

Meeting notes

Meeting	Thames Gateway FQP Steering Group		
Date	22 February 2010		
Place	Palestra		
Prepared by	Claire Wills	26 February 2010	
Attendees	Richard Finch	LB Tower Hamlets, Chair TGFQP	
	Peter Blaine	TfL	
	James Frost	LB Bexley	
	Bob Turner	LB Newham	
	Phil Harris	PLA	
	Darien Goodwin	LB Lewisham	
	Claire Wills	IMT	
	Nick Gallop	IMT	
	Natalie Chapman	FTA	
	Arnab Roy	Atkins for TGLP	
	Dick Allard	London Forum	
Apologies	Daniel Douglas	LB Havering	
	Scott Wilding	LB Redbridge	
	Tim Martin	LBBD	
	Dave Moorhouse	LB Greenwich	
	Stephen Burke	LB Bexley	
Item	Text		Action
2	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the FQP Executive (11th September 2009) were agreed.</p> <p>The FQP had looked into virtual signage strategies and the problems of non commercial use sat navs taking HGVs into residential areas. TomTom was thought to give the best results, information which was passed on to FQP industry contacts.</p>		CW
3	<p>LIP2/Sub Regional Transport Plan</p> <p>Freight issues have been embedded in the Sub Regional Transport Plan, the response to which is due at the end of March.</p> <p>The FQP will respond in addition to the boroughs; the sub region has unique additional cross boundary freight challenges which include major infrastructure projects such as the Olympics, Crossrail and Thames Water tunnels as well as major residential developments.</p> <p>Boroughs were consulted as to the freight issues which could be included within their borough response: these included the promotion of connectivity, the protection of freight depots and rail warehousing, improvement of rail capacity and Thames crossings.</p>		CW/ NG
4	<p>GSE Overview</p> <p>Nick outlined the work of GSE Connect, a collaboration of Seeda, Eeda and LDA, whose core objectives are to promote sustainable freight distribution, encourage long term modal shift and to scope and formulate these two objectives. This includes work on the use of the Thames and FMCG goods</p>		NG

	<p>coming into railway station stores by train.</p> <p>Nick set out the benefits for FQP boroughs in being aware of GSE Connect projects and improved liaison with Kent and Essex in the promotion of better connectivity for the Thames Gateway.</p>	
5	<p>TGLP Freight Strategy</p> <p>Following a meeting with TGLP, it was agreed that the Thames Gateway Freight Strategy was in need of an update; Nick to report further at the next Steering Group meeting.</p>	NG
6	<p>TGFQP Work Programme Update</p> <p>a) The Sustainable Construction Seminar is being held on the Thames on June 17th. The issues and the speakers covering them have been identified; the boat is provisionally booked and a recce to spot major construction sites from the water will take place in the weeks leading up to the event. Invitations will go out in mid May.</p> <p>b) Lorry Parking research was passed on to the DfT as part of their commissioned study to improve lorry parking; as were borough contacts to facilitate the DfT survey.</p> <p>c) As part of the freight awareness programme, most borough officers went out in a 16 tonne flatbed truck (with thanks to Wilson James and the London Construction Consolidation Centre for their support) before the start of today's meeting. Borough officers have fed back that it was extremely useful to experience the challenges of moving a relatively large freight vehicle around central London.</p> <p>d) Borough officers are going on to the London Traffic Control Centre today for a tour and overview of the Centre's work.</p> <p>e) A Freight Environment Review System training day is in the process of being organised for borough officers in March at no additional cost to the boroughs.</p> <p>f) The FQP is feeding Thames Gateway freight issues into GSE Connect, the London Regional Freight Council, the Olympic Freight group and the Integrated Transport Working Group.</p> <p>g) The FQP will work on an FQP response to the Sub Regional Transport Plan.</p> <p>h) Management and communications: there have been some problems with the FQP website but these issues have been fed back through TfL and are being improved.</p> <p>i) DG stressed the importance of not being anti-truck and the benefit of engaging with industry in transport planning.</p> <p>j) The DfT pilot of Quiet Delivery Demonstrations was highlighted – 6 trials in UK, one of them likely to be in Camden. This led to a discussion on good driver training (no radio for instance) and how boroughs could support smaller independent stores and encourage business diversity policies.</p>	<p>CW</p> <p>CW</p> <p>CW</p> <p>CW</p> <p>CW</p> <p>NG/ CW</p> <p>NG/ CW</p> <p>CW</p>
7	<p>2010/11 Work Programme</p> <p>This would be discussed at the next Steering Group but ongoing work included:</p>	all

	<p>A refresh of the TGLP Freight Strategy</p> <p>A reply to the Sub Regional Transport Plan, along with guidance to boroughs where required</p> <p>Collaboration of FQPs across London</p> <p>A formal link to TGLP</p> <p>A forum for sourcing of outside funding such as LEPT</p>	
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8	<p>Potential for other funding</p> <p>PB indicated that the budget for 10/11 would be transitional funding of £20,000. Boroughs would be able to contribute to the FQP through the LIP process. Other TfL funding was unlikely although separate funding might be available for individual DSPs.</p> <p>Other funding streams were also discussed and included GSE Connect, who propose to make funds available for an EU rail freight scheme.</p> <p>The FQP would examine whether LEPT funding would be available for freight related projects, such as</p> <p>PCN hotspots</p> <p>Management of freight movement in restricted areas (eg Northumberland Bakeries' use of a clockwise route, Bexley)</p> <p>Janitorial scheme (Tower Hamlets)</p> <p>Signage scheme (Redbridge)</p> <p>Virtual Signage Strategies (eg Norman Road, Erith)</p> <p>Air Quality issues around olympic construction areas.</p> <p>In terms of supporting LEPT applications, these would have to be made through boroughs as a "legal entity".</p>	All/IMT
8	<p>AOB</p> <p>Natalie Chapman highlighted the Urban Logistics Conference on 10 March at £99 for local authorities.</p> <p>Olympic Freight Group (OFG):</p> <p>The OFG has set up a Working Group dealing with loading/unloading issues for freight operators affected by the recently published Olympic Route. If any borough officer would like to recommend this to freight operators or borough fleet managers, the contact for more details is Natalie Chapman at the FTA. nchapman@fta.co.uk</p> <p>The FQP formally thanked Peter Blaine for his support and contribution to the Steering Group over the last three years.</p>	
9	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Next SG to be scheduled for late Spring/early Summer 2010.</p>	