

Details of the 3 Projects raised at the CLFQP 10th July 2018 meeting by Julian Allen

1. New core funding for the Centre for Sustainable Road Freight (CSRF)

The Centre is a collaboration between Westminster, Cambridge and Heriot-Watt Universities, and organizations in the freight and logistics sector. Its purpose during its initial 5 years was to research engineering and organizational solutions to make road freight economically, socially and environmentally sustainable. The Centre is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a new Grant from the UK Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) that will fund the core research activities of the Centre for the next 5 years from June 2018- May 2023. This funding will enable the Centre to embark on an exciting new programme of research, building on the work of the past 5 years and tackling a range of new challenges in vehicle engineering and logistics including this time urban freight operations, as well as policy making.

A vital feature of the Centre is its close links with the freight industry. The consortium includes key freight operators such as John Lewis, Tesco, Sainsbury's, Turners and Wincanton, along with vehicle industry partners, including Volvo, Goodyear, Firestone among others, and trade associations and professional bodies who help set the research agenda and spearhead the adoption of the results by the road freight industry. More details and outputs are available from the project website: <http://www.csrf.ac.uk/> Please contact Maja Piecyk or Julian Allen at the University of Westminster if your organisation would like to get involved (m.piecyk@westminster.ac.uk; allenj@westminster.ac.uk)

2. FTC 2050 - Trial of on-foot portering of parcels in central London

As part of the Freight Traffic Control 2050 project (<http://www.ftc2050.com/>) a trial has been carried out of on-foot portering on parcels in central London. This trial was intended to investigate the extent to which portering could potentially reduce the demand for kerbside space and time, and the distance travelled and time spent driving on roads by parcel vans, as well as to investigate the costs of such a portering operation. The trial took place in the City of London and Southwark. The analysis considered the results if implemented across London's entire Central Activities Zone.

An animation that explains the parcel portering concept and its potential benefits is available at:

<http://www.ftc2050.com/video/portering.mp4>

A report on the portering trial and its results is available here:

http://www.ftc2050.com/reports/Final_report_portering.pdf

3. FTC 2050 - An Analysis of the Same-Day Delivery Market and Operations in the UK

The FTC 2050 project team at the University of Westminster will soon be publishing a report on the same-day delivery market and operations in the UK (covering parcels, grocery and meal deliveries). Once completed it will be made available on the FTC 2050 website. Reports are already available on the FTC 2050 include: 'An analysis of online shipping and home delivery in the UK', 'An analysis of the next-day and economy parcels market and parcel carriers' operations in the UK', and 'An Analysis of Road Freight in London and Britain: Traffic, Activity, and Sustainability. Please visit the FTC 2050 website for these reports: <http://www.ftc2050.com/> For further details please contact Julian Allen at the University of Westminster: allenj@westminster.ac.uk