Current Freight Issues Group Meeting (CFig) notes

Date/Time: 4th Nov 2014  9:45 to 12:40

Venue:
Meeting Room L195
University of Westminster,
35 Marylebone Road,
London NW1 5LS

Notes of meeting held on 4th Nov 2014

Present
Michael Browne (Chair)  University of Westminster/CLFQP
Dennis Lynch  CLFQP
Jerry Ward  John Lewis Partnership
Robin Parr-Davies  Triangle
Natalie Chapman  FTA
Uto Patrick  CRP
Keith Abbott  Sofaworks
John Crosk  Tradeteam/DHL
Mike Bracey  BLG
Ron Searle  Travis Perkins
Craig Stansfield  City of London
Matthew Jaffa  FSB
Dr Maja Kiba-Janiak  Wroclaw University of Economics
Antoneta Horbury  Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
Roy Turner  London Borough Camden
Jess Wiles  London Borough Camden
Tim Ward  TfL
Fiona Rose  TfL
Martin Schulz  TNT
Anthony McNamara  West Trans
Charlie Allen  DHL
Tim Forrester  West Trans
Jolyon Drury  CILT PPC
Hugh Brennan  London Borough of Westminster
Item 1
Welcome, introductions and apologies.
Mike Browne welcomed everyone, introductions were made and apologies accepted. Dr Maja Kiba-Janiak from Wroclaw University of Economics was also welcomed, as a guest.

Item 2
Notes of the last meeting (Current Freight Issues Group meeting of 9th July 2014)
The meeting notes were agreed.

Outstanding issues from the previous meeting:
There had been no feedback on Traffic Marshalls at Westminster.

All other items will be covered under the current agenda.

Item 3
Public Sector Development on Consolidation
Nigel Symonds from Camden gave a comprehensive presentation on the Consolidation being operated for Camden and other local Boroughs.

The full presentation is attached. A number of questions were answered after the presentations. Nigel confirmed he would be happy to answer any further questions. (Nigel.Symonds@camden.gov.uk)

Item 4
ULEZ Consultation
Oliver Lord and Sam Longman from TfL gave a presentation on changes planned for the ULEZ in London.

The full presentation is attached. Oliver successfully answered a number of question raised by the group and confirmed if there were any outstanding issues, he would be happy to discuss them with members. (oliverlord@tfl.gov.uk)

Item 5
Borough Initiatives and Issues on Freight
Uto Patrick from the Cross River Partnership (CRP) updated members on current CRP projects:
 Delivery Servicing Plan review work is well under way. CRP together with TfL have reviewed over 30 DSPs, going back over the past 5 years, that have been required through the statutory planning process in City of London. They are producing guidance for both businesses needing to prepare a DSP, and providing support to local authorities required to review DSPs, and rolling out some training by the end of the year.

Links to other last mile delivery initiatives currently being planned in Central London. The CRP are working with other stakeholders to identify and share information about all the current last mile delivery initiatives currently underway or being planned in central London, including a number of the Business Improvement Districts: Baker Street Quarter, New West End Company for Bond Street, and The Fitzrovia Partnership.

Energy Savings Trust(EST) have funding available to work with up to 35 fleets in the capital to help them determine where cost-effective opportunities lie for acquisition of plug-in vehicles and how strategically located rapid charging infrastructure can maximise these opportunities. Participating fleets will also benefit from free analysis of their operation from scheduling and optimisation experts Route Monkey. Interested parties to contact Fergus Worthy (Partnership Account Manager) at Fergus.Worthy@est.org.uk

Uto asked if the CLFQP or its members would be happy to offer help in providing “Private Sector Perspectives” to last mile logistics in Central London. As their German partner in the LaMiLo project PTV is keen to hear more. (Please contact Uto if you can help, Dennis will send out the link information to all members)

**Action:** Dennis to send out link to LaMiLo project

Antoneta Horboury again raised the subject of restrictions for heavy vehicles on certain Borough roads. Industry Partners thought that would be difficult to achieve, but as this issue affects and impacts other Boroughs and is still an issue; a separate meeting is to be arranged.

**Action:** Dennis to arrange meeting (Freddie Talberg, Natalie Chapman, Antoneta Horbury, Hugh Brennan, Keith Abbott and Fiona Rose)
Item 6
TfL Projects update/progress
Tim Ward gave the following update on current projects and issues at TfL

Consultations on Cycle Superhighways
TfL are keen to hear the detailed views of stakeholders on proposals. Their plans are not set in stone and can be amended following consultation. This has already happened in the case of CS5 along the Harleyford Road and this is now being consulted on (see below).

Although the official consultation for CS NS/EW and CS2 Upgrade are now closed, submissions from key stakeholders will be accepted until 30 November. Tim committed to circulating the minutes of the meetings held so far (which has now been done).

The Freight and Fleet team recognise we have more to do to educate colleagues designing these schemes about the needs of freight.

Other consultations
In order to design the best possible schemes TfL need to understand the views of a range of stakeholders, including the freight industry.

Consultations are currently open on the following schemes:
Archway - https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/betterjunctions/archway-junction
New CS5 proposals for Harleyford Road - https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/cycling/cs-5-harleyford-road
Vauxhall Cross - https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/vauxhall-cross
Silvertown - https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/rivercrossings/silvertown-consultation

All of TfL’s open consultations can be found on: https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/advanced_consultation_finder?st=open

Quiet Cities and retiming deliveries – as part of the work to support our Road Modernisation Plan more needs to be done to support retiming of deliveries. Part of this is a conference taking place on 25/26 November and places are still available here: www.quietcities.com.

Consolidation – Sir Peter Hendy spoke to a number of Central London landowners about consolidating freight movements in London and we are happy to hear ideas from all parties about how we take this forward. (Since the meeting a consultation has also opened on proposals for changes at the Old Street roundabout: https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/old-street-roundabout)
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Item 7
CLFQP Kerbside Conflicts Project (Kentish Town Road)
Dennis updated the members with the current position of this Project, confirming the project was complete and the full report had been issued to all members of CLFQP.

A meeting has been arranged for the 12 November at TfL to discuss this Report and share the methodology, approach, lessons learnt, etc with Atkins and Urban Flow who have also been carrying out similar projects in London.

Members suggested a short summary of this lengthy report highlighting the key points should be produced and issued. Which should include clarification of some of the definitions and classifications used the full report.

Action Dennis and Mike Browne to prepare a summary of the PBA report for the next meeting

Item 8
Consultations on Cycle Superhighways
Mike Bracey started the discussion by listing the following main concerns he and other Industry members had with the 2 major Superhighways being consulted on (CS2 (Whitechapel Rd, Mile End Rd and Bow Rd) and N/S - E/W)

- Loading bays disappearing
- Junction closures
- Red Route changes
- Increased travel times
- LLCS Review
- Street furniture review
- Disruption during implementation

Mike Bracey asked TfL to ensure essential kerb space is not removed or reduced. Also suggesting TfL might not be communicating in the right format as many industry operators do not attend the consultation meetings and this needs attention.

After a general discussion, Tim Ward understood the issues raised and assured the meeting that those raised and others were being very carefully looked at. Tim would ensure the Freight industry would be kept fully briefed.
on this very important subject, but suggested Freight operators should respond direct to TfL on this consultation.

Natalie asked members to pass to the FTA any data on estimated increased journey times.

Item 9
Members Updates/any other business
Antoneta Horbury confirmed Kensington & Chelsea will shortly be operating a trial/pilot using pay by phone for street parking.

Keith Abbott raised the subject of driver shortage in London (HGV). Members suggested this subject should be included in the next CLFQP agenda. (24th February 2015)

Action “HGV Driver Shortage” to be discussed at the 24th February meeting

Item 8
Date of next meetings:--
24th February 2015
6th May 2015
7th July 2015
3rd November 2015