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# STATE OF THE NATION

**NIELSEN IQ WEBINAR**  
*10:00, 14 January 2021*

# AGENDA

- 10:00 AM **Welcome:** Rachel White, Retail Intelligence Director Nielsen UK & Ireland  
**2020 Christmas Headlines:** Aylin Ceylan, Consumer Intelligence Partner Nielsen UK  
**The Retail Reset:** Ben Morrison, Retail Services Director UK & Ireland  
**The Consumer Reset:** James Oates, Consumer Intelligence Director Nielsen UK
- 11:00 AM **Panel Discussion with guests:** Hosted by Rachel White, Commercial Director  
**Mike Watkins**, Retail and Business Insight Leader Nielsen UK  
**Nick Steel**, Growth Strategy Insight & Analytics Director, Nomad Foods  
**Adam Leyland**, Editor, The Grocer
- 11:20 AM **Close**

**PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR INBOX FOR YOUR FOLLOW UP RECORDINGS OF PRESENTATIONS IN FULL**

# 2020 THE YEAR THAT RESET THE WAY WE SHOP

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# LOCKDOWN AND RESTRICTED LIVING HAS BROUGHT WITH IT MIXED FORTUNES. FOR FMCG THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT GROWTH

VALUE SALES

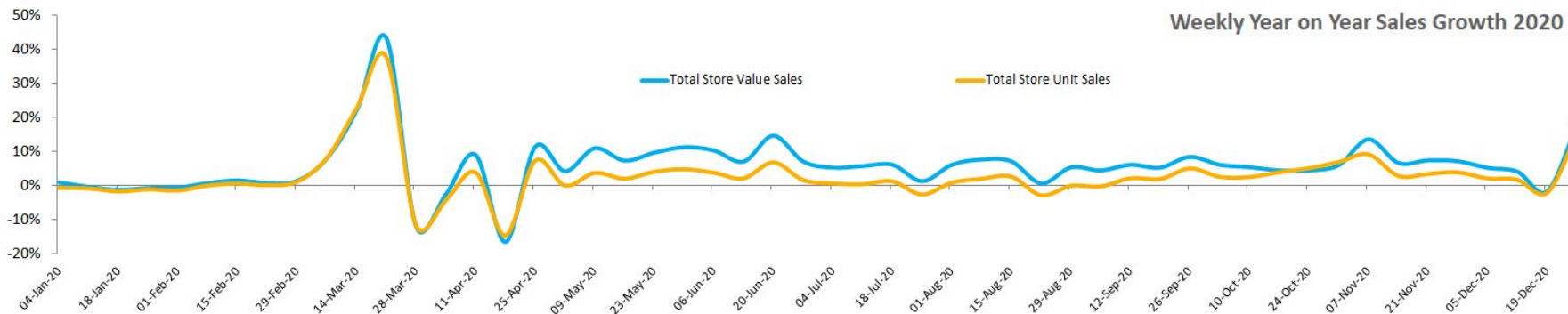
GROWTH %

ONLINE SALES  
GROWTH IN 2020

£119bn

+9.2%

79%





# EXTERNAL FACTORS ARE BIGGEST IMPACT ON FMCG PERFORMANCE NOW AND IN THE NEXT 18 MONTHS



4.8%

Jul - Sep 2020 Unemployment levels



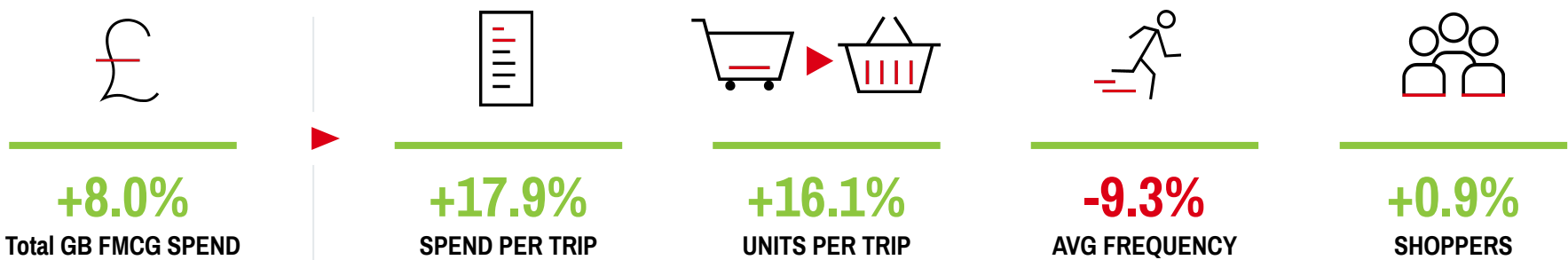
# AN UNEXPECTED CHRISTMAS

*Christmas Period: 4 wks 26.12.20*



# Unexpected Christmas led to unexpected winners

Online and value retailers benefitted from current shopper sentiment

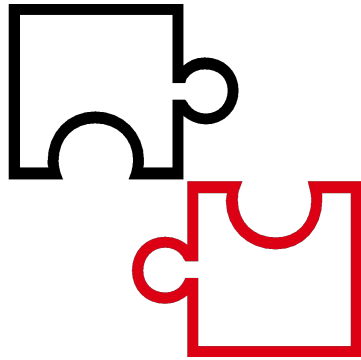


**London** saw the highest growth, outperforming the market

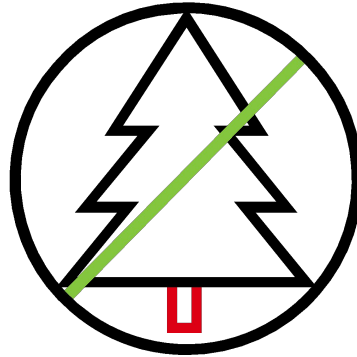
Source: Nielsen Homescan Panel, FMCG, 4wks to 26.12.20 vs 4wks to 28.12.19



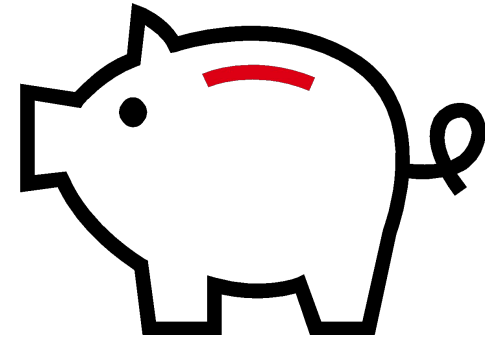
# How consumers reset their holiday behaviours



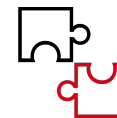
**UNCERTAINTY**



**SUBDUED  
CELEBRATIONS**



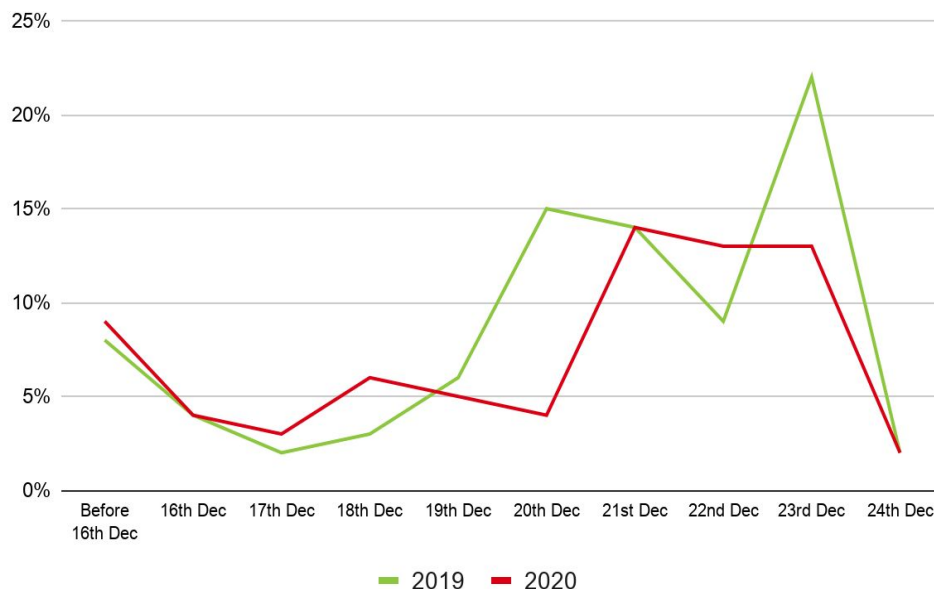
**SAVINGS**



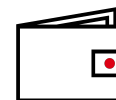
# Christmas shopping is uncertain this year

While shoppers continue to buy Christmas items ahead of December, plans for the main Christmas meal shop are more up in the air

**28%** of those celebrating Christmas were uncertain on when they would do their main Christmas shop (vs **15% LY**)



Christmas spend was spread across **3 key trading days...**



...with most spend spent on **Tuesday 22nd Dec**

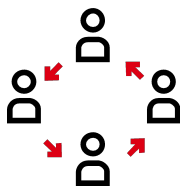


# Restrictions on festive celebrations

Subdued festivities due to government regulations and safety concerns

64%

Not seeing as many people



49%

Not entertaining as much



29%

Not as interested in Christmas





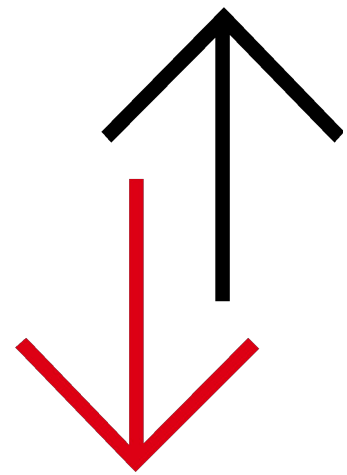


# Polarisation of savings mindset at Christmas

Only 7% of shoppers planned to spend **more**



Shoppers who were planning to celebrate planned to spend **LESS** on Christmas presents and groceries

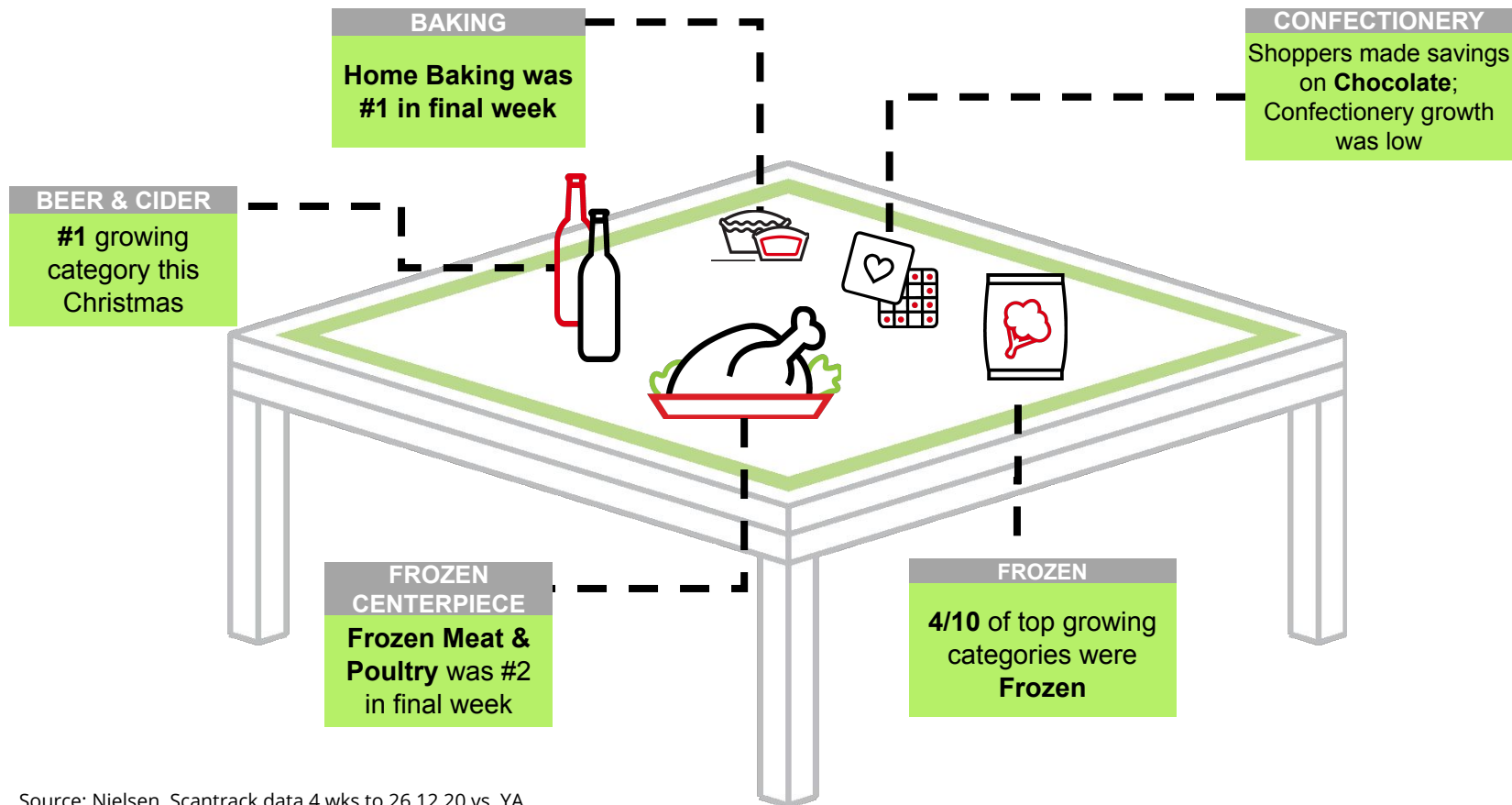


Shoppers who were planning to celebrate planned to spend the **SAME** on Christmas presents and groceries

**Grocery** tends to be less impacted than other Christmas expenditures



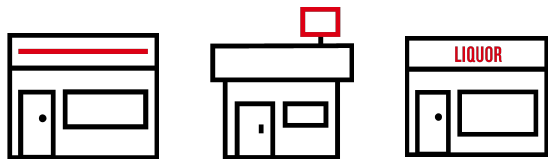
# What was for Christmas Dinner?



Source: Nielsen Scantrack data 4 wks to 26.12.20 vs. YA

# Shoppers shopped around less this Christmas

However, shopping around at Christmas was still prevalent compared to the rest of the year

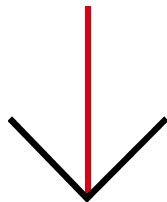


*"cherry-pick products from different supermarkets depending on prices, products or range"*

Saw this largest drop this year with shoppers prioritising **SAFETY** over value

5.2

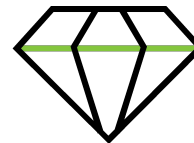
Average fascias shopped LY



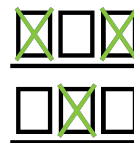
4.8

Average fascias shopped TY

Store Choice Drivers:



QUALITY



AVAILABILITY



PRICE



# RETAIL RESET: WHAT'S NEXT IN RETAIL?

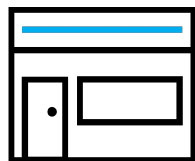


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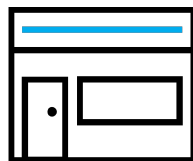


# CHANNEL PERFORMANCE - RIGHT TIME, RIGHT PLACE

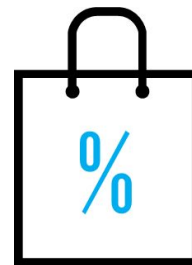
TOTAL GB  
**+9.2%**



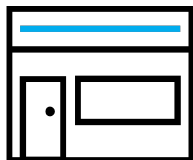
GROCERY MULTS  
**72.6% | -0.2ppts**



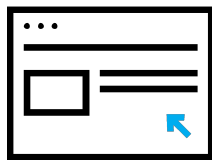
DISCOUNTERS  
**14.9% | +0.2ppts**



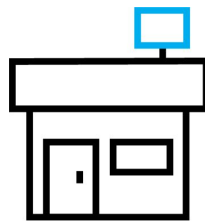
**21%**  
**-4.4ppts**



VALUE RETAILERS  
**3.2% | -0.3ppts**



ONLINE  
**11.5% | +4.5ppts**



CONVENIENCE\*  
**24.1% | 0.0ppts**



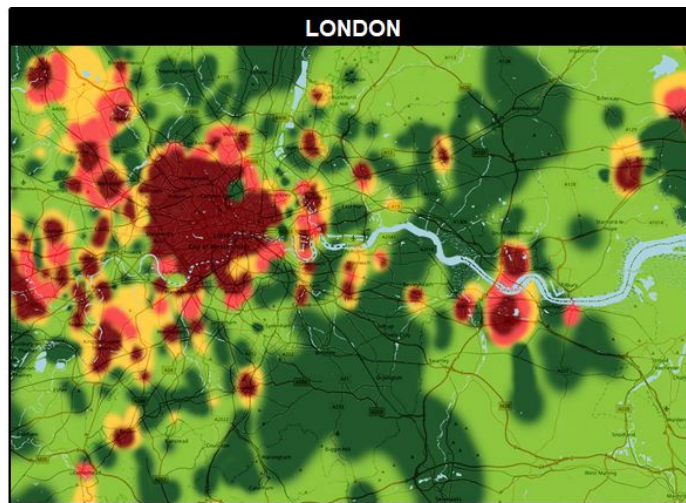
**48%**  
**+1.2ppts**

# RESTRICTIONS AND HEALTH CONCERNS CHANGED THE FMCG LOCATION AND MISSION

- On The Go
- Commuting
- Meal for tonight
- Working Lunch



- Top Up Shop
- Home Office
- Weekly Shops
- Online



Scale: 1:800,000 | 1cm=8km

> +15% GROWTH

5 to 15% GROWTH

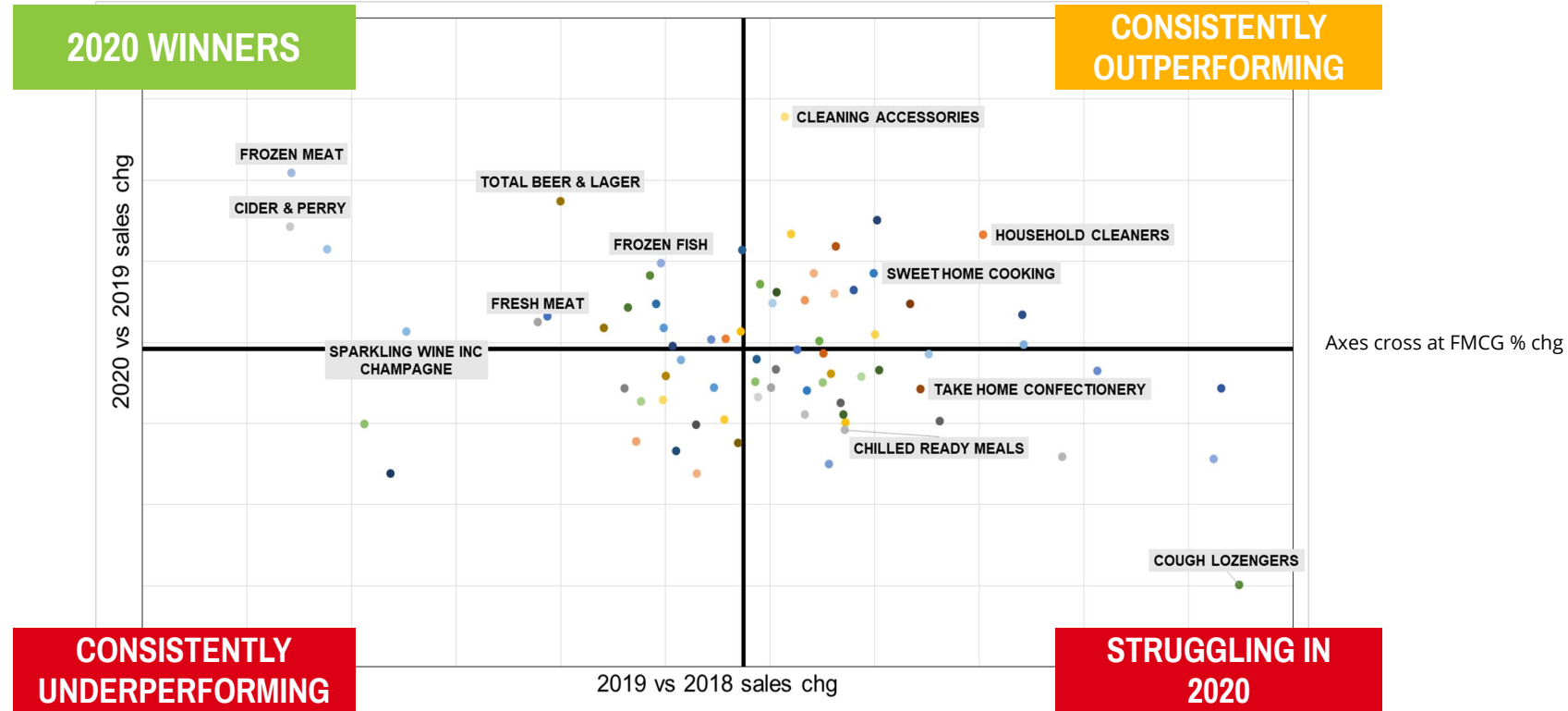
-5 to +5% CHANGE

-5 to 15% DECLINE

> -15% DECLINE



# CATEGORY WINNERS INCLUDE BWS AND FROZEN



# TOP RETAILERS ALL GREW DUE TO HUGE DEMAND, BUT ALSO MASSIVE INVESTMENT



26.8% | +8.7%



14.0% | +9.0%



12.4% | +6.3%



10.0% | +9.4%



9.7% | +9.2%



6.4% | +13.2%



5.2% | +9.3%



4.3% | +8.4%



3.3% | +2.3%



2.7% | +17.2%



1.6% | +34.9%

# PLACING THE RIGHT BETS NOW WILL IMPACT YOUR POST COVID PERFORMANCE

**Growth During COVID**

Growth	Temporary Change	Residual Demand	Disruptive Growth
Flat	Residual Decline	Neutral	Residual Growth
Decline	Decline	Latent Demand	Latent Growth
	Decline	Flat	Growth

**Growth Post COVID**

Understanding the drivers of COVID performance will help determine which trends needs longer term investment or development.

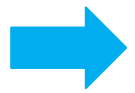
1. Channel Performance
2. Retailer/Category performance
3. Instore execution
4. Consumer Preference

# ONLINE WILL HIT 15% 2 YEARS EARLIER

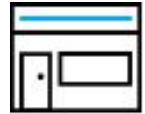
## DEMAND



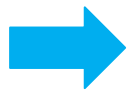
57% +9ppts



## CAPACITY



128%



## DISRUPTIVE CHANGE



47%

+

23%



2020 Penetration  
3.4M HH's new to online in 2020

Increase in Grocery  
Online capacity from  
Feb to Dec 2020

Of HH's will shop online  
the same or more in the  
next 6 months

Of HH's will shop via  
apps the same or more  
in the next 6 months

Projected Online  
Share by 2023:

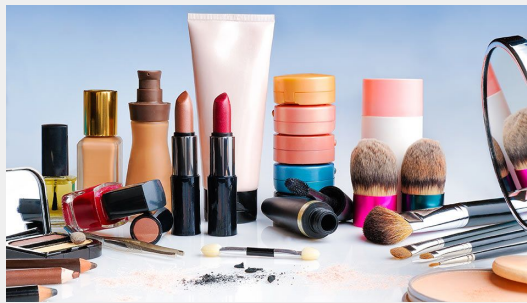
15%

Growing £1.5bn per year

**DISRUPTIVE GROWTH**

Source: Nielsen Homescan Survey April & November 2020 & My Digital Shelf

# HIGH STREET RECOVERY IS NOT A GUARANTEED AND OOT WILL FEEL DRAG OF ONLINE



FOOTFALL  
IMPACTS  
SPECIALIST  
STORES



STORE TURNS  
INTO MINI  
DISTRIBUTION  
CENTRE



ICELAND  
GROWTH  
DRIVEN BY  
ONLINE &  
WAREHOUSE  
STORES

TESCO

Sainsbury's

ASDA

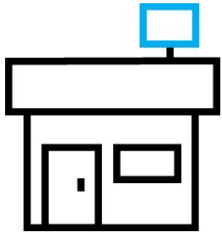


SUPERMARKET  
PARTNERSHIPS  
CONTINUE TO  
EXPAND

TEMPORARY CHANGE / RESIDUAL DECLINE



# CONVENIENCE RESET PROVIDES POLARISED OPPORTUNITY

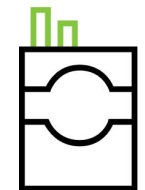
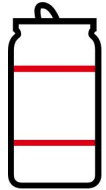
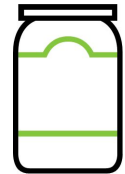
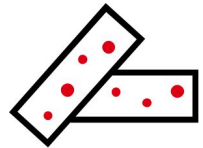
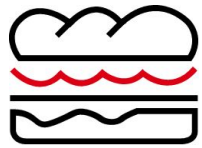


+7.3%

On The Go



Top Up Shop



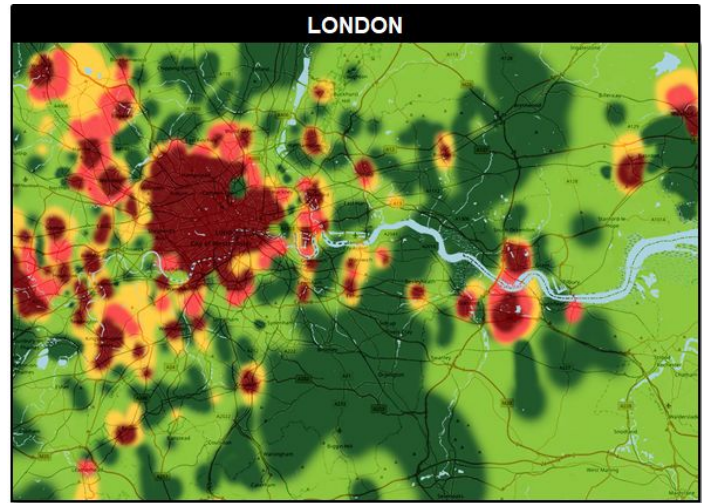
RESIDUAL / LATENT DEMAND

Source: Nielsen Scantrack data to: 19.12.20

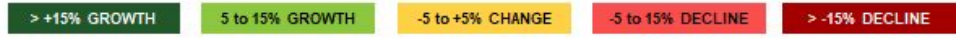
# DIFFERENT NEEDS TO BE MET AS SHOPPING TRIPS SHIFT

On The Go

Top Up Shop



Scale: 1:800,000 | 1cm=8km



# DISCOUNTERS' SHARE GAIN MOMENTUM WILL RETURN - PROJECTED TO HIT 20% BY 2023

Value Share Gain

2019

+1.2pts

2020

+0.2pts

Price & most improved supermarkets  
2020 vs 2019



11%

claim they will shop at Discounters more over the next 6 months

+

164

INDEX

CONSTRAINED NEW

+

Store openings



+100 by 2021



+100 by 2022

RESIDUAL / LATENT GROWTH

Source: Nielsen Homescan data to 26.12.20. Fascia data post-lockdown to 28.11.20. Source: Nielsen's Britain's Favourite Supermarket 2020

# LOYALTY SCHEMES DRIVEN BY INCENTIVES AND CONVENIENCE - THE BRIDGE TO ONLINE?



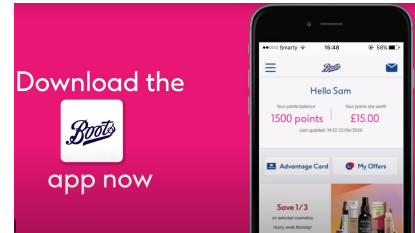
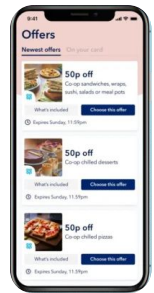
The **co-operative** membership

82%

occasions use a loyalty card\*

23%

shoppers say retailer loyalty promotions were important when deciding where to do their Christmas shopping in store



**OPPORTUNITY TO PERSONALISE OFFERS TO DRIVE PURCHASE**

# RANGE REDUCTION HELPS COST CONTROL BUT NPD WILL STILL BE IMPORTANT

**-6.6%**

**-15%**

NPD's launched 2020 vs 2019\*

**-8.5%**

NPD's value 2020 vs 2019\*

When I'm shopping at a store I now try to get out as quickly as possible

When I'm shopping I am browsing less because of other customers around me wanting to access the shelves.

**DISTRIBUTION REDUCED  
FOR KEY CATEGORIES**

**FEWER INNOVATIONS  
LAUNCHED - WORKING  
HARDER IN VALUE**

**NEARLY HALF OF  
SHOPPERS LESS AWARE OF  
NPD SINCE COVID**

Source: Nielsen Scantrack, Total Distribution Points (AC Wtd) data to 26.12.20 .

Please note \*NPD trends looking at Snacking categories such as Chocolate Countlines & Tablets and Biscuits.

# GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION WILL TO CONTINUE TO HAVE MAJOR IMPACT ACROSS SECTOR



Policy paper

## Plastic packaging tax

Updated 26 November 2020



**SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAN,  
PACKAGING TAX AND  
CORRECT LABELING**

**HIGH FAT SUGAR & SALT  
PROMOTIONS CUT**

**BREXIT IMPACT ON PRICE**



# WHAT IS RETAIL LOOK LIKE IN 2023?

**15%  
Online**

**Range  
Change and  
Promo Decline**

**High Street,  
OOH, OTG  
recovering but  
different**

**20%  
Discounters**

**Supply chain  
adapted**

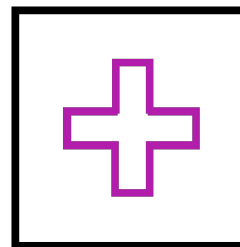
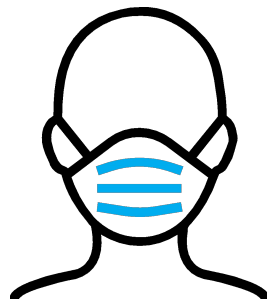
**Incentivised,  
Convenient  
Loyalty**

# CONSUMER RESET: WHAT'S NEXT FOR SHOPPERS?

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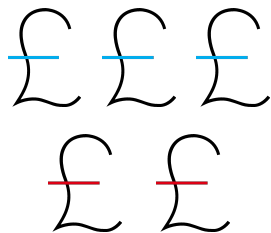


# NOT SO MUCH A RESET BUT BEHAVIOUR BEING SHAPED BY PERSONAL WEALTH AND HEALTH CONCERNS



# TODAY'S CONSUMER IS WORRIED

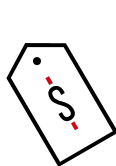
Financial, Economic household status will shape shopper decisions



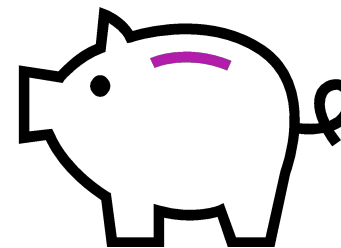
**TWO** of the **TOP 5** overall concerns are related to **financial worries**



**39%** are concerned about the impact Brexit will have on grocery shopping



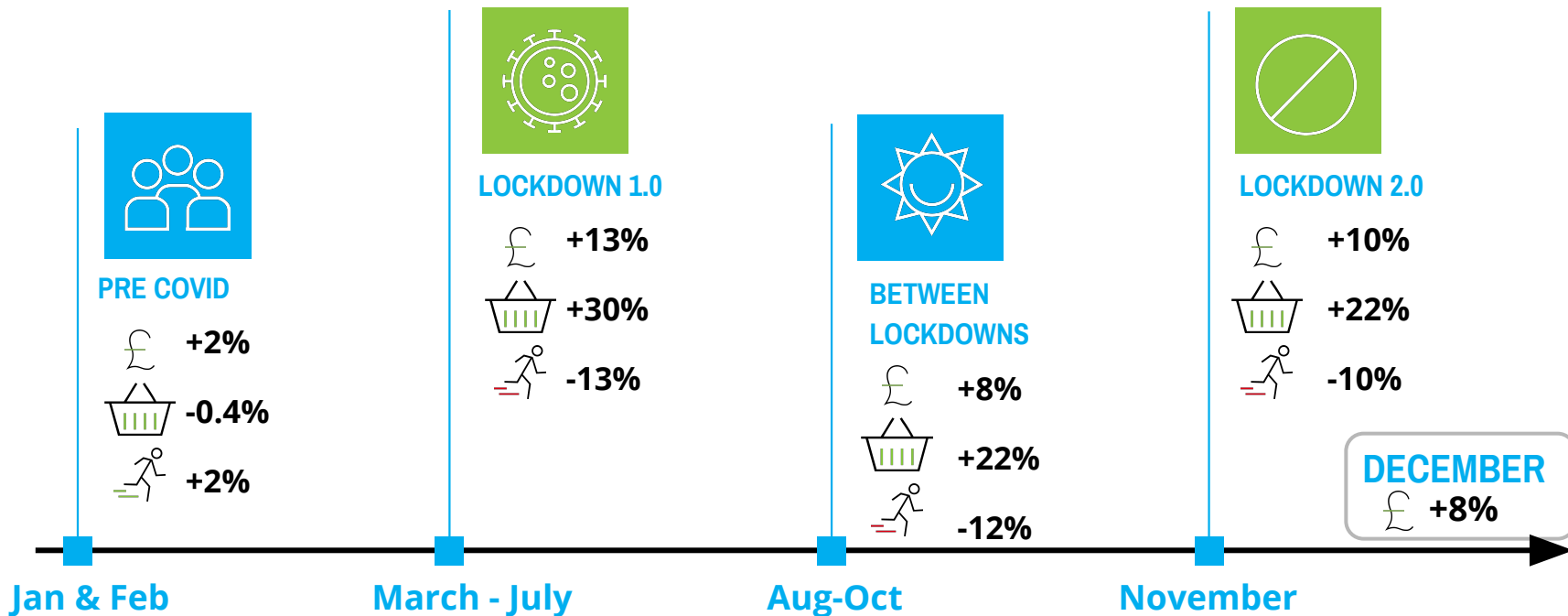
*#1 concern =  
Prices rising  
due to Brexit*



**91%** say it's important to actively make **savings** on groceries

# 2021 LESS SHOPPING TRIPS IS KEY

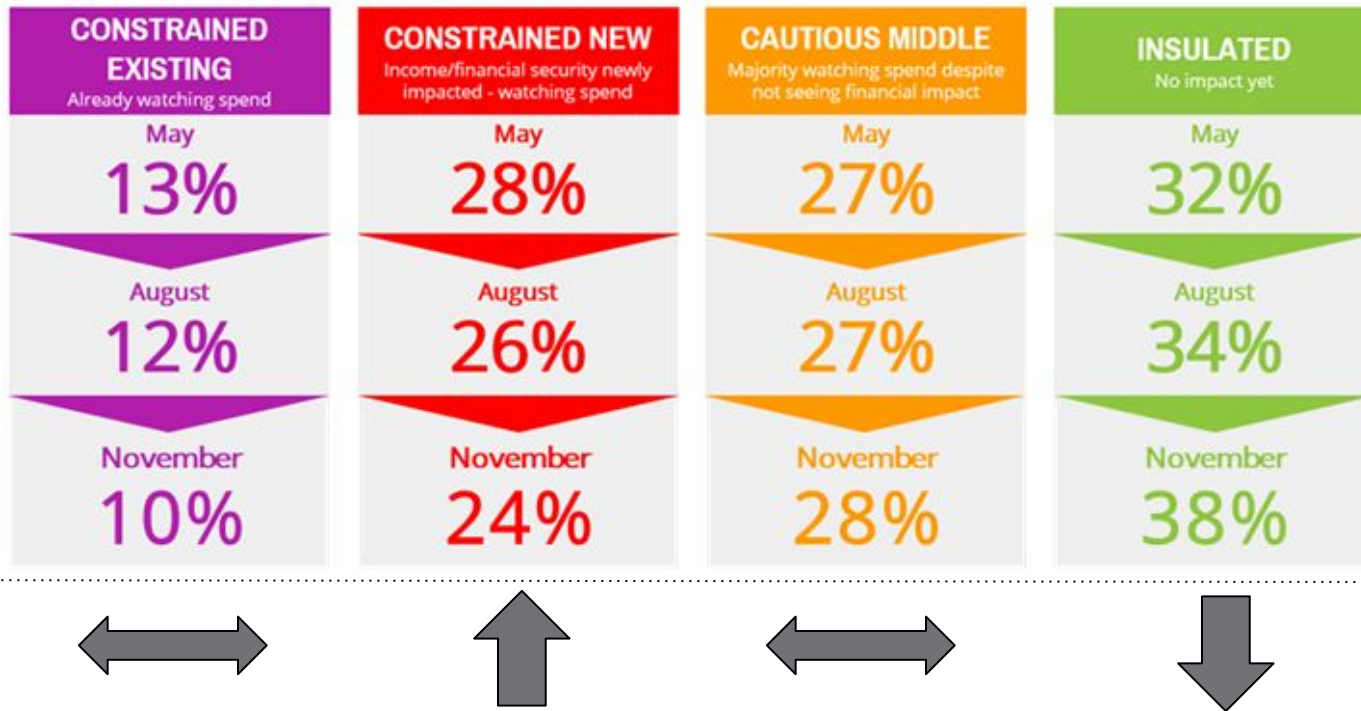
## less chances to be bought - Distribution a focus



Source: Nielsen Homescan Panel Data

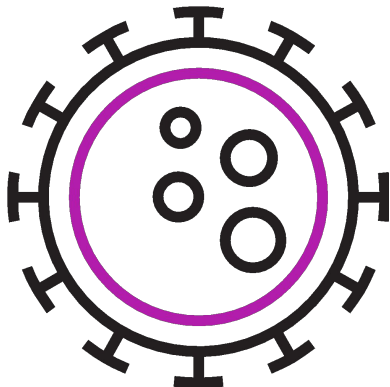
# CONCERNS REFLECTED BY HOW SHOPPERS REACT...

Newly Constrained shoppers have been hit the hardest and are the most worried = likely to grow again from lockdown 3





# COVID IMPACT AT THE HOUSEHOLD LEVEL IS CLEAR



**HALF** of shoppers are **worried**/very worried about Covid-19

**~25% of Constrained New**

**Paying the bills and  
putting  
food on the table**

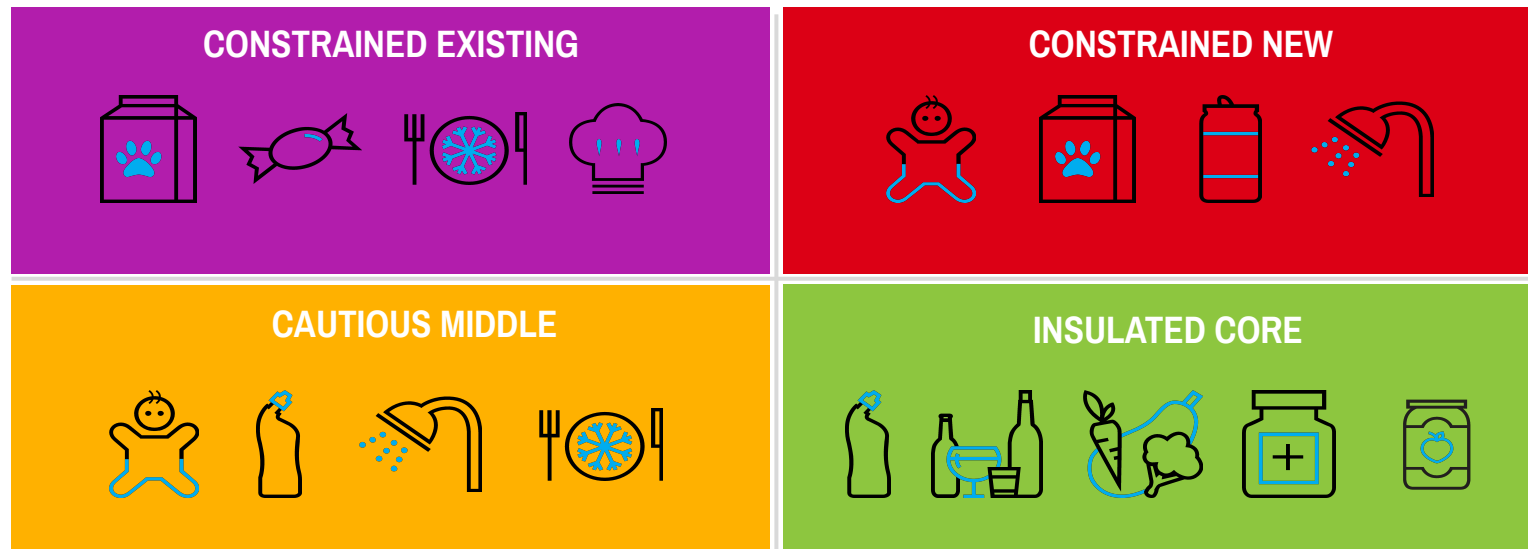
Is 1st or 2nd Concern

**~40% of Insulated H/holds**

**Not being able to meet up  
freely with family and  
friends**

1st or 2nd concern

# SOME CATEGORIES ARE MORE IMPORTANT BUT THE OVERALL MIX OF BASKETS IS SIMILAR



## KEY CATEGORIES WHERE SHOPPERS SAY THEY WILL SAVE WHEN CONSTRAINED

MEAT/FISH/POULTRY CRISPS & SNACKS TOILETRIES BWS READY MEALS BEAUTY

# SPOTLIGHT ON GROCERY SPEND - HIGHER THAN BEFORE

Shopper tactics still revolve around promotions & price but wasting less increased vs. last year - key to get price and pack size offering right



**TWO THIRDS** of shoppers looking for savings claim to be **actively** watching their **Grocery** spend

*(#1 area of household expenditure to make savings on)*

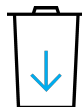
## TOP SAVINGS TACTICS:



Price discounts



Buying more on promotion



Wasting less

*#1 savings tactic in April 2020*



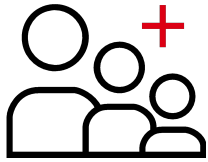
Buying **less** **treats/indulgent** products

Switching to **Own Label**

Switching to **cheaper Brands**

Shopping **Online**

# COVID CONNECTED HEALTH ISSUES AND 'TRADITIONAL HEALTH' ARE BOTH AREAS OF CONCERN n



**#2 & #3**  
OVERALL  
CONCERNS ARE  
RELATED TO  
HEALTH WORRIES

A **QUARTER** OF  
SHOPPERS ARE MORE  
INFLUENCED BY  
**HEALTH** WHEN DOING  
THEIR GROCERY  
SHOPPING



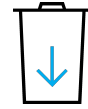
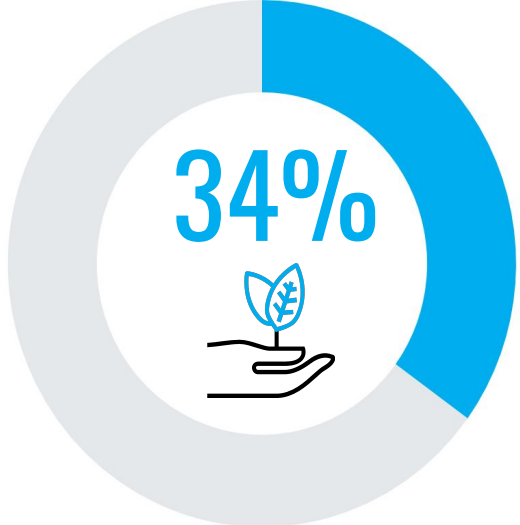
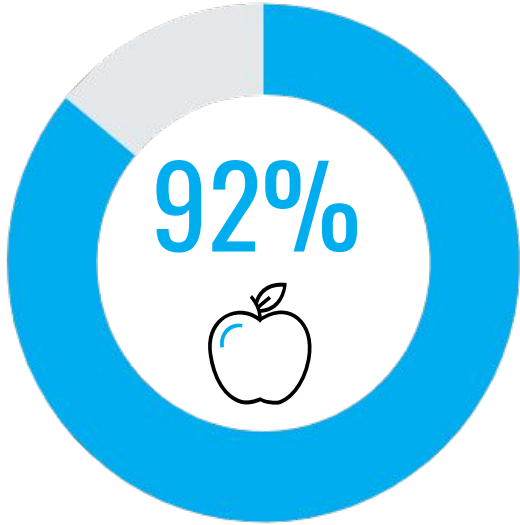
**LIMITING SUGAR**  
AND **5 PORTIONS OF**  
**FRUIT & VEG**  
ARE NOW **#8 & #7**  
RESPECTIVELY



A STRONG GROWTH  
AREA DRIVEN BY THE  
**INSULATED SHOPPER.**  
CONSUMERS ARE STILL  
LOOKING FOR WAYS TO  
**INDULGE**

**FAT**  
**SALT**  
**SWEETENERS**  
**CALORIES**

# SUSTAINABILITY REMAINS INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT DESPITE THE INCREASE IN PRIORITISING HEALTH



76% Reduce food waste



64% Reduce plastic consumption

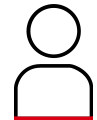


58% Buying local



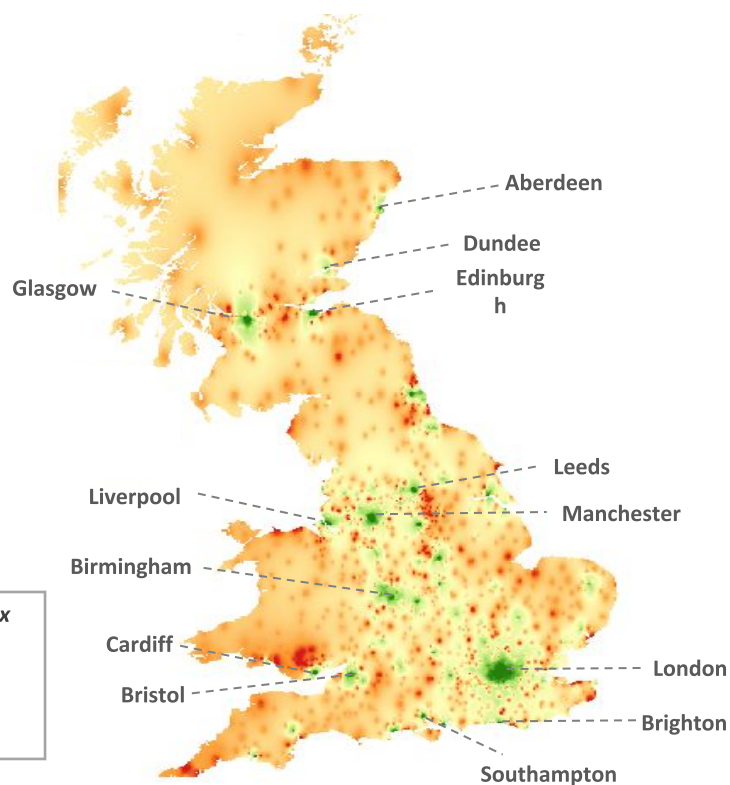
56% Climate change

Source: Nielsen State of the Nation Homescan Survey 2021

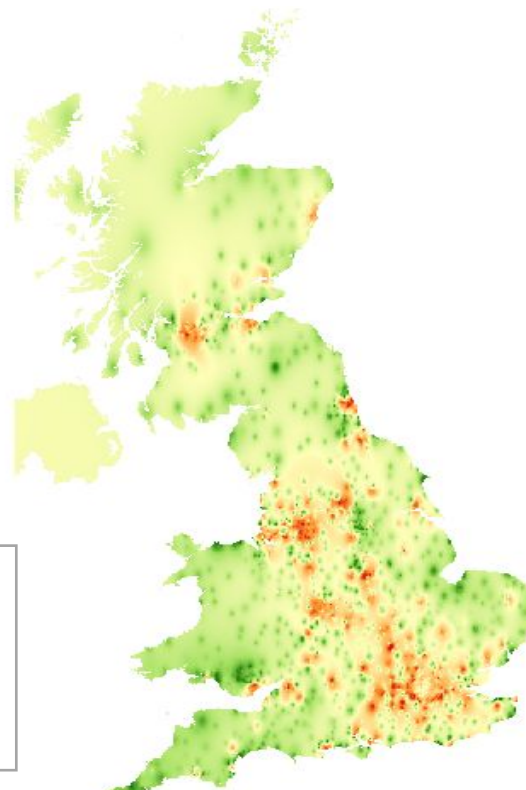


**Newly Constrained** shoppers want to be sustainable but not willing to pay a premium

# SUSTAINABILITY HAS HOT SPOTS IN URBAN CENTRES BUT OPPORTUNITY FOR ENGAGEMENT IS NATIONAL



*Sustainable products*  
**Very important**



*Sustainable products*  
**Moderately important**



# BALANCE NEAR AND MEDIUM TERM ACTIONS TO NAVIGATE 2021

## DISTRIBUTION/PENETRATION



Shoppers shopping less often and engaged with new formats

### CALL OUT

### ACTION

- Review, protect and push physical and digital availability
- Mental availability - don't assume shoppers know you are there

## PRICE



Pressure on grocery spend and shoppers looking for help

- Know your role and price point in the category
- Get the right price vs pack size relationship

## PRODUCT



Mixed role of Health - fighting covid and dietary health

- Meet immediate shopper needs if you can
- Evolve range to take into account healthy eating balance

## PRODUCT



Sustainability - consumers want to contribute - but need help to understand how

- Engage shoppers with your proposition now
- Pick the sweet spot on sustainability that fits your offering

# CONSUMERS ARE RESETTING THEIR BEHAVIOURS... BUT WE CAN BETTER POSITION OURSELVES TO RESPOND TO THESE IN 2021



## BASKET RESET

Consumers need to account for emerging basket essentials, stretching their money further to merge old and new needs.



## RATIONALE RESET

New priorities shift how and why consumers spend spare cash.



## HOMEBOY RESET

Business closures and restricted living means consumers prioritize in-home spending over discretionary out-of-home expenses.



## AFFORDABILITY RESET

Consumers become more risk averse, seeking products/services that deliver value, quality and peace of mind.



## CONSUMER RESET

## RETAIL RESET



# DISCUSSION PANEL



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