

Central London Freight Quality Partnership



Current Freight Issues Group (CFIG) Meeting notes (Online meeting)

Date/Time: 20th May 2020 14.00 to 15.35

Venue: Online Meeting

Notes of Online meeting held on 20th May 2020

Present on online meeting

Mike Browne	CLFQP/ University of Gothenburg (Chair)
Dennis Lynch	CLFQP
Natalie Chapman	FTA
Jolyon Drury	CILT
Julian Allen	University of Westminster (UoW)
Tom Linton-Smith	Cross River Partnership
Barry Smith	Westminster City Council
Sarah King	Federation of Small Businesses (FSB)
Michael Dearle	Martin Brower
Jerry Ward	JLP
John Crosk	BLG
Tom Parker	City of London
Matthew Bennett	West End Partnership Board
Andy Wilson	TNT
Linda White	RHA
David Kaner	West End Partnership
Robert Gwyn	Hermes Parcelnet
Sarah Bell	UPS
Andy Neather	TfL
Karl Wilshaw	Travis Perkins
Anthony McNamara	West Trans

As this was an informal meeting these notes only briefly highlight the 4 presentations made. The subjects covered and discussed, in some cases still need approval, therefore should be considered drafts and may change at a later date.

Questions were raised during the presentations and answers given, if there are any further points of clarification please contact me or the presenters.

Mike Browne welcomed everyone, introductions were made. Apologies were received.

Presentation 1

Tom Parker City of London

Using a City of London street map Tom gave an update on the developments relating to the “Planned” street access changes/issues in the City of London.

These changes including: closing some streets, certain no through traffic areas, and more walking and cycling.

Tom confirmed that the speed in arranging these changes had been very difficult to coordinate and some of the steps in the normal methods of communication/consultation may not have been possible.

Freight and servicing guidance for City occupiers will be issued in the coming weeks.

The street map highlighting the proposed changes is Attached.

Presentation 2

Jerry Ward JLP

Jerry gave an update how JLP have had to adapt and change in response to the crisis, confirming how the supply chain for both John Lewis and Waitrose was still difficult at present.

Jerry confirmed the following;

- a. Waitrose branches were very busy but John Lewis trade had fallen.
- b. “Mothballed” vehicles had been put back into service to meet demand.
- c. The joint supply chain between John Lewis and Waitrose was working well
- d. “Care Packages” for the NHS had been distributed
- e. Planning for one Supply chain across the whole business was underway
- f. Ocado arrangements will cease in September and plans are in place for JLP to provide new arrangements.
- g. During the lockdown the following have helped the supply chain to operate, relaxation of the LLCS, and more out of hours deliveries.

- h. Concerns exist with the possible increase in walking and cycling.

Presentation 3

Andy Neather TfL

Andy gave an update on the TfL activities related to freight with a clear insight into some of the decisions and the way that things have changed and at great speed

TfL were facing very difficult challenges, with capacity reductions that have never been experienced before.

The “tube” is down by some 95% and with the difficulties of social distancing the impact for the long term is not known

There is still a worry about a future lockdown, so TfL have continued to ask those who can work from home to do so and not use public transport

To help with all the current issues the Mayor’s bold new Streetspace plan will overhaul London’s streets by;

- Transformation of London’s roads to be fast-tracked, giving temporary space to new cycle lanes and wider pavements to enable social distancing
- Landmark locations to benefit from temporary bike routes and more space for walking to reduce pressure on Tube and buses
- Clean, green and sustainable travel to be at the heart of London’s recovery
- Cycling could increase 10-fold and walking five-fold post-lockdown

It is hoped to have a Freight forum ASAP, and TfL are keen to work with all Stakeholders in Freight in this very complicated and difficult period as more flexibility will be required by all users of London streets.

Presentation 4

Natalie Chapman FTA

Natalie gave a detail presentation from the FTA covering;
FTA update

Coronavirus Logistics impact Survey

Reallocating road space to support active travel and social distancing

The full presentation is attached

Next meeting

We are thinking of another online meeting in late July/early August