

# Central London Freight Quality Partnership



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

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**Date/Time:** 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020 14.00 to 15.40

**Venue:** Online Meeting

**Notes of Online meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

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### **Present on online meeting**

Mike Browne	CLFQP/ University of Gothenburg <b>(Chair)</b>
Dennis Lynch	CLFQP
Natalie Chapman	Logistics UK
Barry Smith	Westminster City Council
Rianne Taylor	Westminster City Council
Jerry Ward	JLP
John Crosk	BLG
Antoneta Horbury	Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea
Matthew Bennett	West End Partnership Board
Linda White	RHA
Andy Neather	TfL
Kieran Mackay	City of London
Graham Pask	RHA
Mick Dearle	Martin Brower
David Kaner	West End Partnership
Jolyon Dury	CILT
Leon Dixon	DHL
Ben Hiles	DHL
Julian Allen	University of Westminster (UoW)
Laura Jacklin	Cross River Partnership

**As this was an informal meeting these notes only briefly highlight the 3 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 3 presentations and answers given, if there are any further points of clarification please contact me (Dennis Lynch) or the presenters.**

Mike Browne welcomed everyone, introductions were made.

There were no outstanding issues (online meeting 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020).

### **Presentation 1**

**Andy Neather TfL**

**Andy gave an update on TfL activities helping with Freight in London and changes that have been made since our last meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

#### **Transport (general)**

Andy re-confirmed substantial changes in London travel since Covid began.

Public transport was picking up during the autumn, but the latest lockdown had reduced it again.

Road traffic levels have never recovered to pre-lockdown levels on road routes and is still 10% down year-on-year for TLRN roads. On borough roads, traffic is up 20% on normal.

#### **TfL Budget crisis**

On the 31 October 2020 TfL were granted a second extraordinary funding and financing package by national government. The package will provide financial support until March 2021.

TfL are having to identify more savings that can be made during the current financial year. Making more cuts - £260m to be cut by the end of this financial year. However, existing programmes will continue to be implemented for example: active travel, street space redesign etc.

#### **Streetspace projects**

Fewer emergency schemes now. Summer ones were bigger and more strategic including Bishopsgate and London Bridge closures.

There are many borough streetspace schemes and Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (some funded by boroughs themselves, some by TfL and some direct by DfT).

Another tranche of streetspace schemes will be announced before Xmas.

### **Road user charging schemes**

Congestion Charge prices were reintroduced after the first lockdown and prices changed. (keeping charges in place in this lockdown was a requirement of govt. funding)

ULEZ expansion will go ahead next year as planned. LEZ compliance to the new standards is already at 85%.

The introduction of new LEZ emissions and enforcement of Direct Vision Standard (DVS) for lorries postponed – should have started at the end of Oct 2020. Both will now start from 1 March 2021.

### **HGV scrappage scheme**

This scheme ran out of funds after 2 weeks. £2 million funding for HGV and bus and coach all went very fast. TfL are trying to find more money for this scheme.

### **Freight Forum**

The TfL Freight Forum took place on the 23 October 2020 – first for a year.

**Action: Andy agreed to send details from the Forum to Dennis for circulation to CLFQP members.**

### **Presentation 2**

**Brewery logistics update (November 2020)**

**John Crosk BLG**

John Crosk gave a detailed update on the impact Covid has had on the Brewery trade and the long term repercussions, also what the future might look like.

The full presentation is attached.

### **Presentation 3**

**Daily riverboat freight service to transport small packages into Central London**

**Ben Hiles DHL**

Ben gave a presentation of a new DHL freight service for central London.

The full presentation is attached.

### **AOB/Questions**

#### **Kieran Mackay**

The City have just undertaken a Kerbside review One possible change that officers have been asked to consider is that all Loading bays would be limited to 20mins maximum stay.

Kieran would like feedback from industry on this option.

**Action: Feedback required.**

**Barry Smith**

Westminster C C have produced a 20 year Freight Action Plan with plenty of freight data. Barry has suggested a presentation on the plan is made to the CLFQP.

**Action: Dennis agreed to consider this for the next meeting**

**David Kaner**

Confirmed that Landlords were now including Servicing and Deliveries in Leases.

**Laura Jacklin**

The CrossRiver Partnership have a number of new studies relating to Freight and agreed to circulate to CLFQP members when available.

**Mike Browne**

Asked members if they were happy with the current format of our Online meetings. Should we consider changes to timing, breaks, dates, frequency etc.

**Action: Comments to Dennis**

**Next meeting**

Date to be agreed.