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Oxford Street, Regent Street and Bond Street Action Plan – Public Consultation

The Central London Freight Quality Partnership (CLFQP) thanks Westminster City Council, Transport for London, the New West End Company and London West End Community Network for the opportunity to comment on the draft Oxford Street, Regent Street and Bond Street Action Plan. The CLFQP is a partnership of public and private organisations whose aim is to improve the movement and delivery of freight and services to and from central London. Our membership includes seven London Boroughs, private organisations and individuals that have an interest in London's freight industry. Together with this joint response members may be responding to this consultation separately.

CLFQP welcomes the concept designs set out in the draft action plan (p12-29). We would wish to highlight the point that improvements to the public realm should not be made to the detriment of freight delivery and servicing requirements for each area. Whilst freight / servicing activity and the public realm vie for the limited available highway space, the focus of the design and implementation of these improvements should be to manage the interdependence of each activity, and not impair the functioning of the other.

With regard to the freight study (action B8), CLFQP would wish to be an active contributor. Our close links with freight operators and servicing organisations could provide a valuable mechanism for consultation. Little is known about van activity in London. Part of our work programme for the 2007 / 2008 financial year is to investigate the challenges faced by this growing sector. We would welcome the possibility of working with operators to assist them to become more efficient and reduce vehicle numbers on London's streets.

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If you would like to discuss the CLFQP position or this response further, please contact me on 020 7478 8467 or email mmace@c-london.gov.uk.

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