Current Freight Issues Group (CFIG) Meeting notes

Date/Time: 6th May 2015    9:45 to 12:45
Venue: Meeting Room M 328
University of Westminster,
35 Marylebone Road,
London NW1 5LS

Notes of meeting held on 6th May 2015

Present
Michael Browne (Chair) University of Westminster/CLFQP
Dennis Lynch CLFQP
Natalie Chapman Freight Transport Association (FTA)
John Crosk Tradeteam/DHL
Mike Bracey Brewery Logistics Group (BLG)
Roy Turner London Borough of Camden
Andrew Phipps City of London
Tim Ward TfL
Martin Schulz Arup
Anju Banga Westminster City Council
Freddie Talberg PIE
Chris Allder TfL
Jason Saldanha TfL
Antoneta Horbury Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
Sharon Davies DHL
Amanda Zambon DHL
Andrew Lowery TNT
Sue Terpilowski Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)

Item 1
Welcome, introductions and apologies.
Mike Browne welcomed everyone, introductions were made and apologies accepted.
Item 2
Notes of the last meeting (Current Freight Issues Group meeting on 24th February 2015)
The meeting notes were agreed.

Outstanding issues from the previous meeting:
On “driver shortage” the group still considered this to be an issue and no solution has yet been found. It was agreed to review this subject again at a future meeting but that there was no clear action to take.

The Kentish Town Road Study (summary) to be put on the website.
Action: Martin Schulz

Hugh Brennan had confirmed that Hayley Regan would in principle be able to work more closely with Industry members on PCN’S. However, currently WCC are not yet clear how this will be achieved.

On Engine Idling Campaign Hugh Brennan had agreed to update Dennis when details are available.

Dennis confirmed there had been no response from Andrew Luck regarding PCN’s.

The Guidance Notes on Sheffield Stands had been circulated to members.

All other items will be covered under the current agenda.

Item 3
Silvertown Tunnel Crossing (TfL)
Chris Allder presented the proposed Thames tunnel crossing at Silvertown. The presentation is attached.

Several questions were raised by members; these were answered by Chris.

The formal link covering the proposed Consultation will be forwarded to Dennis for full circulation to members, as there are a number of issues which need to be raised formally by members.
Action: Chris Allder to send consultation link

Item 4
Baker Street “2 Way Scheme”
Anju Banga from Westminster City Council spoke on the changes that were being planned for the Baker Street “2 Way Scheme”.
Members thought these changes should be considered along with the planned changes to Tottenham Court Road.

The presentation is attached.
**Item 5**  
**Cycling Superhighways and BLG Deliveries**  
John Crosk gave a presentation on the draft proposals for Brewing Deliveries made on/across Cycling Superhighways.

John confirmed there was a need for a “code of practice” and a trial of these proposals was being undertaken at DHL.

Updates/Progress on the trial will be forwarded to Dennis for circulation.  
**Action:** Dennis to update members

Members asked if it was possible for TfL to give predicted cycling flow rates on cycling superhighways, as this will be useful in the development of the code of practice.  
**Action:** TfL would pass this data to Dennis (if available)

**Item 6**  
**Borough initiatives and issues on Freight**  
Antoneta Horbury confirmed that parking “pay by phone” was going well in the Borough.

Roy Turner said that rail was to be used where possible during the construction stages of HS2.

Andrew Phipps confirmed their involvement with the LAMiLO initiatives and some offsite consolidation in Planning Applications made to the City.

**Item 7**  
**TfL Projects update**  
Tim Ward briefed everybody on the current position with the freight related projects below:

**Road Modernisation Plan (RMP)**

Works have now started on the main Cycle Superhighway works and improvements to Oval junction. Our communications with operators business and boroughs continues (see below)

**Changing Times – Delivering London’s Future**

As part of our RMP engagement we held an event on 29 April to set out the changes being brought about by the RMP and the solutions available. A workshop session was included where issues for boroughs, operators, businesses and TfL were raised.

**Boroughs Engagement Programme**
The Freight and Fleet Team has established an engagement programme with London’s boroughs explaining our work to date and now we see our strategic approach developing. Almost all London’s boroughs have now been presented to and work has started with London Councils TEC to establish a borough officer freight working group.

High Street Survey results

We are finalising the results of our High Street survey trials, one of which was carried out in Camden, and hope to publish these soon.

Item 8
Members Updates/any other business
Sue Terpilowski raised the question of the changing face of Home Delivery in London and the costs faced by many members of the FSB.

Natalie Chapman reminded members of the “Managing Freight in London Conference” sponsored by Transport for London, on the 2 June at the Oval.
Action: Dennis to circulate details to all members.

Item 9

Date of next meetings:
Thursday 3rd September 2015
Tuesday 3rd November 2015