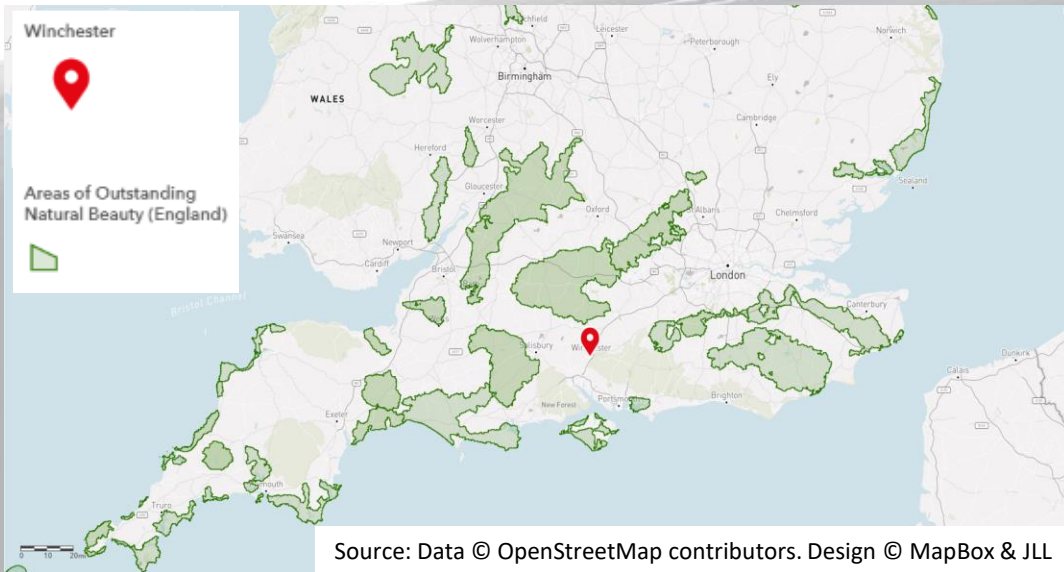
## WINCHESTER SCIENCE CENTRE AND PLANETARIUM

JANE AUSTEN'S  
HOUSE MUSEUM





# Tourism

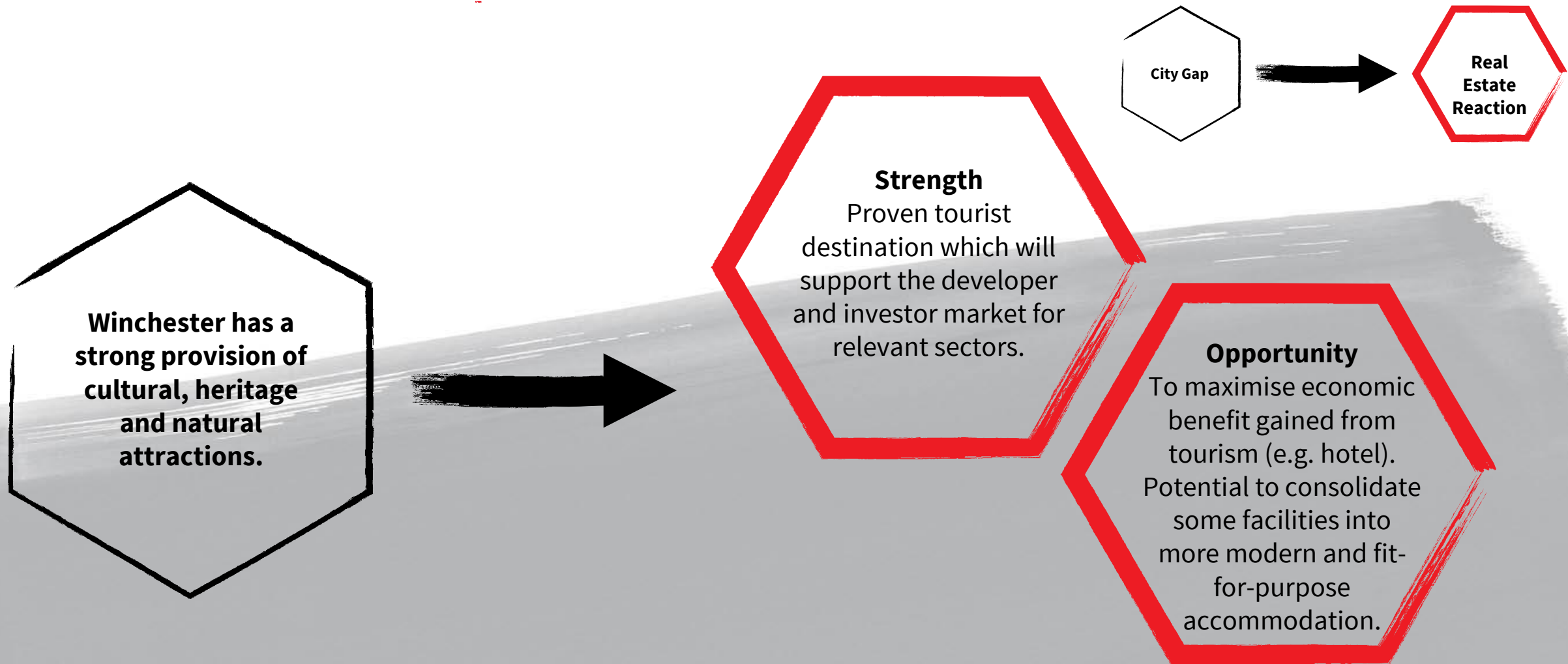


## Key Destinations

- ❖ Marwell Wildlife
- ❖ Mottisfont Abbey Garden, House and Estate
- ❖ Winchester Cathedral: 300,000 visitors annually, including pilgrims, tourists, families and school groups from across the country and overseas.
- ❖ Hinton Ampner Garden
- ❖ Winchester City Mill & Shop
- ❖ The Adjutant General's Corps Museum
- ❖ Royal Hampshire Regiment Museum
- ❖ Royal Green Jackets Museum
- ❖ Winchester Science Centre & Planetarium: since opening in 2008, over 1 million people have visited the planetarium.



## 8. Culture, Heritage and Tourism



# Market Demand



# Residential – City Wide Introduction

- Winchester has a very strong residential property market.
- It is a heritage rich city and is amongst the most sought-after areas in the South. It commands a significant premium above other southern cities.
- £ per sq. ft. values are generally highest in the city centre but capital values are highest in more peripheral locations for family and executive style housing.
- The most popular areas for families are Hyde and Fulflood, which are characterised by terraced Victorian properties. Less popular areas are Stanmore, Badger Farm and Weeke.
- Development in the City centre predominantly comprises high quality new build units and larger 'estate' style housing is restricted to peripheral locations.
- There are numerous affluent peripheral locations and villages, within a 30 minute drive of Winchester, including, but not limited to:
  - ❖ Twyford;
  - ❖ Shawford;
  - ❖ Alresford;
  - ❖ Stockbridge;
  - ❖ Bishops Waltham;
  - ❖ West and East Meon; and
  - ❖ South Downs National Park.

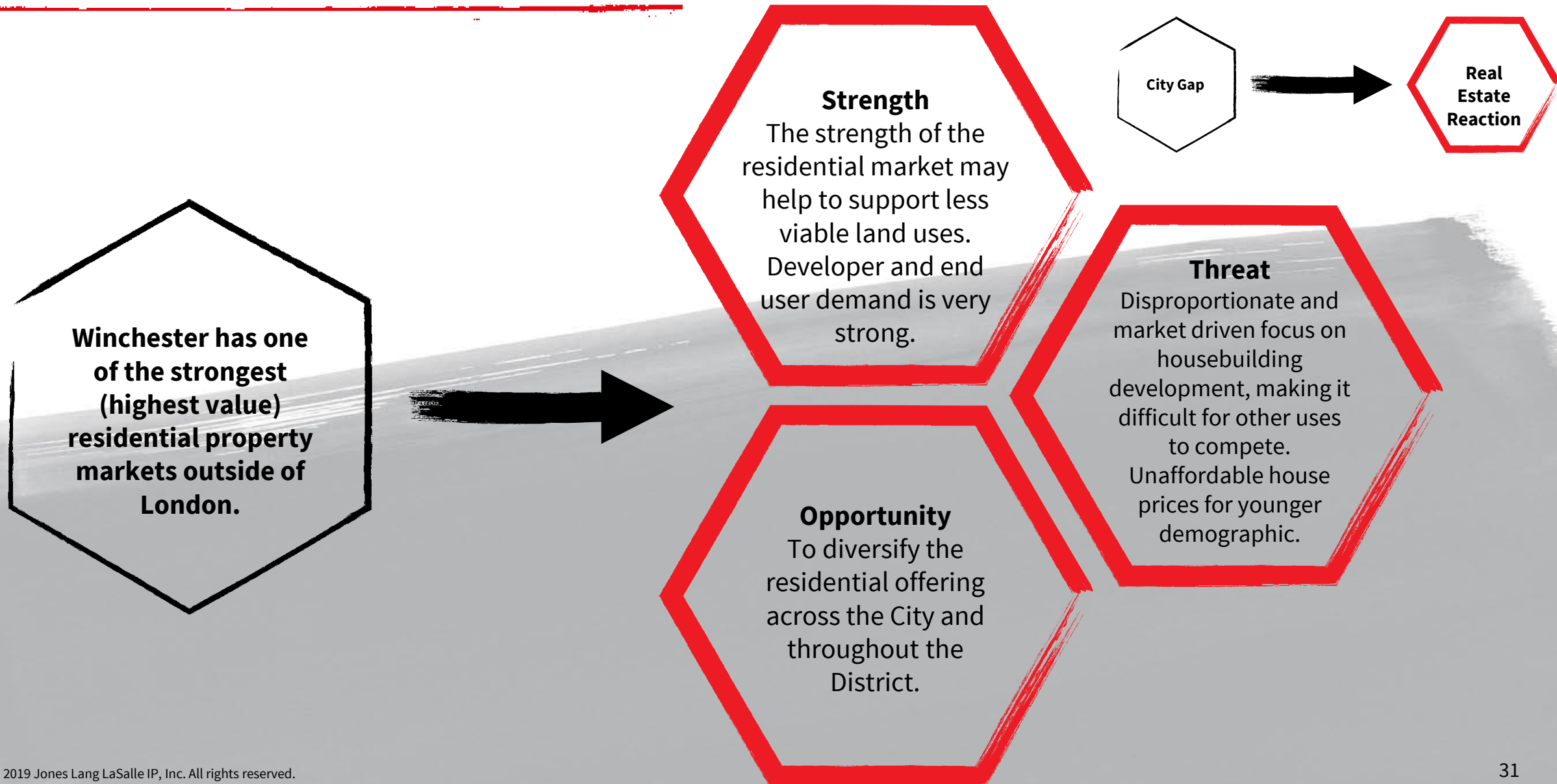
**Winchester was named in the UK's top 3 least affordable cities by Lloyds Bank**

**Winchester house prices are on average 36% greater than the rest of Hampshire**

**Winchester has seen the greatest house price rise (93%) in the UK since 2008, according to Lloyds**

Source: Land Registry House Price Index 2019

## 9. Residential - Private





# Residential – Affordable Housing

- ❖ Winchester is a highly sought-after area and affordability is a key issue across the residential property market.
- ❖ To date the majority of affordable housing provided comprises 2, 3 and 4 bedroom houses suited to families or second steppers.
- ❖ There is a lack of affordable 1 and 2 bedroom flats in Winchester which excludes first time buyers and young professionals.
- ❖ There is a need for new 1 and 2 bedroom flats in central and peripheral locations of Winchester.
- ❖ The Council has a proven housebuilding capacity and there is strong market interest from traditional and emerging Affordable Housing providers.

## Example Affordable Housing Providers:



- ❖ The three higher education institutes in Winchester provide a total of 2,425 bed spaces for 8,313 full time students. Therefore, only 29.3% of students reside within University accommodation.
- ❖ Where students are unable to obtain University accommodation they either live at home or rent from the private sector.
- ❖ The majority of student demand is met by either houses in multiple occupations (HMO's) or students living at home.
- ❖ There is a significant gap between supply and demand which is expected to increase as a result of the increase in students attending Winchester University.

# Residential – Build to Rent and Co-Living

## Build to Rent (BTR)

- ❖ Winchester is a well connected commuter town, experiencing growing popularity from young families, professionals and key workers who are attracted to the location as an alternative place of residence to the capital.
- ❖ In theory, a BTR product in Winchester could operate well by capturing this resident profile which has traditionally been the target demographic for such schemes.
- ❖ As this would be the first of its type, it would be essential to position a BTR scheme correctly in terms of scale and service offering to avoid over saturating the local market and provide services in line with expectations.

## Co-Living

- ❖ Winchester benefits from a strong sales market. The City is popular with young families and downsizers who are relocating out of London, attracted by the quality of its educational offering, relative (to London) affordability of property and proximity to areas including the South Downs. These location-based factors are typically less important to the anticipated occupier base for a Co-Living asset, for whom factors such as connectivity and experience are likely to be more critical.

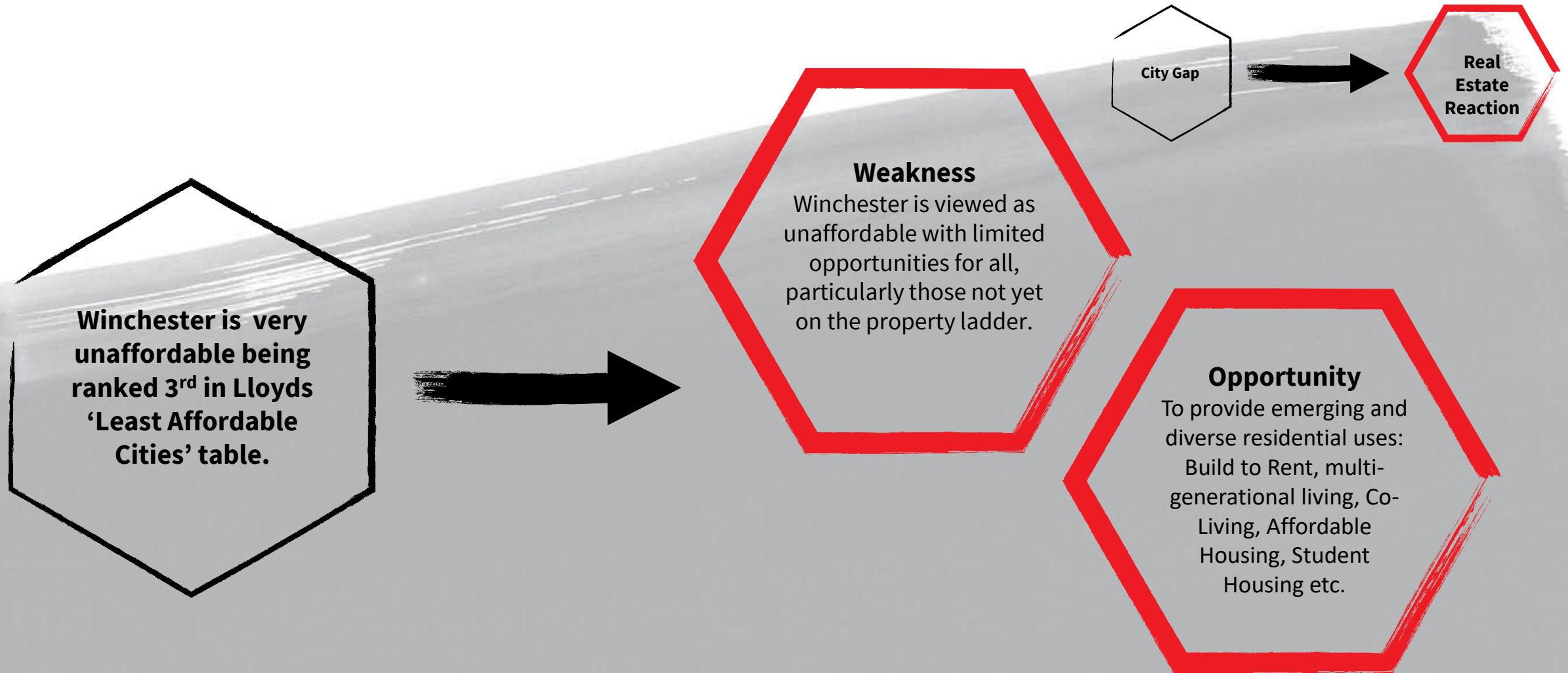
### What is Built to Rent?

**Build to Rent** (BTR) is a term used to describe residential property that has been specifically designed for the rental market, instead of for private resale. BTR schemes are typically owned by investment companies and the market is growing quickly.

### What is Co-Living?

**Co-Living** is an emerging real-estate product that focusses on community and convenience where occupiers enjoy their own private furnished living space alongside well-designed, on-site communal spaces.

# 10. Residential - Alternative





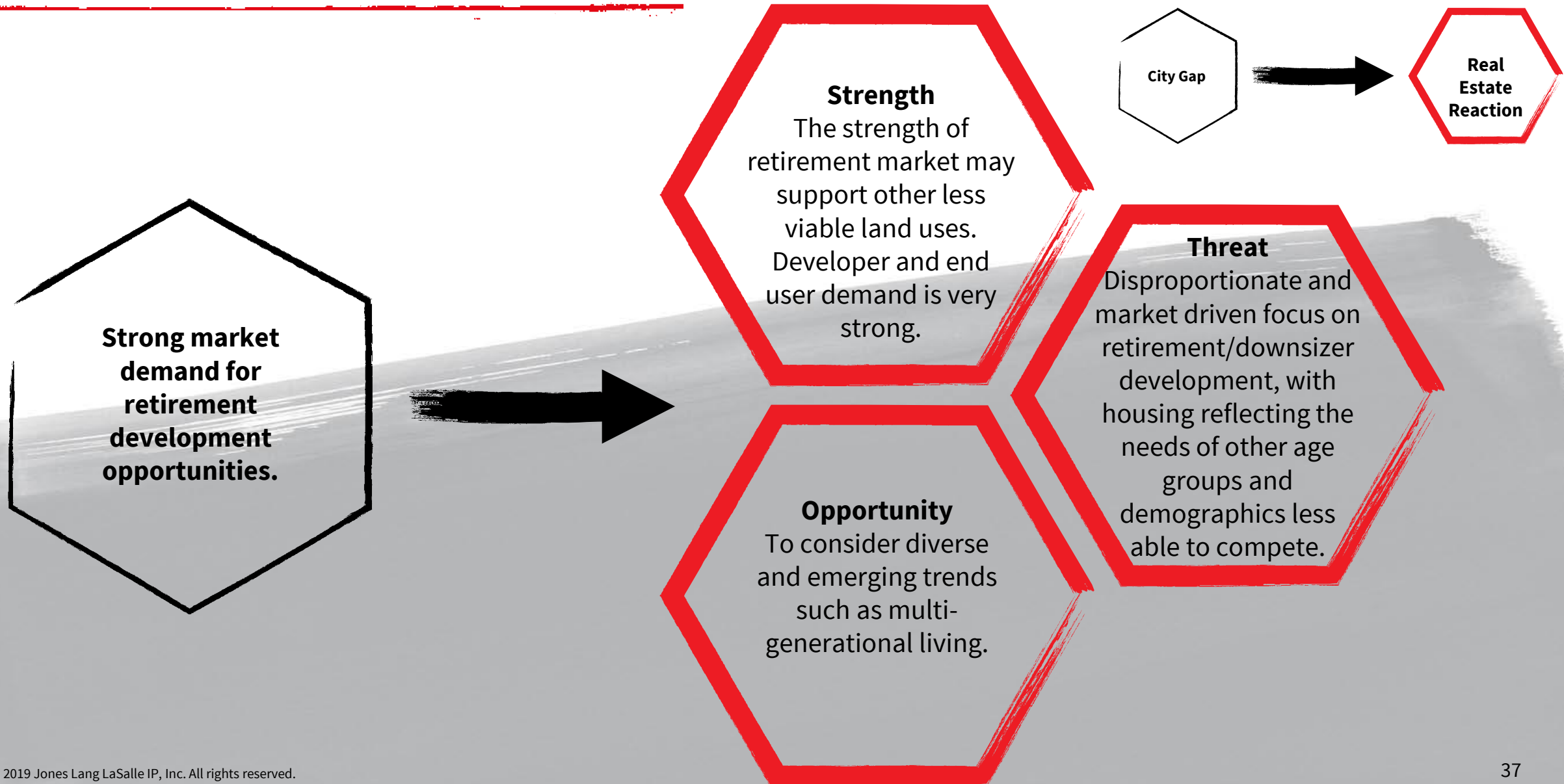
## **Retirement Market Overview**

- ❖ The principle aim of this property class is to provide alternative accommodation for those over 55 years of age, from private residential housing to residential care.
- ❖ It targets older people requiring specialist-housing and/or support who also wish to maintain their independence. Typically Retirement accommodation will provide a community (with on-going activities and support provided), not just housing.
- ❖ Prices paid for retirement accommodation are reliant upon prevailing values as generally homes are sold in order for a purchaser to finance a move into the retirement scheme.

## **Winchester Market Overview**

- ❖ Winchester is considered to be an extremely desirable residential location for end users and developers.
- ❖ The strength of the retirement market in the south of England has given rise to diversification in the retirement sector. There are operators who now provide retirement 'villages' which can be inclusive of multi-faceted services and the provision of incremental levels of support and care.

# 11. Residential - Retirement/Care

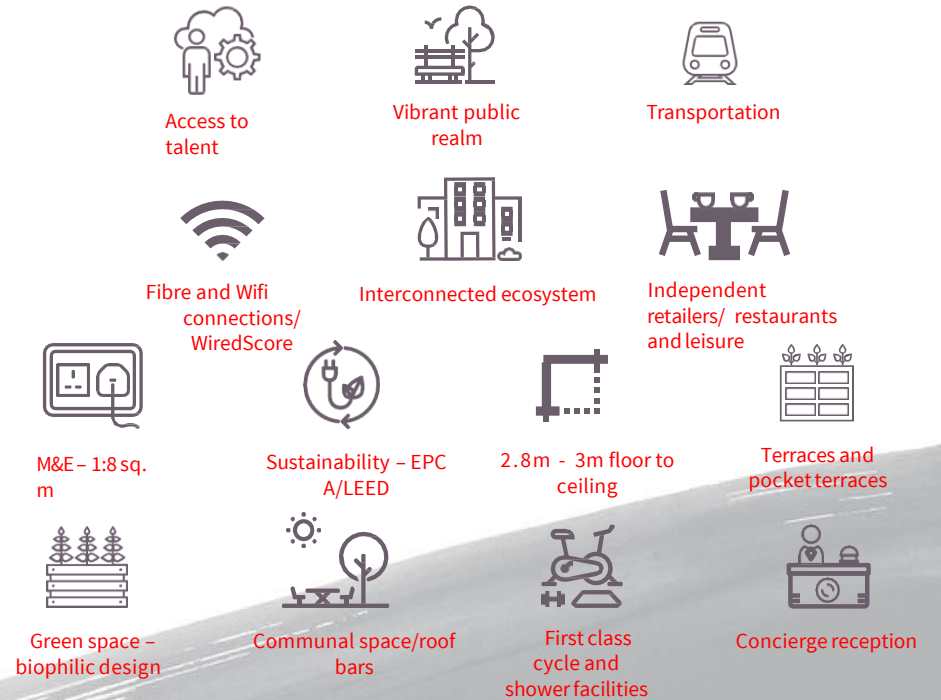


# Offices – Traditional

## Market Commentary

- ❖ Winchester is an affluent and popular office location.
- ❖ There has been a very limited supply of new office space across the South Coast, including Winchester.
- ❖ This has resulted in pent-up demand from occupiers across the region.
- ❖ Winchester faces competition from nearby business locations including: Southampton, Basingstoke, Reading, Bournemouth and Portsmouth.
- ❖ Rents have reached a current prime peak (Q4 2019) of £31.00 per sq. ft (for refurbished accommodation).
- ❖ The lack of Grade A office space has prevented many occupiers from upgrading.

## What Do Occupiers Want?



## Prime Rents – Q4 2019



# Offices – Co-Working/Flexible Workspace

- ❖ In tandem with the restricted supply of office space, occupiers have been looking to rationalise their real estate needs. They are looking to adapt to urbanisation and provide their employees with a collaborative atmosphere in which they can live, work and play.
- ❖ In addition to this, entrepreneurs and start-up businesses have been seeking flexibility in their real estate needs.
- ❖ The consequence has been a rise in the prevalence of co-working and flexible workspace operators.





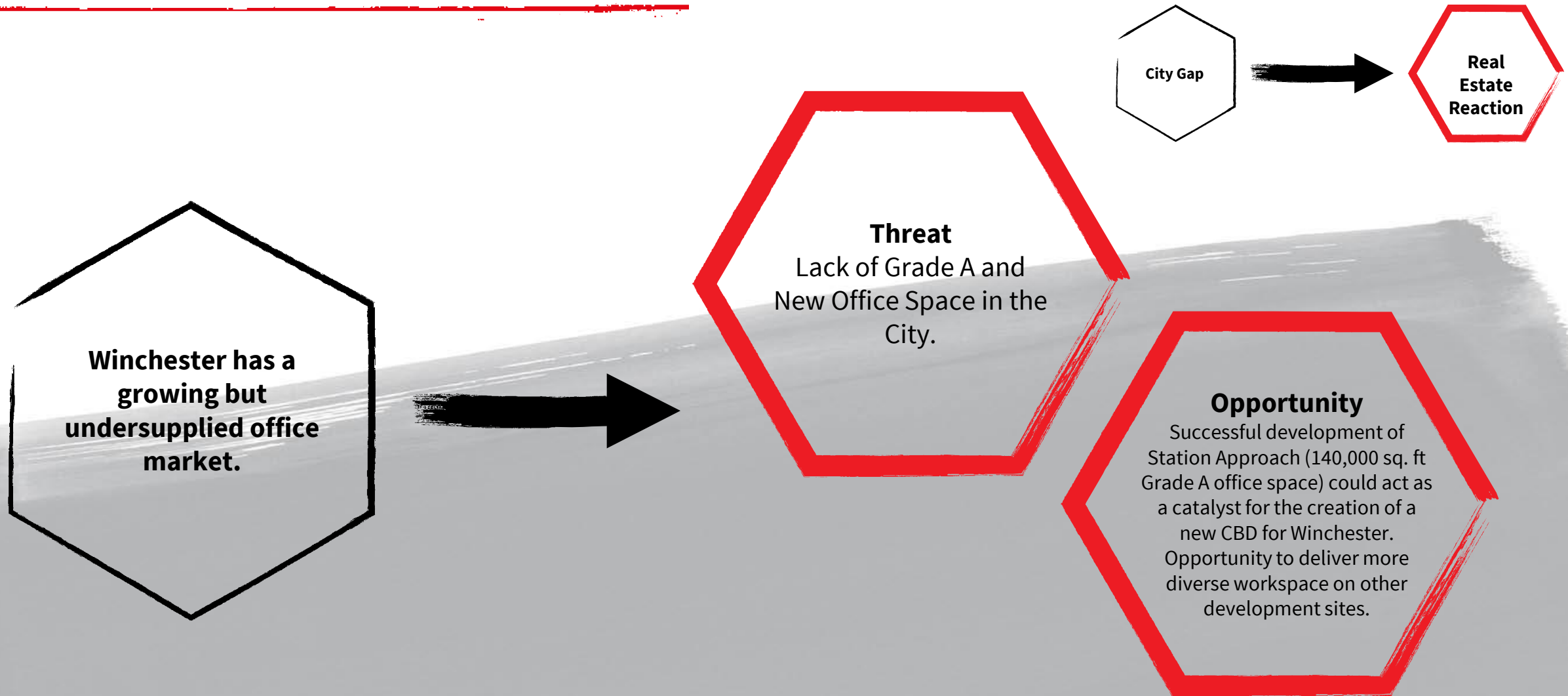
- ❖ Much of the UK life science activity is formed in clusters, often built around one or more leading centres of research such as a university or research institution. These clusters typically have a broad spectrum of corporate entities in occupation ranging from spin-out/start-ups and SME's right through to branches of multinational corporations. The Golden Triangle refers to the geographical area spanning London, Oxford and Cambridge which hosts key life science hubs and is strategically important to driving growth in the industry.

## Demand Drivers



**Winchester:** There is no existing life sciences cluster in Winchester city centre

## 12. Offices



## Market Commentary

- ❖ The UK is witnessing a rapidly changing retail environment due to factors such as the rise of online disruption to shopping patterns and Brexit.
- ❖ Technology has improved price transparency for consumers, increasing market efficiency and reducing long term profit for retailers.
- ❖ JLL believe that the super prime, prime, heritage and convenience locations will thrive providing they innovate.
- ❖ By 2026, JLL estimates that the closure of c.80,000 stores across the UK will ultimately drive average sales densities from £400 per sq. ft to greater than £500 per sq. ft. This is despite online sales growing to c. 30% of total sales by the same time horizon (from c. 17% today).

## The Future of Retail...





# F&B: Food Halls

- ❖ In the current market, restaurants are shrinking in their size requirements, as more independents come into the sector.
- ❖ Restaurants are a much smaller size, at approximately 1,200 sq. ft to 2,000 sq. ft. The former traditional 3,500 sq. ft to 5,000 sq. ft demand is still there but not as widespread.
- ❖ We have seen the emergence of Food Market Halls taking space from 10,000 to 60,000 sq. ft which previously was not one of the trends in the UK.
- ❖ The UK has seen the introduction of the Competitive Socialising uses in the leisure sector, with operators such as Bounce, Flight Pub, Swingers and Putt Shack to name a few. These operators are typically taking 15,000 to 30,000 sq. ft of space.
- ❖ Example of some regional food markets include:
  1. Altrincham Market, Altrincham
  2. Hatch, Manchester
  3. Baltic Market, Liverpool
  4. Stack Newcastle,
  5. Lakeside, Essex





# F&B: Winchester's Current Offer



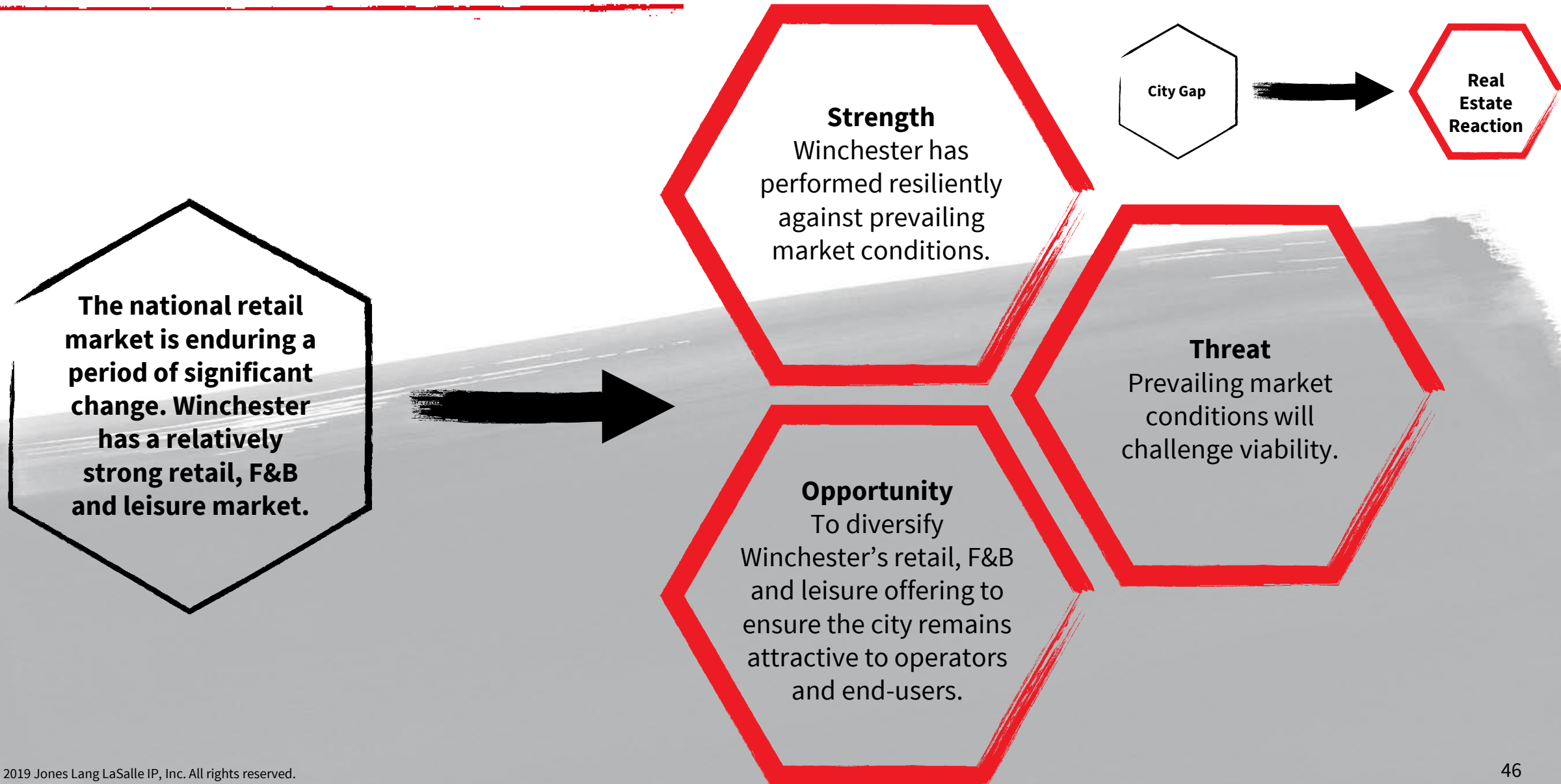
- ❖ Supported by the Winchester BID – major F&B destinations in and around Winchester include the following:
  - Weekly Food and Produce market.
  - The Square and Market Lane – a selection of shops, bars, and eateries.
  - Lower end of the High Street – Chesil Street, City Bridge and Abbey Gardens are renowned for restaurants such as The Chesil Rectory and River Cottage.
  - The district's market towns including Alresford, Wickham and Bishop's Waltham all feature independent cafes.
  - Winchester's current food offer can be broken down as follows:
    - 83 independent retailers in Winchester, 14 of which are classes as 'Food & Drink';
    - 111 Food and Beverage offers; and
    - 25 venues and events spaces for hire in Winchester.
- ❖ The Winchester Christmas market attracts around 400,000 visitors every year and the success of the market is an encouraging pre-cursor for additional F&B and retail offerings, particularly from small, independent traders.

# Leisure

- ❖ Current leisure amenities within the Winchester area are limited but at present include the following:
  - Everyman Cinema;
  - Theatre Royal Winchester;
  - Guildhall Winchester ;
  - Riverside Indoors Bowls Club;
  - Marwell Zoo;
  - Mid Hants Railway – Watercress Line; and
  - Winchester Sports and Leisure Park (under construction).
- ❖ There is scope to expand leisure amenities within Winchester to accommodate the growing student population and attract the younger generation.
- ❖ Winchester has a very limited offering of night-time entertainment facilities.



# 14. Food & Beverage, Retail and Leisure





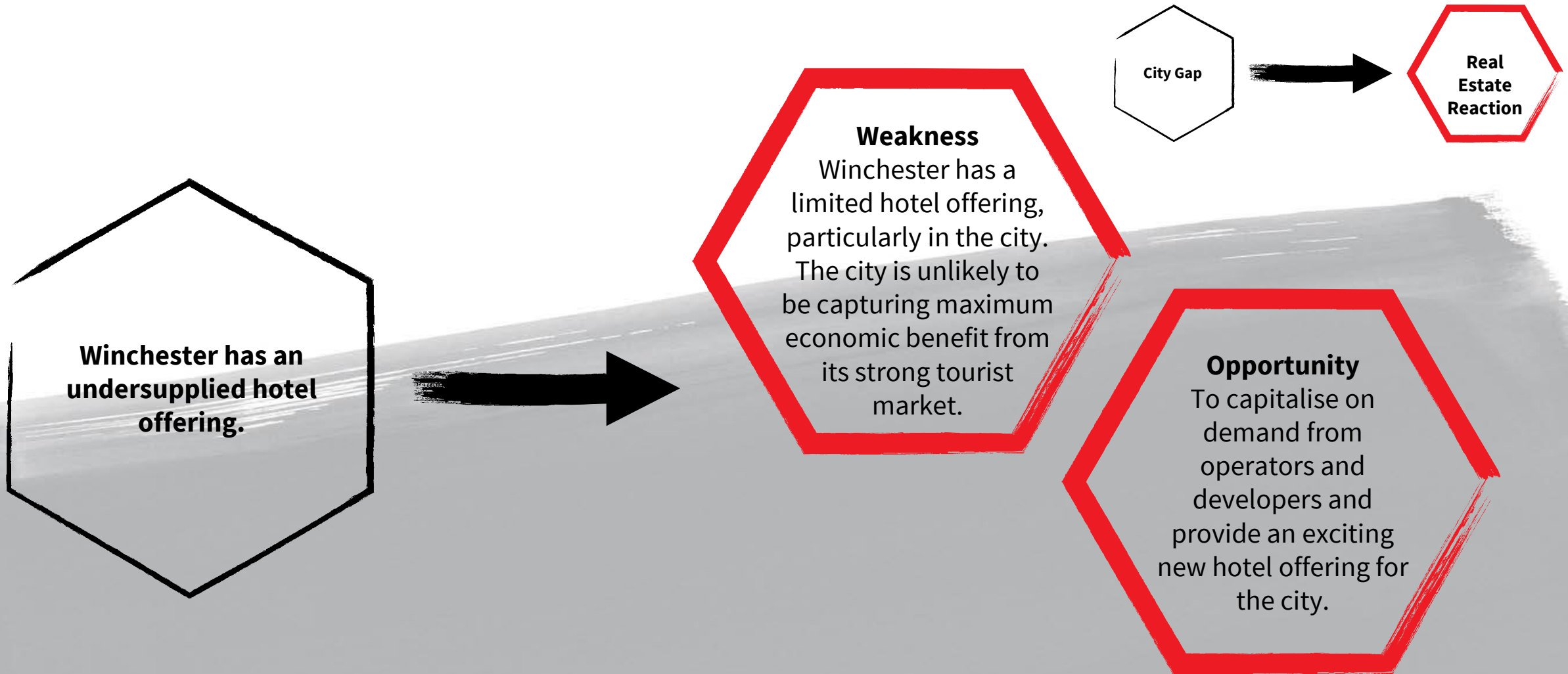
## **Demand:**

- ❖ There is limited supply of branded hotel stock in Winchester at present.
- ❖ If a hotel development opportunity was to come to the market in a well located Winchester site we would expect interest to be forthcoming from the branded hotel operators for a mid-scale hotel product.

## **Existing Supply:**

- ❖ Hotel Du Vin Winchester – Grade 4;
- ❖ Mercure Winchester Wessex Hotel – Grade 4;
- ❖ Old Vine – Grade 4;
- ❖ The Wykeham Arms Beautiful Bedrooms by Fuller's – Grade 4;
- ❖ Westgate Inn – Grade 4;
- ❖ Winchester Hotel & Spa – Grade 4;
- ❖ Winchester Royal Hotel – Grade 4;
- ❖ No 5 Bridge Street – Grade 3;
- ❖ King Alfred – Grade 2; and
- ❖ Travelodge Winchester – Budget.

# 15. Hotels



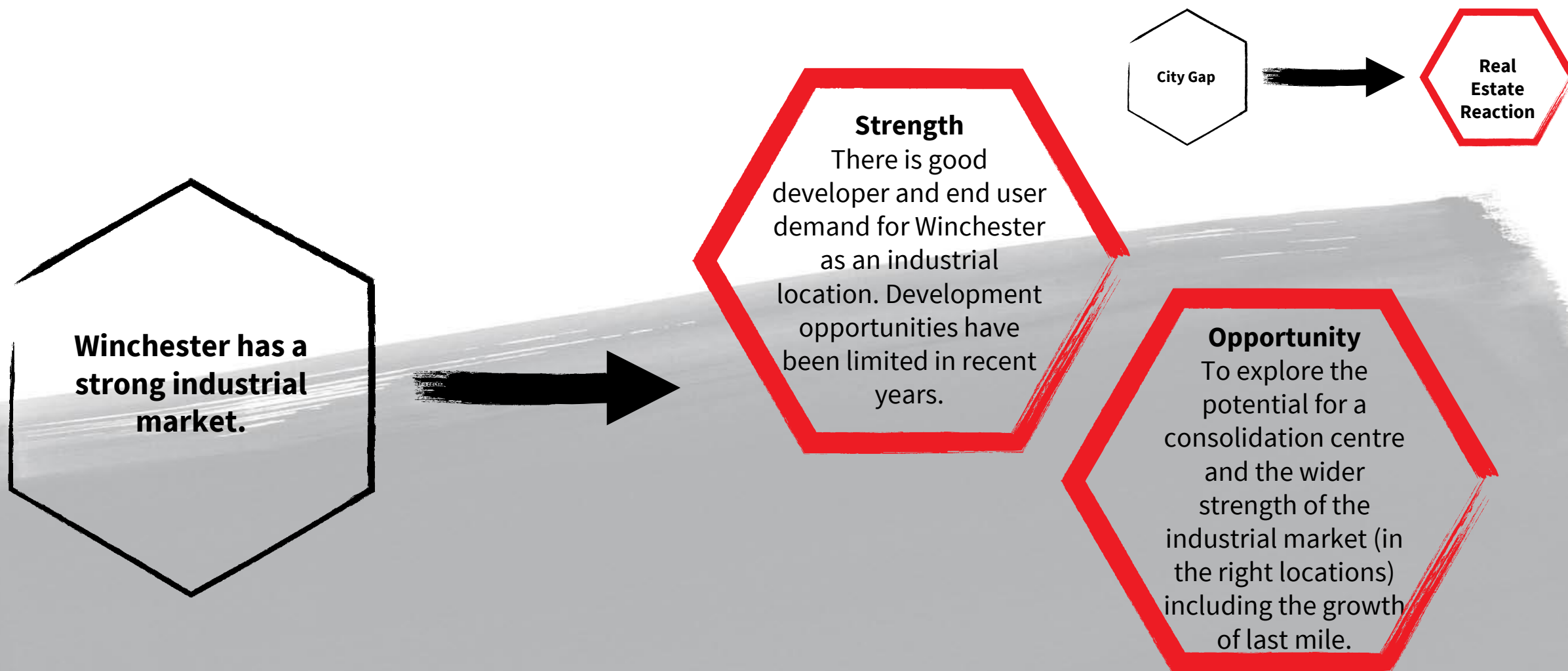
- ❖ Winchester has a strong industrial market which is buoyed by excellent access to the M3. The main industrial areas are at Winnall, Wykeham Trading Estate and St Martins Trade Park.
- ❖ Development of new industrial space has been constrained in recent years and Winchester does face competition from nearby conurbations that have a greater availability of peripheral land that is suitable for industrial usage.
- ❖ There is strong demand from owner occupiers, developers and investors. We anticipate that additional industrial floorspace and development opportunities would be well received in the market, in the right locations.

## Emerging Trend – Consolidation Centres

- ❖ The concept and purpose of consolidation may be new to construction but is in fact a fundamental logistics process.
- ❖ A ‘Consolidation Centre’ operates much like any regional distribution centres, but is specifically located and geared to service the needs of an urban area with tight logistical constraints.

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## 16. Industrial





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