

CLFQP Terms of Reference

Central London Freight Quality Partnership

Central London Freight Quality Partnership (CLFQP) has been set up to develop a common understanding of freight transport issues and to encourage, create and share innovative solutions for delivery and movement of goods specifically within central London.

The Partnership encourages a sustainable approach to the movement of goods and provision of services, to achieve a balance between the requirements of business and the environmental and social needs of the central London community to retain our quality of life.

The Key Objectives of the Partnership include:

Advocacy

- Encourage better use of the transport network.
- Network at events with industry peers and organisations.
- Assist in the development of national and central London strategic freight policy.
- Highlight and communicate issues affecting freight operations in Central London.

Research

- Improve loading and unloading facilities and enforcement
- Develop an understanding how freight impacts all other road users.
- Help businesses to develop their environmental agenda in relation to freight transport and servicing
- Reduce operational costs through dissemination of best practice

Partnership Working

- Work closely with Transport for London and the seven Central London Boroughs to provide a sustainable approach to freight in Central London.
- Work to minimise the impact of policy change on the freight industry by raising awareness of the proposed policy changes at an early stage of development and co-ordinating the response of the CLFQP members.
- Provide a platform for open discussion on freight issues across Central London

The Main Stakeholders

- Local authorities – City of London Corporation, London Borough of Camden, London Borough of Islington, London Borough of Southwark, London Borough of Lambeth, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster City Council
- Industry and Trade providers/associations – freight transport, distribution, logistics and service companies and their industry associations, including the Freight Transport Association, The Brewery Logistics Group, Federation of Small Businesses, the Road Haulage Association and fleet, logistics and planning managers from major retailers and relevant industries such as construction.
- Other public sector organisations including Transport for London (TfL) and the Greater London Authority (GLA)

Delivering the Partnership

CLFQP consists of two core groups:

- The Steering and Administrative Group (SAG)
- The Current Freight Issues Group (CFIG)

The groups are currently chaired by Professor Michael Browne, University of Westminster, who brings an independent and authoritative knowledge of freight to the groups. The day to day management of the CLFQP is currently undertaken by Dennis Lynch.

Attendance at the Current Freight Issues Group meetings is free of charge and open to all individuals and organisations that have an interest in improving freight movement in central London. Membership of the Steering and Advisory Group is limited to a maximum of 20 members to include central London Boroughs and relevant Borough Partnerships, Transport for London, freight transport operators and users of freight transport services together with relevant Trade Associations and Professional Institutes. The Steering and Advisory Group is responsible for decisions on all matters concerning funding and membership.

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