Return to the high street?

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Overall recovery varies across city centres

Overall Recovery Index, 2020
Related to the strength of the local economy

Share of city centre exporting jobs that are high skilled, 2011 (%)

Share of city centre jobs in exporting businesses, 2015 (%)

Weak city centres

Strong city centres
Catchment area is wider for stronger city centres

Share of people coming from outside the city, 2020

- Before the lockdown
- Now
Blessing before, holding back recovery now

Change in people coming from outside the city, 2020 (%)

Overall Recovery Index, 2020
### Where do we go from here?

**Temporary expansion of space onto pavements/public spaces**
- Measures and signage to make people act and feel safe

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