Current Freight Issues Group (CFIG) Meeting notes

Date/Time: 3rd September 2015  12.15 to 13:15
Venue: London Living Room
        City Hall
        The Queen’s Walk
        SE1 2AA

Notes of meeting held on 3rd September 2015

Present
Michael Browne (Chair)  University of Westminster/CLFQP
Dennis Lynch  CLFQP
Mike Bracey  Brewery Logistics Group (BLG)
Roy Turner  London Borough of Camden
Andrew Phipps  City of London
Tim Ward  TfL
Ron Searle  Travis Perkins
Freddie Talberg  PIE Mapping
Andrew Lowery  TNT
Jerry Ward  John Lewis Partnership
Jolyon Drury  CILT
Claire Small  TfL

Item 1
Welcome, introductions and apologies.
Mike Browne welcomed everyone, introductions were made and apologies accepted. Then confirmed the changes to the CLFQP meeting, which were made to support the Go Ultra Low London (engaging business in London’s low emission future), and thanked members for their attendance.

The SAG meeting had been cancelled; however Dennis would circulate a written progress report for all SAG members to be issued at the same time as the CFIG notes.
Item 2
Notes of the last meeting (Current Freight Issues Group meeting on 6th May 2015)
The meeting notes were agreed.

Outstanding issues from the previous meeting:
Roy Turner asked for a correction to the notes concerning HS2 in under item 6.
The minutes should read Roy Turner said, “that for the construction work at and around Euston station HS2 assumes as the worst case that all waste material will be transported by road. This would result in an unaccepted volume of lorry movements that would congestion main roads in the area and affect servicing and deliveries. Camden will petition HS2 to transport as much waste and construction materials by rail as possible.”

Silvertown Tunnel Crossing: The consultation was not yet available for circulation.

The BLG deliveries update on Cycle Superhighways would be covered under AOB.

Predicted Cycle flow rates on Superhighways are not available from TfL.

All other items will be covered under the current agenda.

Item 3
Borough initiatives and issues on Freight
Andy Phipps reported the City Freight Strategy work had temporally been put on the “back burner”, and they were developing Delivery Service Plans (DSP) with TfL.

Roy Turner confirmed the West End Project was ongoing, and Camden was looking at Freight “Best Practice” to help with the Policy framework.

Mike Browne asked if Boroughs could inform Dennis of initiatives and issues on Freight that arise between meetings, this would allow the item to be placed on the next Agenda.

Action: Boroughs to list initiatives and issues for future CLFQP Agenda.

Item 4
TfL Projects update
Tim Ward briefed everybody on the current position with the following Freight related projects:

Freight Strategy
Work continues on the strategic approach to servicing in London. Rather than publish a standalone strategy as originally planned we are now examining how we can build in policies and proposals to the next revision of the Mayor’s Transport Strategy and London Plan.

Growth of Vans in London

The London Assembly has launched a short investigation into the growth of vans in London. TfL, FTA and CILT will all be giving evidence at a hearing on Wednesday 9 September, alongside representatives from supermarkets and couriers.

Safer Lorry Scheme

The Safer Lorry Scheme was launched by the Mayor on Tuesday 1 September. It will now be illegal for HGVs not fitted with the sideguards and type V and VI mirrors to travel on London’s road. This is designed to ensure construction vehicles, some of which are currently exempt from national regulations, are fitted with appropriate safety equipment.

Better Enforcement

TfL is working with the police and other enforcement agencies to improve enforcement activity in London and ensure it is as targeted and effective as possible. A Freight Enforcement Partnership is to be established to ensure intelligence is shared across agencies and ensures only compliant firms and drivers operate in London.

Design Freight into Planning (ARUP project)

TfL has worked with ARUP to design a series of courses mainly for borough officers and those within TfL to raise awareness about the importance of freight activity and help ensure provision is built into schemes during the design phase. These are being piloted in October and will then be made available through Urban Design London.

Borough Liaison officer (London Councils)

TfL and London Councils have agreed to establish a Borough Officer Liaison Group on Freight. Senior representatives from across London’s boroughs have been invited to the inaugural meeting on 20 October. The first meeting will establish the Terms of Reference for the group and the topics to be discussed, including existing freight regulations.

Item 5
Members Updates/any other business
Mike Bracey updated progress the BLG were making on Deliveries taking place on Cycle Superhighways (update attached).
Tim Ward confirmed the replacement to Peter Hendy would be Mike Brown, who has led London Underground (LU) and London Rail as Managing Director since 2010.

**Item 6**

Date of next meetings:
Tuesday 3rd November 2015