

Central London Freight Quality Partnership



Current Freight Issues Group (CFIG) Meeting notes (Online meeting)

Date/Time: 28th July 2020 14.00 to 15.38

Venue: Online Meeting

Notes of Online meeting held on 28th July 2020

Present on online meeting

Mike Browne	CLFQP/ University of Gothenburg (Chair)
Dennis Lynch	CLFQP
Natalie Chapman	FTA
Barry Smith	Westminster City Council
Rianne Taylor	Westminster City Council
Sarah King	Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)
Jerry Ward	JLP
John Crook	BLG
Antoneta Horbury	Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea
Matthew Bennett	West End Partnership Board
Linda White	RHA
Fionnuala Horrocks-Burns	DHL
Andy Neather	TfL
Kieran Mackay	City of London
Sarah Rye	Westminster City Council
Aaron Thomas	DHL Trailar
Graham Hill	AICES
Graham Pask	RHA

As this was an informal meeting these notes only briefly highlight the 3 presentations made. The subjects covered and discussed, in some cases still need approval, therefore should be considered drafts and may change at a later date.

Questions were raised during the presentations and answers given, if there are any further points of clarification please contact me (Dennis Lynch) or the presenters.

Mike Browne welcomed everyone, introductions were made. Apologies were received.

The last meeting "Notes" were accepted with no outstanding issues (online meeting 20 May 2020).

Presentation 1

Andy Neather TfL

Andy gave an update on TfL activities helping with the future of Freight in London as we move forward after "lockdown"

Andy confirmed that in terms of freight movements and London transport activity more generally, changes have been complicated and again fast moving since "Lockdown".

Some recent stats on freight show:

Freight was down in Vol. in April by -43% and now down -9%

Home deliveries are up +41% with food deliveries nearly double.

There has also been a continuing move to small/lighter vehicles for freight.

Results from a recent TfL freight survey have shown that the two main issues raised by operators looking forward to the next 6 months are:

Kerbside Access

Congestion

The following changes that have been made since May are:

1. Temporary Congestion Charge changes (both in Level and Scope) - all these changes are on the TfL website [See <https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/media/press-releases/2020/june/temporary-changes-to-the-congestion-charge-to-secure-safe-recovery>]
2. The introduction of the Streetspace for London programme, which provides for more walking/cycling in London and additional traffic free "corridors".

More of these schemes are in the pipeline with Borough implementation. A street map will be available online (TfL), outlining all the changes in the near future. [now available – see <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/streetspace-for-london/>]

Looking forward to the autumn other issues/items to mention are:

1. Changes to the Low Emission Zone, now delayed to March 2021 (final date to be confirmed in Sept).
2. The introduction of the Direct Vision Standard - now delayed to March 2021 (final date to be confirmed in Sept).
3. Vehicle Scrappage scheme for older HGV's not compliant with the new LEZ standards, to be introduced from September 2020.
4. The start of work related to the extension of the ULEZ to the North and South Circulars in Oct 2021.

Presentation 2

“Trailer” DHL

**Fionnuala Horrocks-Burns
Aaron Thomas**

Fionnuala and Aaron gave an interesting presentation on a DHL (Trailer) innovation project using “solar” technology in transport/logistics.

This project is part of DHL’s work to become “Net Zero” on all emissions by 2050.

The full presentation is attached.

Presentation 3

**Westminster City Council’s movement
Strategy: Covid-19-Public realm changes**

Barry Smith WCC

Barry gave a very detailed presentation on the changes Westminster City council were planning to re-think their streets and public spaces in the light of Covid-19.

The work included finding space for social distancing, outdoor dining and encouraging cycling and walking, whilst balancing this with the needs of businesses to continue to receive goods and services.

The full presentation is attached.

AOB/Questions

Sarah King

Those who may wish to see the latest Small Business Index data from the FSB should contact Sarah and she can request London figures via the Policy Team if felt relevant: <https://www.fsb.org.uk/resources-page/one-in-five-small-firms-forced-to-cut-staff-amid-split-in-performance-expectation.html>

Antoneta Horbury

When we do traffic order consultations we find that businesses tend to object when we want to convert a single yellow line to a double yellow line because they think that they won't be able to load anymore (even though we are not adding any loading restrictions). It would be useful to get the message out that loading and unloading can still take place on double yellow lines as long as there are no loading restrictions.

**Action: (1) Sarah King - Made a note about the loading restrictions and yellow lines for the FSB member's e-newsletter.
(2) Antoneta Horbury noted that it may be possible for future traffic order consultations to explain this point.**

Rianne Taylor

Following on from Barry's presentation, if anyone has any queries about Westminster's Movement Strategy please send them to movementstrategy@westminster.gov.uk

Jerry Ward

Could the City of London help with improving/changing their website location of the "Road and Street changes bulletin" issued regularly by the City

Action: Kieran Mackay - Agreed to review this.

Next meeting

Provisionally planned for October 2020 - date to be agreed.