

Central London Freight Quality Partnership



Current Freight Issues Group (CFIG) Meeting notes

Date/Time: 17th April 2018 9.50 to 12.10

Venue: Meeting Room M 205
University of Westminster,
35 Marylebone Road
London NW1 5LS

Notes of meeting held on 17th April 2018

Present

Michael Browne (Chair)	University of Gothenburg
Jolyon Drury	CILT
Dennis Lynch	CLFQP
Maja Piecyk	University of Westminster (UoW)
Julian Allen	University of Westminster (UoW)
Roy Turner	London Borough of Camden
Costa Kakouratos	London Borough of Camden
Antoneta Horbury	Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea
Vicky Keeble	Cross River Partnership (CRP)
Jerry Ward	John Lewis Partnership (JLP)
Matthew Bennett	West End Partnership Board
Tom Parker	City of London
Denise Beedell	Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)
Sarah Ralphs	TfL
Jack Maizels	TfL
Tim Long	Westminster City Council
Mick Dearle	Martin Brower
Natalie Chapman	FTA
Amanda Zambon	DHL
John Crosk	DHL
Andrew Stendall	OnTruck
Sarah Finn	London Borough of Lambeth
Robert Gwyn	Hermes Parcelnet
Graham Bellman	Travis Perkins
Steve Steel	Emsol
Max Lyne	London Borough of Camden
Stephanie Dance-Groom	London Borough of Camden

Item 1

Mike Browne welcomed everyone, and introductions were made

Item 2

Notes of the last meeting (Current Freight Issues Group meeting on (23rd January 2018)

Mike Browne went briefly through the meeting notes, the notes were then agreed

Outstanding issues from the previous meeting:

West End Road schemes

No further action by the CLFQP

London Lorry Control Scheme (LLCS) Review

The report by London Councils has been issued, and can be found on their website. London Councils are still waiting for feedback from Boroughs.

This is the link to the London Councils Transport & Environment Committee (TEC) paper on the LLCS review which was approved by TEC last June: <https://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/node/31932>. Attached is the scheme review update report from December which shows what they have achieved in the first six months. The next step once the local elections are out of the way is to focus on the medium and long-term recommendations.

Loading/unloading regulations across all London Boroughs

Sarah Ralphs gave an update from TfL, regarding progress on this.

Action Dennis to liaise with TfL

All other items will be covered under the current agenda

Item 3

City of London “Freight Strategy”

Tom Parker gave a detailed presentation of the City of London Freight Strategy Plan, covering the following:

- Freight Consolidation
- Micro Consolidation
- Retiming
- Delivery and Service Plans
- The River

Full details of this presentation are on the CLFQP website

Tom also updated the group on the “Bank” Junction changes. Suggesting these changes will be formalised soon.

Item 4

Borough initiatives and issues on Freight (plus Cross River Partnership projects)

City:

There were no outstanding issues to be discussed on Freight.

Camden:

The West End Project (WEP):

Stephanie Dance-Groom is the Engagement and Communications officer dealing specifically with the WEP. Stephanie will attend the CLFQP meeting when necessary. It was agreed Dennis would set up a separate CLFQP meeting with Stephanie if deemed necessary as the project progresses.

Action: Dennis to Liaise with Stephanie.

London Councils are to carry out a pilot for Automatic Number Plate Recognition for the London Lorry Control Scheme (LLCS) in Camden.

Max Lyne will be replacing Roy Turner as the representative on the CLFQP at the next meeting

Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea:

The Borough have an outstanding issue with Deliveries made by a food retailer. After discussion, Natalie Chapman suggested Antoneta Horbury contact her as the FTA maybe able to help with a contact.

Antoneta Horbury suggested the Borough could present the planned changes to Sloane Street at the July CLFQP meeting. WSP would undertake the presentation.

This was agreed.

Action: Dennis to liaise with Antoneta to make the arrangements

Westminster:

Are working on their Freight Strategy

Lambeth:

Lambeth were currently going through a major restructuring process

CRP:

The following projects were updated with the group

- 1 Project: Autonomous freight vehicles and policy issues for London boroughs (a study had been carried out by TRL).

- 2 Project: Charging infrastructure capacity across London
Action: Details to be sent to Dennis when available
- 3 LoCity vans working group. Vicky Keeble suggested that a link could be made between CLFQP and the working group.
Action: More details to be provided.
- 4 Project: Freight TAILS Project
Action: Links to the project website will be sent to Dennis for distribution. CLFQP had made an input to the project at previous meetings.

Item 5

TfL Projects update (TfL structure changes)

Sarah Ralphs gave the following update from TfL

Sarah Ralphs will be the new TfL representative to regularly attend the CLFQP meetings

Freight has been embedded across TfL, rather than being a separate, silo team.

Freight remains a priority of TfL, as stated in the Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS).

TfL are currently working on the Freight Plan which is a daughter document of the MTS.

Following the freight forum, all attendees, and all CLFQP members have been invited to workshops on the Freight Plan to gain their feedback and input into the document.

These meetings are getting set up and will happen throughout May

The Freight Plan will launch later this year

TfL also said they were keen to work with other cities and CLFQP and will explore any potential work with the UTG (Urban Transport Group).

Action: Dennis to set up a Working Group to review the Road Works Communications between Boroughs/TfL and Industry.

Item 6

Members update / any other business

Costa Kakouratos

With all the freight changes in the West End Project (WEP) it may be helpful for a separate meeting

Action: Dennis to arrange a meeting as necessary

Julian Allen

The University of Westminster has been carrying out a portering trial in central London as part of the Freight Traffic Control 2050 project. This has been conducted with Gnewt Cargo and with the other Universities in the project, and has been supported by Transport for London. The trial has involved using on-foot porters to make the final delivery of parcels rather than delivery drivers. This trial is intended to demonstrate a method for reducing the time spent at kerbside by vans used to deliver parcels, as well as to trial a delivery system that can operate in locations with constrained kerbside stopping space for delivery vehicles such as pedestrian-friendly locations. A press release about the portering trial is available at this weblink:

<https://www.westminster.ac.uk/news-and-events/news/2018/parcel-porters-could-help-cities-cope-with-the-growth-in-e-commerce-new-research-shows>

Natalie Chapman

The FTA are to recruit a Policy Manager – Vans and Urban
This is the link to the FTA current vacancies including the new role of Policy Manager – Vans and Urban:

<https://recruit.fta.co.uk/accesselect.recruit/Recruitment/Vacancies.aspx>

Roy Turner (Retirement)

The group wished Roy a long and happy retirement, thanking him for his work, help and support on the CLFQP over the years.

Item 7

Date of next meetings:

9th July 2018

10th October 2018