

Central London Freight Quality Partnership



Current Freight Issues Group (CFIG) Meeting notes

Date/Time: 3rd November 2015 9.45 to 13:00

Venue: Meeting Room M 323
University of Westminster,
35 Marylebone Road,
London NW1 5LS

Notes of meeting held on 3rd November 2015

Present

Michael Browne (Chair)	CLFQP
Dennis Lynch	CLFQP
Mike Bracey	Brewery Logistics Group (BLG)
Roy Turner	London Borough of Camden
Andrew Phipps	City of London
Tim Ward	TfL
Ria Patel	TfL
Ron Searle	Travis Perkins
Andrew Lowery	TNT
Jolyon Drury	CILT
Antoneta Horbury	Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
John Crook	Tradeteam/DHL
Natalie Chapman	Freight Transport Association (FTA)
Pippa Shepherd	Freight Transport Association (FTA)
Rob Carruthers	A.S.Watson Group
Peter Loveday	London Borough of Lambeth
Hugh Brennan	Westminster City Council
Owain Jones	Cross River Partnership
Steve Scantlebury	John Lewis
Sally Shinnars	John Lewis
Julian Allen	University of Westminster

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 on 3rd September 2015)

The meeting notes were agreed.

Outstanding issues from the previous meeting:

Mike Browne noted the following issues from the previous meeting:

- The Cross River Partnership event at City Hall that CLFQP members attended on 3 September 2015. **Event:** *This event was in support of London's application for the Office of Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) Go Ultra Low City Scheme led by the Greater London Authority and Transport for London.*
- The Silvertown Crossing - consultation remains open until 29 November 2015.
- The Cycle Superhighway trial work with TfL and Brewery Logistics Group (BLG) is due to go ahead shortly.

Action: TfL to inform BLG of the dates and locations. (Tim Ward)

All other items will be covered under the current agenda.

Item 3

Home Delivery @ John Lewis

Sally Shinnars and Steve Scantlebury from John Lewis gave a very informative presentation on the John Lewis Home Delivery operation in London, covering 2 man deliveries.

Questions were raised by members and the following action agreed.

Action: Dennis would liaise with Peter Loveday, Natalie Chapman, and Owain Jones to review the DSP guidelines concerning Delivery and Service vehicles.

Attached is the John Lewis presentation (PDF)

Item 4

Update on Baker Street "2 Way Scheme"

Hugh Brennan confirmed that Anju Banga originally made a presentation to the CLFQP about this scheme at the May 2015 meeting. He updated the

CLFQP about the outcomes of the consultation work. He noted that Westminster City Council is currently considering what if any changes it should request to develop the scheme.

Item 5

Borough initiatives and issues on Freight

Antoneta Horbury - the pay by phone trial went well (will be reported on in November 2015). There are still some on-going issues with large goods vehicles driving down narrow streets.

Peter Loveday - there is likely to be a trial of cargo bikes in Brixton market (in order to reduce van activity). A research application has been made to help fund this.

There are problems with pedestrian crossings and the servicing of premises on the A23 – TfL will be carrying out a corridor study.

Andy Phipps - A 24-hour traffic “City” composition study will be carried out to investigate freight activity over the course of the day and especially in the period 19:00-07:00. Previous daytime studies indicate substantial freight activity at 07:00 (the time at which these previous studies have commenced) so there may also be substantial freight activity prior to 07:00. Out-of-hours deliveries are seen as problematic in terms of disturbance to residents.

Hugh Brennan - Existing cycle training initiatives run by Westminster CC are trying to reach new and existing cyclists to take part in a training session on HGVs and construction vehicles.

Parking reviews - Parking “marshalls” will try to work more closely with businesses and goods vehicle drivers to build up a working relationship. These marshalls will also address the issue of engine-idling. WCC are keen to gain information about suitable equipment to monitor and reduce engine idling. It was pointed out that several vehicle types such as vehicles with some types of tail-lift, cranes, refrigerated units have to idle their engines but there is no reason for other vehicles to do so.

There is a consultation including freight issues in relation to a major scheme in Bond Street. (details to be circulated as soon as available)

Owain Jones - Central London Sub-Regional Transport Partnership (CLSRTP) – research has been carried out into DSPs in member boroughs. A Best Practice scheme is being drawn up and 7 companies have signed up to take part.

CRP is leading a new EU-funded project called Freight TAILS (part of the URBACT Secretariat). This will consider last mile delivery solutions.

CRP/CLSRTP is working to set up two retiming programmes with BIDs (Fitzrovia Partnership and possibly the North Bank Partnership). These are likely to focus on waste collections.

CRP/CLS RTP is working with two boroughs (Hackney and Westminster) to develop Low Emission Neighbourhoods supported with seed funding for research and engagement work.

CRP/CLS RTP attended a Borough Freight Officers Group that has been established by London Councils. The first meeting took place recently. It is a sub-committee of the main Transport Committee and is planned to meet four times in the first year and will then be reviewed.

Item 6

TfL Projects update

Tim Ward briefed everybody on the current position on Freight related projects at TfL.

Item 7

Members Updates/any other business

Natalie Chapman - Chris Snelling from the FTA took part in an event organised by the All-Party Parliamentary Cycling Group on issues raised by cycling and freight traffic.

Antoneta Horbury - raised the issue of deliveries taking place to restaurants and cafes in Kensington High Street during restricted hours (07:00-19:00). She asked for advice about how best to address this. CLFQP members suggested approaching the “receivers” of the deliveries and discussing the matter with them, as they typically dictate the delivery times to freight operators.

Roy Turner - raised the issue of HS2 being unwilling to adopt/insist on CLOCS or make it part of its contracts. Instead HS2 is thinking to develop its own freight standard for construction materials.

Owain Jones - GLA consultation taking place on Spatial Planning Activity document.

Action: Owain will coordinate CLFQP response via Mike Browne and Dennis Lynch.

Owain also raised the possibility of CLFQP bidding for funding for a project to try to bring several boroughs traffic data together in a suitable format for supply to users. However, bids need to be submitted by 12 November 2015 so there is little time available.

Action: Dennis would liaise with Owain.

Item 8

Date of next meetings:

Dennis Lynch outlined that future meetings are planned for the middle of February 2016, the middle of May 2016, and early July 2016, and October 2016.

Action: Dennis will circulate proposed dates.

Dennis subsequently circulated an email with the following dates of the meetings in 2016:

Feb 9th

May 10th

July 12th

Oct 19th

Details of time/venue to be confirmed nearer the time, but currently planned as morning meetings to be held at the University of Westminster.