

Central London Freight Quality Partnership



Current Freight Issues Group meeting notes

Date/Time: 19th March 2013 9:45 to 12:00

Venue:
Meeting Room 324
University of Westminster,
35 Marylebone Road,
London NW1 5LS

Notes of meeting held on 19th March 2013

Present

Michael Browne (Chair)	University of Westminster/CLFQP
Dennis Lynch	CLFQP
Mike Bracey	Brewery Logistics Group
Hugh Brennan	London Borough of Westminster
Colin Garner	PIE
John Miller	PIE
Freddie Talberg	PIE
Jerry Ward	John Lewis Partnership
Charlie Allen	DHL
Robin Parr-Davies	Triangle Management Services
Ian Wainwright	Transport for London
Antoneta Horbury	Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea
Rumiya Uddin	Transport for London
Roy Turner	London Borough of Camden
Natalie Chapman	FTA
Mark Major	European Commission
Jolyon Drury	CILT PPC
Matthew Noon	Cross River Partnership
Simon Phillips	London Borough of Southwark
Maria Lindholm	Chalmers
Daniel Johnson	Transport for London
Craig Stansfield	City of London

Item 1

Welcome, introductions and apologies.

Mike Browne welcomed everyone, introductions were made and apologies accepted.

Item 2

Notes of the last meeting (Current Freight Issues Group meeting of 27th November 2012).

The meeting notes were agreed.

Outstanding issues from the previous meeting:

1. The discussion on “Kerbspace” has been put on hold, until a decision on the Cycling Project is known.
2. Consultation communication was actioned by Dennis.
3. The EVCP project feedback from the group was given to TTR.

All other items will be covered under the current agenda.

Item 3

Borough Projects & Programmes from TfL

Daniel Johnson gave an update covering the Borough and TfL Programmes. He confirmed that TfL were to major on Cycling and Air Quality. The following are the key points linked to the £913 million TfL will be investing over the next 10 years on Cycling.

1. More Dutch-style fully-segregated lanes.
2. More 'semi-segregation' on other streets, with bikes better separated from other vehicles.
3. A new network of 'Quietways' - direct, continuous, fully-signposted routes on peaceful side streets, running far into the suburbs, and aimed at people put off by cycling in traffic.
4. Substantial improvements to both existing and proposed Superhighways, including some re-routings.
5. A new 'Central London Grid' of bike routes in the City and West End, using segregation, quiet streets, and two-way cycling on one-way traffic streets, to join all the other routes together.

The benefits/changes related to this development plan will be:-

NOx could fall by 30% (target)

Lorry safety will be further developed.

New 20 mph speed limits on parts of the road network.

Improve cycling safety.

Daniel advised members to read the full Mayor's plan on the TfL website and agreed he would be prepared to update the group as the plan unfolds.

Item 4

LEZ update from TfL

Rumiya Uddin gave the following update:

The Mayor's Air Quality Strategy included a proposal for a London-wide standard for NOx emissions in 2015 for HGVs, buses and coaches to reduce emissions across Greater London. This proposal may sometimes be referred to as Phase 5 of the LEZ. The Mayor has now decided that Phase 5 will apply to TfL operated buses only (HGVs, coaches and other buses will not be affected).

Operators whose vehicles meet the current LEZ standards will not need to take any further action to drive within the zone without charge.

TfL has already begun retrofitting 900 of its older Euro III buses with Selective Catalyst Reduction (SCR) systems to reduce their NO2 emissions. TfL will also replace another 900 Euro III buses with the newest, ultra low emission Euro VI buses by 2015. Over the next 4 years, TfL will introduce 600 hybrid New Buses for London. This will significantly reduce CO2 emissions in the Capital by around 20,600 tonnes a year. Alongside this, there is a commitment to deliver 600 conventional hybrids by 2016 – a total of 1200 hybrid buses by 2016.

This is the link to the press release:-

http://www.london.gov.uk/media/press_releases_mayoral/mayor-london-announces-game-changer-air-quality-capital

Item 5

Regional Freight update (CRP)

Matthew Noon from the Cross River Partnership gave an informative update on projects which he is working on, along with the Sub-Regional Panel, Borough's and TfL.

His two major projects (FREVUE and LAMILO) relating to freight and freight issues, are as appendix with these minutes.

Item 6

Cycling and Freight – update

Mike Browne updated the position on cycling, confirming a meeting had taken place with the CLFQP Working Group looking at cycling. The outcome recommended drafting a letter to TfL raising our concerns, and to offer help in developing the planning/introduction of Superhighways.

Although a reply has been received this did not satisfactorily fully answer our concerns.

Mike Bracey confirmed Andrew Gilligan from TfL spent a day out with a Dray on the 12th March. Apparently finding the whole day enlightening, and suggesting perhaps TfL “Planners” should do the same.

After discussion the group felt further work was needed on Cycling and Kerbspace, particularly on Red Routes and Superhighways.

- Action**
- 1. Mike Browne will follow up further contact with TfL.**
 - 2. Dennis Lynch will set up a small working group to look at Cycling and Kerbspace.**

Item 7

EU Urban Freight Policy

Mike Browne introduced Mark Major from the European Commission confirming that Mark had been working on issues concerning freight transport and sustainability for more than 10 years at the Commission.

Mark gave a talk explaining how the Commission set the rules and legal processes in Urban Freight. Suggesting that often for some reason in the absence of actual contact with Brussels – people are negative. But when people have the chance to engage with Brussels directly they generally have a positive impression/attitude. This is a real problem in the broader political debate.

The commission’s Transport Policy White Paper was issued in 2011 outlining ten goals. The two major goals which impact most on freight and London are:-

1. Halve the use of ‘conventionally fuelled’ cars in urban transport by 2030 and phase them out in cities by 2050;
2. Achieve essentially CO2-free city logistics in major urban centres by 2030

(The details of the EU Clean Power for Transport policy and proposal are available at http://ec.europa.eu/transport/themes/urban/cpt/index_en.htm)

Mark suggested that FQP’s and Boroughs have an important part to play in cutting emissions to achieve Clean City Logistics and the development of best practice. Members may wish to view information on the following web sites:

<http://www.eltis.org/> - ELTIS the urban mobility portal.

<http://www.civitas-initiative.org> – CIVITAS – Demonstrating cleaner and better transport in cities.

<http://www.epomm.eu/index.php> - European Platform on Mobility Management

A number of questions were raised which Mark answered and provided additional details and information.

Natalie Chapman suggested the FTA should update the CFLQP on its “Carbon Reduction Scheme” as this was clearly relevant to the discussion that had taken place.

Action **Dennis will arrange for a FTA presentation on Carbon Reduction.**

Item 8

Olympics Logistics Legacy

Ian Wainwright re-confirmed TfL are looking at changes that can be implemented from the knowledge gained from the Olympics.

The Plans are:-

Reducing the **traffic impact** of freight on the road network, reducing peak activity and minimising the congestion resulting from deliveries and freight traffic flows, in balance with other road users.

Reducing the impact of freight on the **environment**, improving overall air quality and reducing noise attributable to freight.

Increase the levels of **compliance and safety**, specifically reducing the potential for impacts or collisions involving freight vehicles.

Ian confirmed that staffing numbers working on Freight projects have been increased. With this increase TfL will be developing existing projects, looking at logistics efficiency and engaging best practice.

Freight Forums have been set up with senior engagement from Industry.

From these forums a number of working groups have been introduced. Also the Roads Task Force are currently considering the direction of roads policy and the need for freight input and consideration of outputs (moving and place functions).

Item 9

CLFQP Projects

Currently the only CLFQP project being considered covers Cycling and Mike Browne confirmed Cycling was being discussed at the Steering and Administration Group Meeting later.

Action **Members were asked to send any Borough Projects that might prove suitable for the CLFQP to pick up in 2013/14.**

Item 10

Members update / any other business

Hugh Brennan raised the question of Traffic Orders and how they relate to logistics and deliveries? Also, how and what the Boroughs should spend their LIP Funds on?

Freddie Talberg raised the question of projects suitable for the Mayor's Air Quality Fund, reminding members of the closing date of 12 April 2013.

Action **Members were asked to consider projects that could be developed under the LIP funding and forward these to Dennis.**

Dennis will include this as an agenda item at the next CLFQP meeting on the 12 June.

Item 11

Date of next meetings

12th June 2013 note change of date

10th September 2013

19th November 2013