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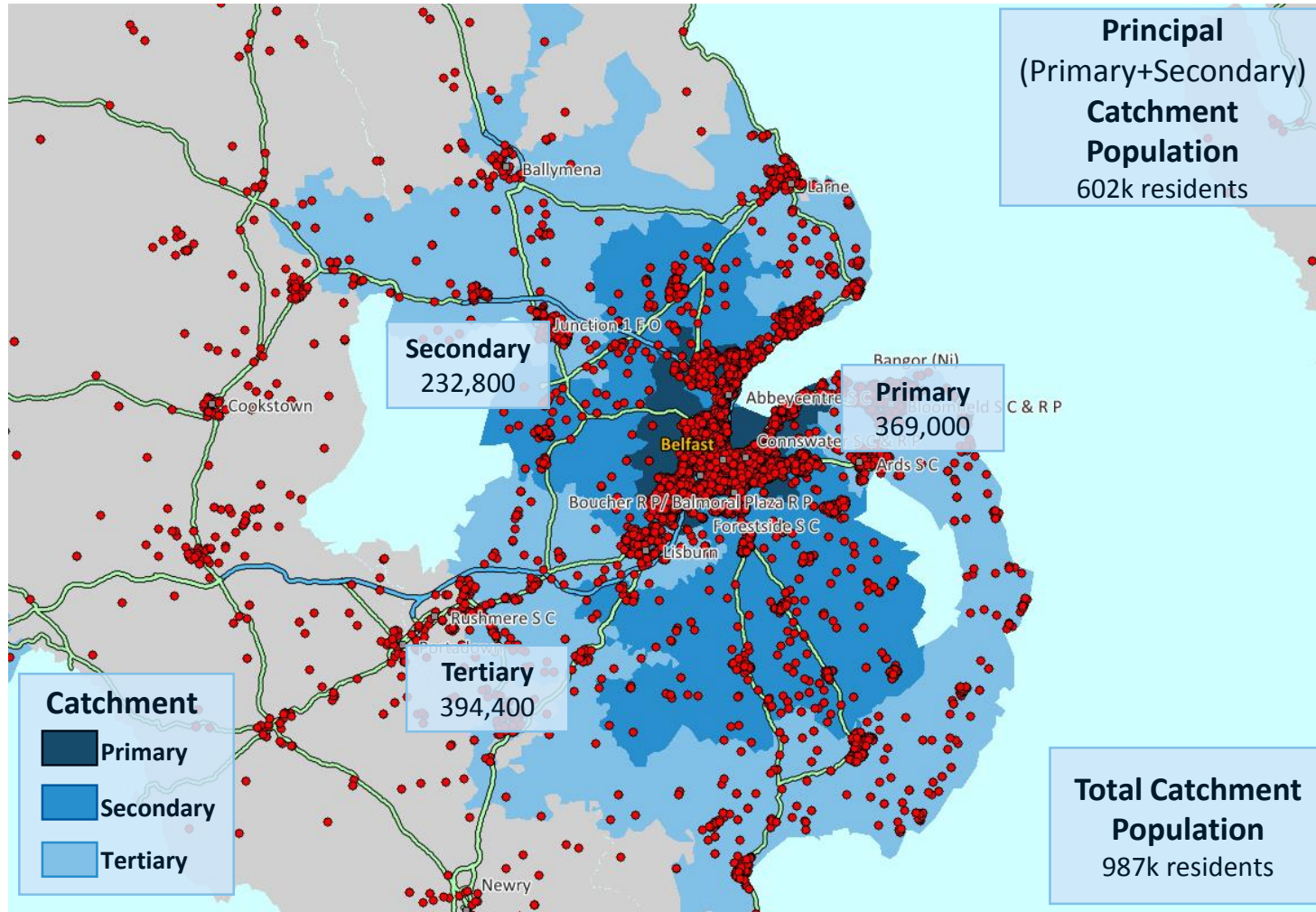
## **Belfast City Centre Retail Positioning Study**

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## Current Principal (75%) catchment of 602k residents



- ▷ Principal catchment area (Primary + Secondary) accounts for 75% of Belfast's clothing market size:
  - This is the area most retailers will consider as Belfast's catchment
- ▷ Belfast's Principal catchment population ranks it 13<sup>th</sup> (of the UK's 22 Major Cities) and is comparable to:
  - Nottingham (615k)
  - Edinburgh (640k)
  - Kingston (566k)
  - Southampton (547k)
- ▷ Belfast draws from an extensive catchment (beyond 30 min drivetime):
  - If development occurs, Javelin Group does not anticipate the catchment growing significantly
  - More likely that city centre market shares will increase within the area shown opposite

## Belfast city centre has potential to attract a higher proportion of affluent catchment residents

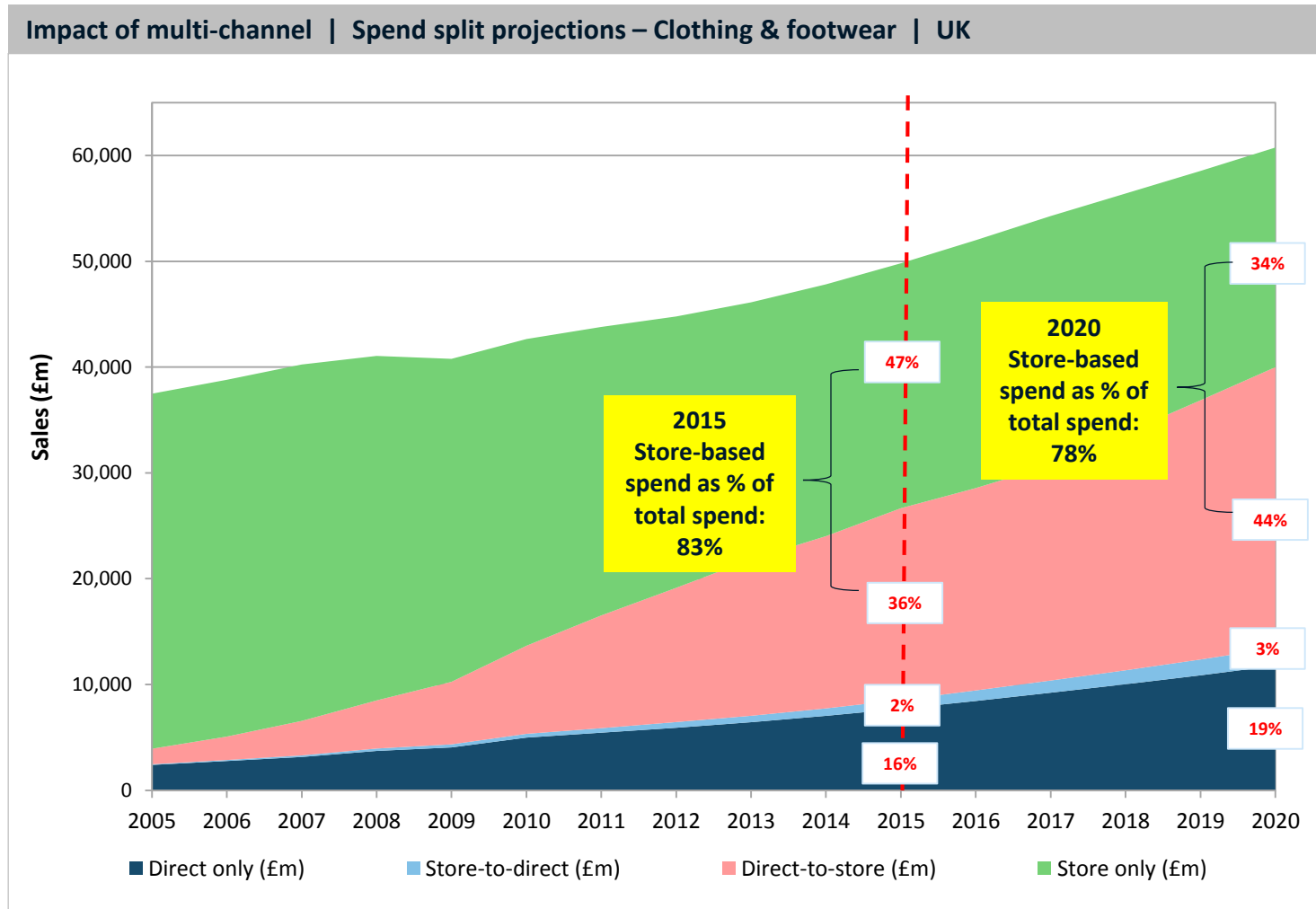
	CAMEO Group	CAMEO Group UK	UK Households (%)	NI Households (%)	Principal Catchment Households (%)	Shopper Profile (%)	Principal Catchment Profile vs. UK (Base=100)	Principal Catchment Profile vs. NI (Base=100)	Total Shopper Profile vs. Catchment Households Index (Av=100)
High Affluence	1	Business Elite	6.3	5.8	10.1	8.0	161	174	79
	2	Prosperous Professionals	4.8	6.2	5.4	6.4	112	87	119
	3	Flourishing Society	9.7	10.1	10.6	10.8	109	105	102
	4	Content Communities	10.9	15.7	2.5	5.0	23	16	204
	5	White Collar Neighbourhoods	10.2	7.8	10.7	10.6	105	137	99
	6	Enterprising Mainstream	8.6	7.9	3.3	4.7	39	42	140
	7	Paying the Mortgage	14.8	14.0	13.2	15.9	89	95	120
Low Affluence	8	Cash Conscious Communities	13.0	10.5	14.5	12.3	112	138	85
	9	On A Budget	11.9	12.1	15.5	14.2	130	128	92
	10	Family Value	9.5	9.8	14.0	11.9	148	143	85
	Grand Total		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100	100	100

- ▷ However, clothing & accessories per capita spending in Belfast's Principal catchment is below average:
  - -21% below UK average (excluding London & South East)



Source: RETAILNATION / CAMEO

## A declining proportion of clothing & footwear spend will go through stores over the next 5 years



▷ Based on the demographic profile of Belfast's catchment, store-based retail spending is anticipated to fall:

- Clothing & accessories: 86% to 82% of all C&A spend
- Worse in sectors such as leisure goods, electrical goods and furniture & floorcoverings

## Belfast currently ranks 18<sup>th</sup> in VENUESCORE ranking of UK Major City venues

Javelin Venue	VENUE SCORE	Ranking	FASHION SCORE	FASHION-SCORE as % of VENUE-SCORE	FOODSERVICE as % of VENUESCORE	FOOD-SERVICE INDEX	Market Position Index	Market Position Classification	SHOPSCORE INDEX
Glasgow, Centre	785	1	297	38%	19%	104	111	Upper Middle	114
Manchester, Centre	756	2	257	34%	26%	144	118	Upper Middle	111
Leeds, Centre	622	3	213	34%	26%	142	113	Upper Middle	111
Birmingham, Centre	621	4	230	37%	23%	125	112	Upper Middle	124
Liverpool, Centre	569	5	209	37%	21%	112	110	Upper Middle	110
Brighton, Centre	510	6	156	31%	23%	123	114	Upper Middle	107
Nottingham, Centre	506	7	185	37%	21%	116	112	Upper Middle	109
Cardiff, Centre	493	8	197	40%	22%	119	114	Upper Middle	109
London, West End - Oxford St	492	9	217	44%	18%	96	117	Upper Middle	200
Edinburgh, Centre	491	10	217	44%	18%	95	121	Upper Middle	118
Newcastle Upon Tyne, Centre	456	11	146	32%	24%	132	106	Middle	116
Aberdeen, Centre	449	12	177	39%	16%	88	108	Middle	121
Reading, Centre	411	13	129	31%	22%	119	109	Middle	113
Norwich, Centre	411	14	158	38%	18%	95	109	Middle	108
Bristol, Centre	405	15	149	37%	22%	118	111	Upper Middle	97
Leicester, Centre	396	16	145	37%	20%	110	105	Middle	110
Kingston Upon Thames, Centre	376	17	141	38%	14%	78	120	Upper Middle	123
<b>Belfast, Centre</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>Middle</b>	<b>105</b>
Bath, Centre	362	19	151	42%	20%	111	122	Upper Middle	111
York, Centre	361	20	145	40%	22%	120	115	Upper Middle	98
Southampton, Centre	351	21	136	39%	16%	88	106	Middle	109
Sheffield, Centre	350	22	85	24%	25%	134	96	Middle	105

▷ Belfast ranks 18th in VENUESCORE ranking of UK city centres:

- Alongside Leicester, Kingston, Bath and York
- With the opening of Victoria Square, Belfast’s status in the UK retail hierarchy peaked at #14

▷ Retailers typically perform at sales productivity levels +5% above space-weighted chain average:

- Now lower than Major City average and has been since 2007
- Prior to 2007, Belfast retailer sales productivity levels had been above Major City average

Source: Javelin Group / VENUESCORE 2014

## Belfast city centre is relatively well-provided for in Clothing & Accessories and Health & Beauty

Product Category	Belfast, Centre		Major City UK Average		Belfast Index
	(Net Sq.ft.)	(% Total Space)	(% of SCTG)	(% of SCTG)	(Major City UK Avg = 100)
Clothing & Accessories	627,000	44.1	73.2	59.9	122
Health & Beauty	56,920	4.0	6.6	5.1	130
Leisure Goods	48,020	3.4	5.6	13.6	41
Household Goods	88,170	6.2	10.3	11.8	87
Electrical Goods	18,840	1.3	2.2	3.8	57
Furniture & Carpets	17,450	1.2	2.0	5.8	35
<b>Shopping Centre Type Goods Sub-Total</b>	<b>856,400</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100</b>
DIY	3,730	0.3			
Food To Take Home	76,350	5.4			
Catering	285,120	20.0			
Miscellaneous	200,870	14.1			
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,422,470</b>	<b>100.0</b>			

▷ Although clothing & accessories indexes high vs other Major Cities, the mix within this category is out of line with benchmark averages:

- Relative under-provision in:
  - Womenswear
  - Menswear
  - Footwear
  - Jewellery

▷ Leisure goods, household and electrical and furniture are all relatively under-provided for:

- Many of these categories are typically found out-of-town
- Also typically provided for by JLP

Source: Javelin Group Audit / May 2015

## Belfast city centre very under-provided for in terms of luxury or upper retail space

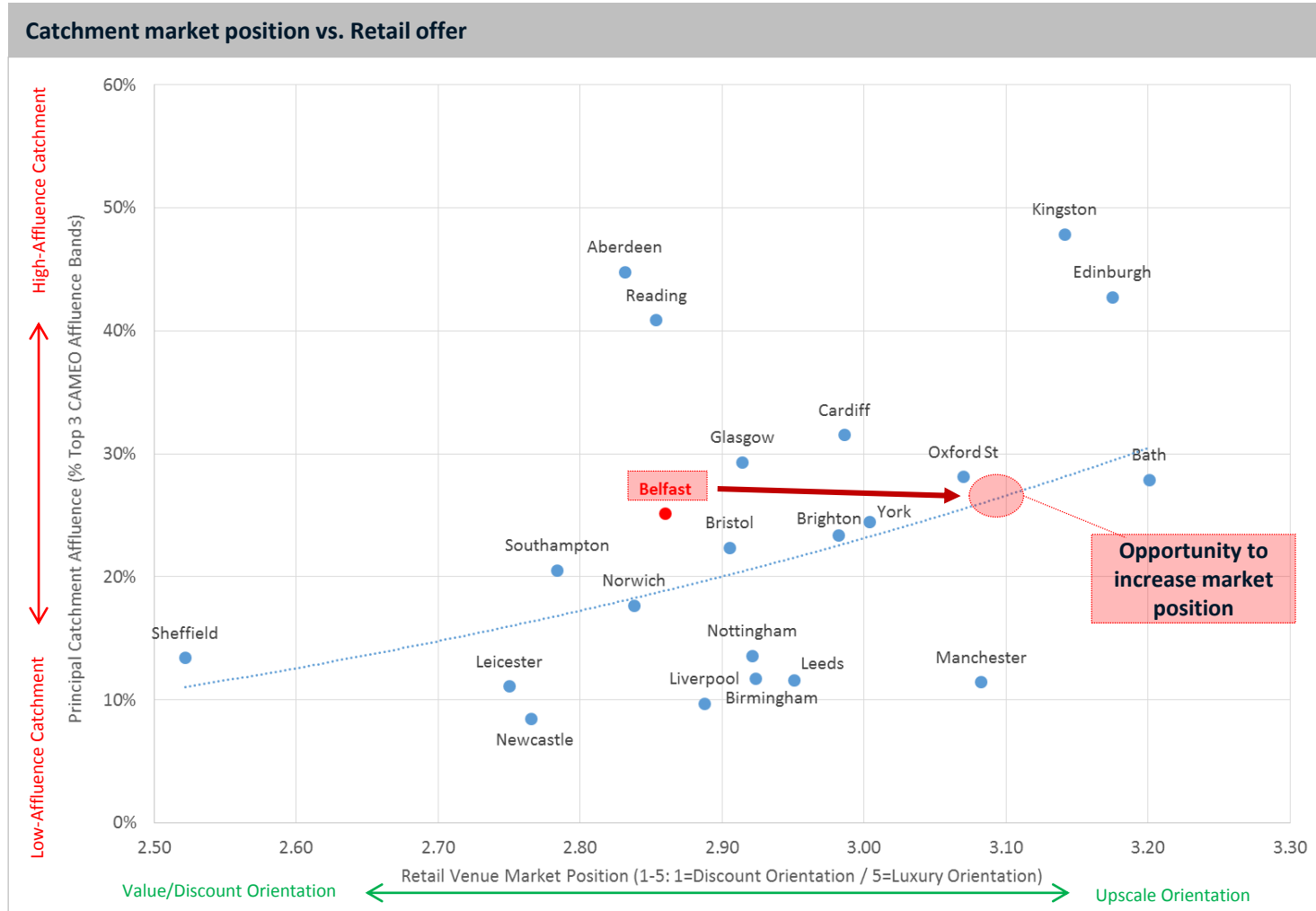
Shopping Centre Type Goods Space Mix	Luxury <i>e.g. Hugo Boss, Tommy Hilfiger</i>	Upper <i>e.g. Guess, Jaeger</i>	Upper-Mid <i>e.g. Hobbs, Hotel Chocolat, Sweatshop</i>	Middle <i>e.g. H&amp;M, Nando's, M&amp;S</i>	Lower-Mid <i>e.g. TK Max, Mace, Claire's</i>	Lower <i>e.g. Lidl, Poundland, Shoe Zone</i>	Total
UK Major City Average (%)	3.6	1.1	17.6	50.5	25.5	1.7	100
Belfast (%)	0.4	0.7	19.4	50.2	25.9	3.4	100
Belfast Vs. Major City Average (Avg=100)	11	62	111	99	102	203	100

▷ Only 1.1% of Belfast’s shopping centre type goods retail offer falls into luxury and upper market positions:

- Well below UK Major City average

▷ NB: This excludes independents which will increase the shares in the lower market position bands further.

## Belfast would benefit from a more upper-mid (aspirational) market focus to its retail offer



- ▷ Relative to other Major Cities, Belfast's retail offer is more massmarket than the affluence profile of its catchment suggests is appropriate.
- ▷ Belfast should therefore look to attract more mid to upper-mid market retailers to address this slight under-provision of this type of retailer:
  - Addition of John Lewis would be a major catalyst in delivering this

Source: Javelin Group / VENUESCORE 2014



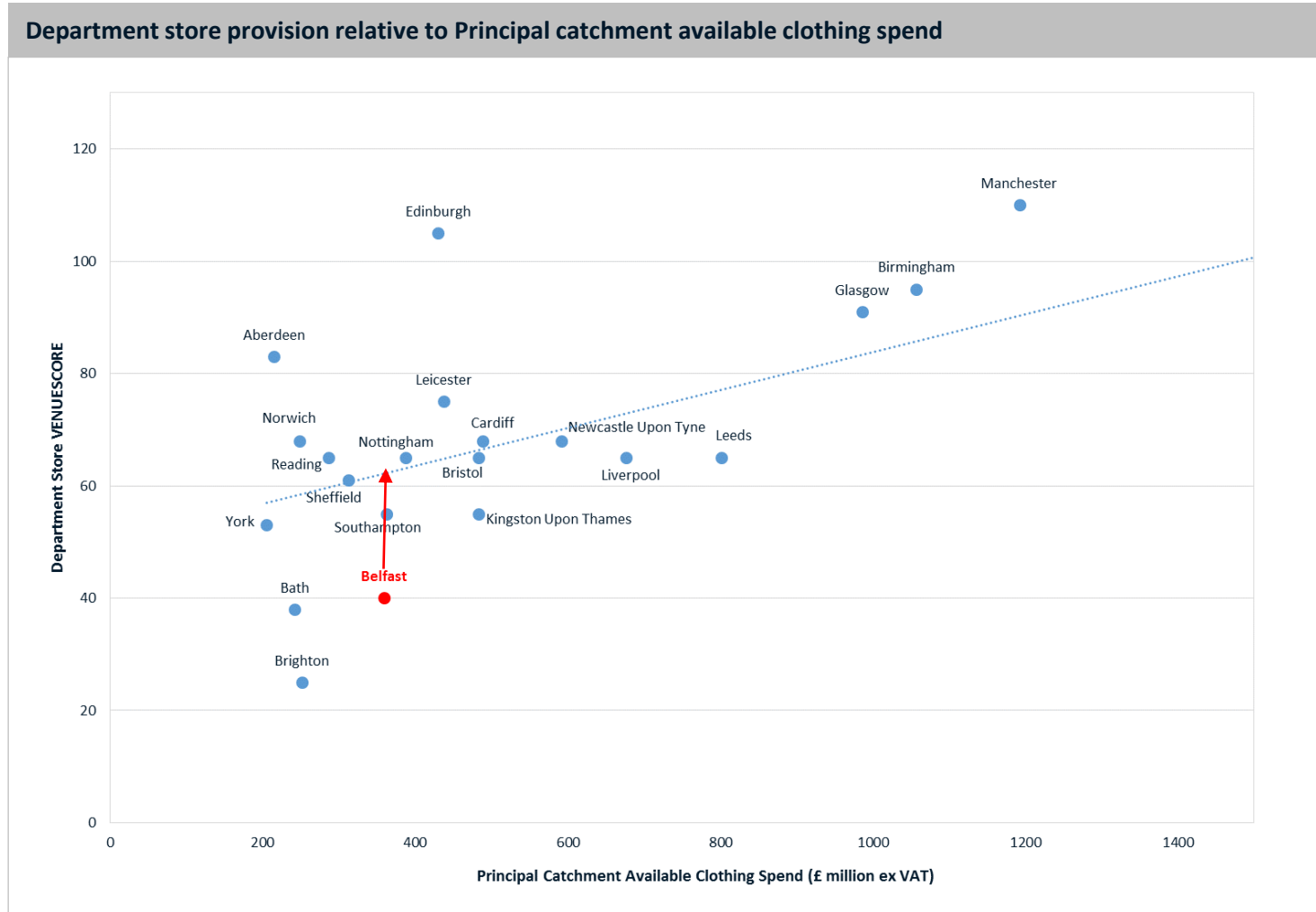
## Belfast city centre relatively under-represented in department store space and MSUs

Shopping Centre Type Goods Space Mix	Department Store <i>e.g. Debenhams, House of Fraser, M&amp;S, Dunnes</i>	Variety <i>e.g. Primark, TKMaxx, BHS</i>	Medium Sized Unit <i>e.g. Next, H&amp;M, Topshop</i>	Multiple <i>e.g. Ted Baker, Dorothy Perkins, TGI Friday's</i>	Independent <i>e.g. Re:Store, Chopstix Noodle Bar, Pure Running</i>	Total
UK Major City Average (%)	32.1	8.5	17.5	31.2	10.7	100
Belfast (%)	29.7	16.7	13.7	33.0	6.9	100
Belfast Vs. Major City Average (Avg=100)	<b>93</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>100</b>

▷ Relative weakness in department store offer compensated for by strong variety store offer:

- Variety stores in Belfast include Primark, TK Maxx and BHS

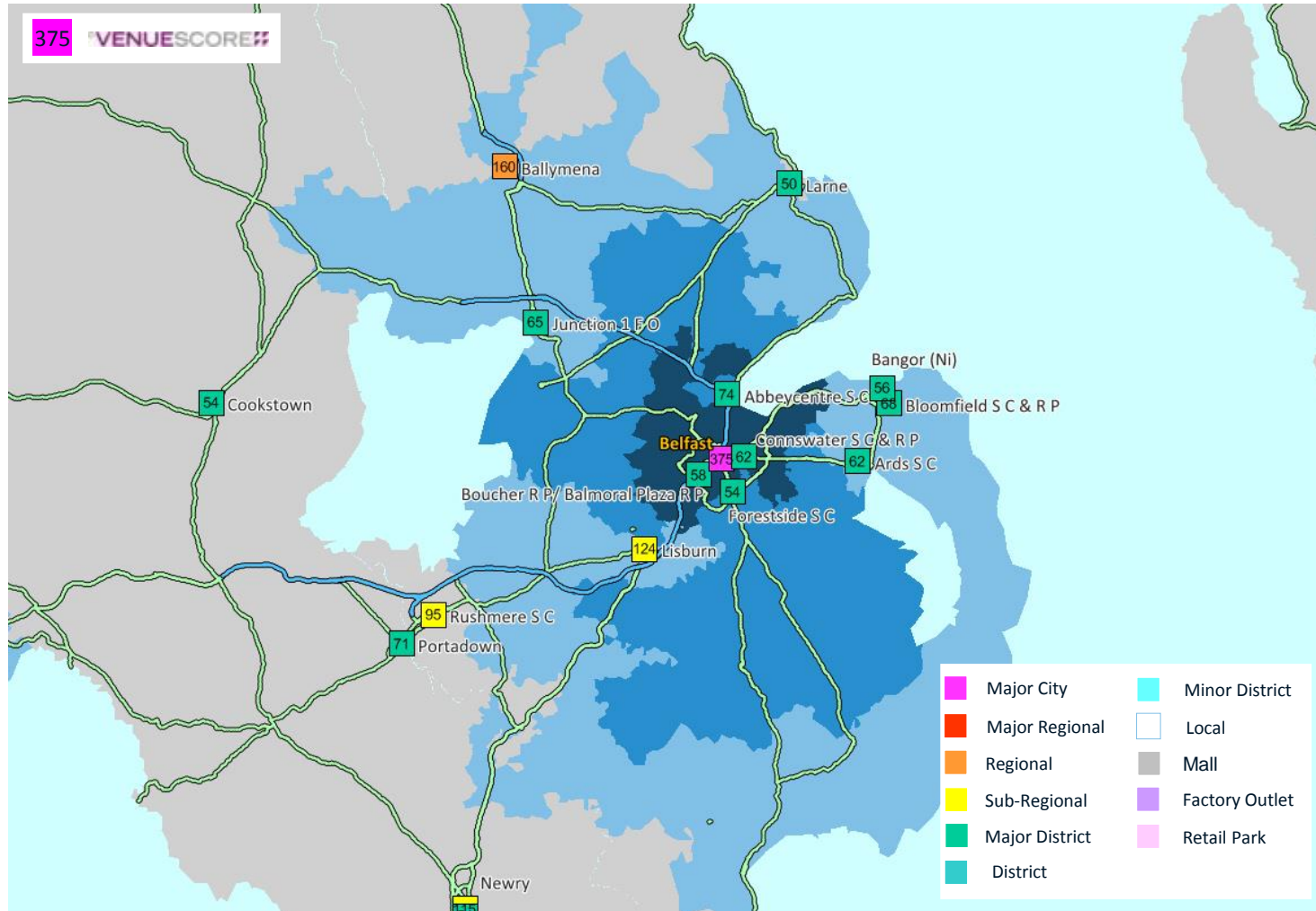
## Belfast has low department store provision relative to Principal catchment spend



▷ NB: Several other Major Cities below the line of best fit may welcome a new department store soon:

- Proposed new development:
  - Kingston and Leeds
- Department store has already secured site for a new store:
  - Brighton

## Belfast is by far the dominant retail offer in its catchment



- ▷ Key competing venues being:
  - Lisburn
  - Ballymena
- ▷ Unlike several other Major City venues, Belfast does not face strong competition from out-of-town standalone shopping centres.

Source: Javelin Group / VENUESCORE 2014

## Target tenant universe compiled through retailer gap analysis

▶ To identify the universe of potential target tenants for Belfast city centre, Javelin Group has carried out 3 sets of analysis:

- Gap analysis vs all other UK Major City venues:
  - **Pot 1:** Present in at least 5 Major Cities AND also already present in either other NI venues and/or ROI venues
  - **Pot 2:** Present in at least 5 Major Cities but not already present in NI or ROI venues
    - > Most challenging set of operators for Belfast to attract
- Gap analysis vs leading Dublin venues (city centre, Dundrum, Liffey Valley or Blanchardstown):
  - **Pot 3:** Present in leading Dublin venues but not in Belfast city centre

▷ Benchmark venues:

- Aberdeen
- Bath
- Birmingham
- Brighton
- Bristol
- Cardiff
- Edinburgh
- Glasgow
- Kingston-upon-Thames
- Leeds
- Leicester
- Liverpool
- London – Oxford Street
- Manchester
- Newcastle Upon Tyne
- Norwich
- Nottingham
- Reading
- Sheffield
- Southampton
- York

## 212 operators missing from Belfast and present in at least 5 Major Cities or leading Dublin venues

**Pot 1**  
**Total: 38**  
 Luxury: 2 / Upper: 5 / Upper Middle: 10 / Middle: 15  
 Lower Middle: 5 / Lower: 1

**Pot 2**  
**Total: 138**  
 Luxury: 3 / Upper: 5 / Upper Middle: 30 / Middle: 61  
 Lower Middle: 24 / Lower: 15

**Pot 3**  
**Total: 36**  
 Luxury: 0 / Upper: 4 / Upper Middle: 5 / Middle: 12  
 Lower Middle: 14 / Lower: 1

# Propensity of aspirational retailers to locate in a Major City increases greatly with presence of JLP

## Propensity to trade alongside JLP | Major city centres

		Retailer Market Position - Index (100 = Avg propensity)					
		Lower	Lower Middle	Middle	Upper Middle	Upper	Luxury
Example Retailers							
Propensity	With JLP	73	81	96	134	128	103
	Without JLP	135	105	101	89	80	88

▶ Chart opposite shows the propensity for retailers that fall within specific market positions to be present in Major City venues either with or without JLP also present.

▶ Clearly shows the increased probability of attracting aspirational (upper-middle and upper) retailers if JLP is present.

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