

SUSTAINABLE STUDENT LIVING IN LAMBETH

urbanest Student Accommodation Westminster Bridge Road SE1 7FR

[urbanest](#) provide high quality student accommodation across London, specialising in innovative buildings that are safe and secure with great social areas, flexible work spaces and a wide range of facilities.

Their Westminster Bridge Road building in Lambeth is centrally located overlooking the Thames, which provides both challenges and opportunities. urbanest have made every effort to have a positive impact on the area, working in collaboration with neighbours to achieve shared benefits.

Collaboration

urbanest share the building at 203 Westminster Bridge Road with Build Studios, a co-working space for the built environment sector that prides itself on creating collective impact. DLD College also share the building and provide live-in accommodation for its GCSE, A-level and BTEC students, perfectly complementing urbanest.

urbanest has the benefit of a 24/7 on-site support team, which means they can take in deliveries for the other two organisations when those are closed, avoiding unnecessary journeys from missed deliveries. This also allows deliveries to take place at quieter times of the day, reducing traffic in peak hours.



Retime your deliveries

Avoiding deliveries in the peak hours (typically between 7am – 11am and 4pm – 7pm) not only helps reduce air pollution from vehicles stuck in traffic but can make deliveries more efficient – helping reduce costs which are ultimately passed on to you.

The importance of storage space

Rather than installing a car park during the building phase, the basement space was retained for storage, which has advantages for waste management. urbanest have large waste bins which are collected on rotation, reducing the number of vehicle trips for collections.

Build Studios and DLD College also share the same waste provider, reducing the need for multiple vehicles from separate providers attending site.

urbanest are now hoping to take this further with a waste compactor, which will allow even fewer collections from the building.

Green suppliers

urbanest have liaised with their suppliers to arrange bulk ordering of facilities products. For example, cleaning products are only ordered on a monthly basis and stored on site, rather than more frequent ordering as and when needed.

To take this even further, urbanest could review their other procurements to look for opportunities for bulk buying.

To ensure that delivery drivers don't fall foul of the tricky location on a busy intersection,

Supporting active travel

Being physically active every day can prevent a wide range of illnesses, which is good for staff and good for employers.

Encourage staff to make active travel part of their journey to work by providing lockers, cycle stands or showers where possible. Check out TfL's cycling workspaces for a range of free goods and services to help you kick-start cycling at your workplace.

<https://businessoffers.tfl.gov.uk/>

Streamline suppliers and ordering

By placing fewer orders with fewer suppliers, staff will spend less time ordering, receiving deliveries and processing payments; and you will generate less traffic on local roads.

You can reduce the frequency of deliveries by making use of internal storage and ordering in bulk for non-perishable goods. If you do not have space, how about sharing storage with your neighbours?

urbanest put together a delivery guide, providing detailed instructions with every order. This prevents missed deliveries and unnecessary congestion from lost drivers!

Sustainable living and active travel

Student welfare is a high priority for urbanest who promote active travel and healthy living. They have a student blog that promotes sustainable forms of travel including walking and cycling, highlighting the top attractions for students to visit on foot or on wheels! They promote picturesque cycle routes, and boast a large cycle storage facility as well as providing pool bikes for staff and residents.

Their blog also has articles on organic food and shopping sustainably, promoting local independent shops.