Current Freight Issues Group (CFIG) Meeting notes

Date/Time: 12th July 2016 9.45 to 12.55

Venue: Meeting Room 357
University of Westminster,
309 Regent Street
London W1B 2HW

Notes of meeting held on 12th July 2016

Present
Jolyon Drury (Chair) CILT
Dennis Lynch CLFQP
Mike Bracey Brewery Logistics Group (BLG)
Roy Turner London Borough of Camden
Ron Searle Travis Perkins
John Crosk Tradeteam/DHL
Natalie Chapman Freight Transport Association (FTA)
Vicky Keeble Cross River Partnership
Jerry Ward JLP
Hugh Brennan Westminster City Council
Mick Dearle Martin Browes
Amanda Zambon DHL
Andrew Lowery TNT
Sam Clarke Gnewt Cargo
Denise Beedell FSB
Julian Allen UoW
Tanja Dalle-Muenchmeyer CRP/WCC
Stephen Burke City of London
Martin Schulz Arup
Ian Wainright TfL
Tim Ward TfL
Sukky Choongh-Campbell London Borough of Lambeth
Item 1
Welcome, introductions and apologies.
Jolyon Drury welcomed everyone, introductions were made and apologies accepted.

Item 2
Notes of the last meeting (Current Freight Issues Group meeting on 3rd May 2016)
The meeting notes were agreed.

Outstanding issues from the previous meeting:
Jolyon Drury noted the following issues from the previous meeting:

The Baker St. 2 Way Scheme. Hugh Brennan would provide an update under AOB.

Dennis apologised for the late circulation of the FTA London Election Manifesto.

All other items will be covered under the current agenda.

Item 3
Kerbside Space in Central London (discussion) with Ian Wainwright from TfL
A full and healthy discussion took place on the current and future use of Kerbside space in Central London. Covering the following:

The development of the London Plan.
London will look quite different with less kerbside space and more people.
Hope to reduce Freight movements.
Development of vehicle safety requirements.
Retiming and rerouting.
Cleaner vehicles.
Replacing/changing the point of Delivery.
Freight Consolidation.
Cycling Superhighways.
Car reduction.
LGV growth.
Working with Industry and Boroughs to find solutions.
Planning for changes to meet demand changes for Freight.
Designing for kerbside delivery needs.
Modal shift.
The need for freight operators to work together and with customers.
Potential planning conditions for new buildings to improve freight deliveries.

Industry members suggested a CLFQP review of the London Lorry Control
Scheme and asked if as a first stage a working group could be set up to
evaluate if any changes could improve the scheme for freight deliveries,
without having a detrimental impact on the schemes original objects.
Action: Dennis to arrange a meeting ASAP. (A number of CLFQP
members asked to join)

Item 4
FREVUE Presentation
Tanja Dalle-Muennchmeyer gave a very interesting and detailed presentation
on the FREVUE project. This project demonstrates the suitability of electric
freight vehicles for urban last-mile deliveries. Tanja also answered a number
of questions.

A copy of this presentation is attached.

Item 5
TfL Projects update
Tim ward gave an update stating that it was “business as usual at TfL” and
commented on the following issues/areas

Development of the Mayor’s Manifesto.
Air quality will be a high priority.
ULEZ development and possible changes.
HGV 2020 compliance.
Continuation of “retiming deliveries”.
Further Freight forums.
Cycling Superhighways, looking at “quiet ways”.
Procurement of clean vehicles.

All agreed that there are issues we need to plan for and open discussion is
one way of developing solutions acceptable to all.

Item 6
Borough initiatives and issues on Freight
Sukky Choongh-Campbell (Lambeth) gave an outline of Low Emission
Logistics and the development of a South London Freight Consolidation
facility.
Lambeth, Southwark, Wandsworth and Croydon councils are working together to improve air quality by reducing the number of delivery vehicles travelling into the boroughs. The first phase of the project seeks to review the procurement and contract management processes employed in each partner borough to identify where the need for deliveries can be reduced. We have found so far that generally deliveries are not considered in the contract and as a result the principle suppliers – stationary and ICT supplies – are delivered daily; by reducing this from five days per week to two days per week we are able to reduce vehicle kms and associated emissions by 60%.

Local businesses and other public sector organisations such as universities, colleges and hospitals have also been invited to join the scheme. We have also spoken to four other neighbouring boroughs who are keen to join the scheme.

By March 2017 we need to produce a feasibility study into the set-up and management of a consolidation centre for use by the partner boroughs. We are speaking to transport operators and suppliers to feed into this study and would welcome guidance from the freight industry.”

Sukky asked members for “Barriers to Consolidation”
The following main Barriers were raised:
- Costs.
- Speed of Delivery (delays).
- Space in London.
- Service levels.
- Shared Deliveries.

The Lambeth link on this project is below:
http://love.lambeth.gov.uk/low-emission-logistics-project/

Action: Members were asked to send Sukky copies of papers on Consolidation issues/barriers.

**Item 7**
**Members Updates/any other business**
Hugh Brennan gave a short update on the Baker Street 2 way scheme, suggesting the next phase for consultation will be in August. Hugh also asked if TNT, DHL and UPS would be prepared to discuss the benefits they could offer Westminster City Council in servicing plans/retiming.

Action: TNT, DHL and UPS would contact Dennis, who would arrange the necessary contact with Westminster City Council via Hugh.

Andrew Lowery tabled the paper on the FTC 2050 project. **Copy attached**

Antoneta Horbury asked (via email) if the members would consider a presentation by the vehicle routing company Tom Tom. As they are able to highlight on their system, roads less suitable for Heavy vehicles.
**Action: Dennis to arrange a presentation**

Some Industry members raised the following road change issues:

1. Tower Bridge is to be closed 1st Oct to 30 Dec with some 40000 vehicle to use the 2 suggested diversionary routes each day in the very congested area around the Bridge.
2. Tooley St is closed from May 2016 to 2018 eastbound from Borough High St to Bermondsey St with a diversionary route planned via Borough High St, Great Dover St and Tower Bridge Rd.

Asking if TfL could provide clarity on, traffic directions, expected increased journey times, modelling details and resulting loading/unloading restrictions/changes.

**Action: TfL**

**Item 8**
**Date of next meeting:**
**Oct 26th**  
**Note date change**

Details of time/venue to be confirmed nearer the time, but currently planned as morning meeting to be held at the University of Westminster.