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Welcome to the Cross River Partnership monthly e-bulletin

London Plan Event



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On 24th January 2018, CRP hosted a Draft London Plan consultation event together with the [Association of Town and City Management](#) (ATCM), kindly hosted by [Team London Bridge](#).

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, released the new [draft London Plan](#) in late 2017. The draft sets out an integrated economic, environmental, transport and social framework for the development of London to 2041 to deliver the Mayor's vision for good growth. The well-attended consultation event gave Business Improvement District (BID) partners and Local Authority members the opportunity to discuss the draft and to feed into a joint CRP/ATCM response.

Speakers included (from left): Ojay MacDonald from the ATCM; CRP Co-Chair Simon Pitkeathley from

CRP welcomes comments on the draft London Plan until 2nd February and will share a draft consultation response with its partners prior to the final submission due by 2nd March 2018. For further information, please contact CRP Director [Susannah Wilks](#).

Green Capital Grants



The GLA's Green Capital Grants fund closes on 19th February 2018. The £3 million fund will help to realise the Mayor's aspirations to make London a National Park City by supporting implementation of strategic green space improvements with multiple environmental benefits.

Visit <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/parks-green-spaces-and-biodiversity/greener-city-fund> for more information.

If you would like support in applying contact CRP's Director, [Susannah Wilks](#).

17/18 CLSRTP Achievements



The [Central London Sub Regional Transport Partnership \(CLSRTP\)](#) has started the new calendar year with immediate actions to get the delivery of the identified projects going.

We are thrilled to be commencing the Phase 2 Market Delivery and Servicing Plan projects. CRP will be working with support from [London Borough of Islington](#) market officer and [Angel BID](#) to survey the market traders and food businesses along Chapel Market to determine how best to consolidate the removal of waste oil.

A similar activity is also planned for Lower Marsh Market with partnership support from [WeAreWaterloo](#) BID and [London Borough of Lambeth](#). This scheme is looking at packaging use by traders and businesses. The aim is to encourage less waste and a potential move to reusable packaging.

The study into the impact of Autonomous freight vehicles is coming to an end with a wide range of recommendations and in depth insight already highlighted.

CRP continues to project manage innovative research, pilots and trials responding to emerging strategy and guidance. We are currently working with partners to generate schemes that create healthy spaces across central London for 2018/19.

For further information, please contact CRP's [Uto Patrick](#).

Walking and Cycling Statistics



The Department for Transport has published walking and cycling statistics in England for 2016, including the proportion of adults participating at a local authority level. The data is segmented into walking and cycling for travel and for leisure. These statistics are based on results from the [Active Lives Survey](#) and the [National Travel Survey](#).

There is an [interactive map](#) that allows a view of your local authority to get a graphical representation of activity level.

The [Central London Sub-regional Transport Partnership](#) boroughs are in the process of drafting their Local Implementation Plans. Datasets like these are useful to gain a picture of what further delivery of initiatives is needed to improve walking and cycling levels.

Transport for London has published their [Travel in London, report 10](#). Travel in London is TfL's annual publication that summarises trends and developments relating to travel and transport in London. Its principal function is to describe how travel in London is changing and provide an interpretative overview of progress towards implementing the transport and other related strategies of the Mayor of London, to inform future policy development and provides an evidence base.

Low Emission Logistics – Next Steps



It has been a busy month for the Low Emission Logistics project! The Interim Report which contained key analysis on deliveries and servicing undertaken by CRP was presented to the partner boroughs at the beginning of January. The engagement surveys for Greenwich, Southwark, Wandsworth, Croydon and Hammersmith & Fulham will remain open until the end of January. CRP has been coordinating business engagement with partner BIDs and Town Centre managers and Andy Martin recently went to present the project at the Hammersmith BID Transport Forum.

CRP has also been working on simple high-impact solutions to reduce logistics-related emissions in the target hotspot areas. We have met a design agency based at the South Bank who are already pioneering low emission deliveries to create a good-practice case study. CRP has also begun organising a workshop with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and the museums and colleges based on Exhibition Road which will take place next month.

For further information please contact CRP's [Andy Martin](#) or [Tanja Dalle-Muenchmeyer](#).

WEP Freight Action Plan



The West End Partnership (WEP) Deliveries & Servicing Group has been busy developing the Deliveries & Servicing Plan for the West End. The success of the significant urban realm and transport schemes of key importance to WEP stakeholders (such as arrival of the Elizabeth Line this year) is dependent on deliveries and servicing being tackled differently. Business as usual is no longer an option if freight is to

This plan will help us to deliver our combined vision to 'Ensure the safe, clean and efficient movement of goods and services that deliver for residents, visitors and businesses in London's West End.'

The group, formed of London Borough of Camden; City of Westminster; West End Business Improvement Districts; Estates; TfL; Logistics operators and residents have fed into the draft plan by CRP, which details potential actions to be led by different WEP partners.

For more information on WEP Deliveries and Servicing visit <https://crossriverpartnership.org/WEPFreight/> or contact CRP's [Tom Linton-Smith](#) or [Vicky Keeble](#).

Marylebone Low Emission Neighbourhood Air Quality Walks



The start of 2018 has seen the Marylebone Low Emission Neighbourhood (LEN) focus on the prominent issue of air quality. With support from [Marble Arch BID](#), [Baker Street Quarter Partnership](#) and [Westminster City Council](#)'s Air Quality Marshals as well as LEN chair Councillor David Harvey, we were able to take the first step in monitoring and evaluating local air quality in the Marylebone Low Emission Neighbourhood.

A fixed 3 mile walking route around Marylebone was chosen to measure air quality over two weeks in January. Funded by TfL and the [Mayor's Air Quality Fund](#), the LEN has been using state-of-the-art equipment from King's College London. The portable air quality monitor carried in a rucksack has been measuring the local "hotspots" of black carbon and other ultraviolet particulate matter, which can be strong

Neighbourhood programme.

To find out more about the LEN, or to find out about how to get involved in the project, get in touch with CRP's [Vicky Keeble](#) or [Tom Linton-Smith](#).

Clean Air Breakfast



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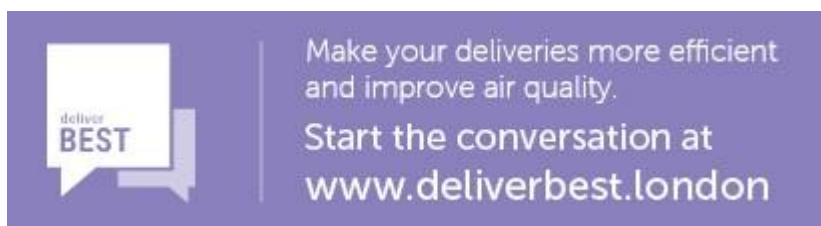
Better Bankside

CRP and [Better Bankside BID](#) have been working with Bankside businesses to help them manage the number of deliveries they receive. Changing patterns in shopping habits have led to an increase in deliveries which can mean an increase in the number of and mileage travelled by delivery vans, with a knock on effect on the quality of the air we breathe, congestion and noise pollution.

We have worked with a range of local businesses, including multi-tenanted and single-tenanted office buildings, hotels, housing associations and restaurants to review deliveries and look for opportunities to streamline. In most cases these are 'rapid assessments' through CRP's [deliverBEST tool](#). However, seven businesses, with CRP support, have collected and reviewed data leading to detailed custom recommendations on what environmental improvements can be achieved. CRP and Better Bankside are also now putting together case studies of the best work undertaken.

For further information please contact CRP's [Amandeep Kellay](#) or [Tanja Dalle-Muenchmeyer](#).

Business Engagement in Hammersmith and Fulham



CRP's deliverBEST team have directly engaged over 50 Hammersmith & Fulham-based businesses over the past few months supporting action to make their deliveries more efficient and improve air quality. The deliverBEST team has provided a variety of follow up support for engaged businesses which range from a small business dealing with food waste to a large events venue.

In addition to Hammersmith & Fulham Council, CRP is also working with Better Bankside and Victoria BIDs and Camden, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster Councils to support business action across central London.

For more information please contact CRP Business Engagement Officer, [Anisha George](#).

Haringey and Air Quality



CRP is very happy to have been selected to start the Air Quality Business Engagement project for London Borough of Haringey, focusing on the Crouch End area.

As part of this project, CRP will engage with Crouch End businesses through an online survey and face-to-face support. Data will be gathered on current delivery and servicing as well as business travel patterns. Proposed actions will come out of the data and will include an air quality action factsheet as well as cycle safety and business air quality seminars.

Through this work, CRP will support Haringey in making Crouch End a cleaner, healthier place by improving local air quality, supporting active travel and helping to reduce business energy and transport costs.

For more information, please contact CRP's Programme Manager, [Tanja Dalle-Muenchmeyer](#).

Property Advice Service

**The
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A free programme of workshops, expert panels and mentoring from the London Growth Hub for SMEs looking to negotiate a commercial lease.

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London SMEs can gain 'the knowledge they need for the lease they want.'

The London Growth Hub is offering free Masterclasses and one-to-one mentoring to London-based SMEs to help them understand commercial leases and negotiate the lease that works best for them.

Delivered by Nwes and supported by the Mayor of London and the London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP), the free Masterclasses are open to any London-based SME that's thinking about moving premises or is currently negotiating a new lease on their business or commercial property. To gain access to the Masterclasses, applicants fill out a simple online form at <https://www.growthhub.london/property-advice-service> providing information about their business.

Running in January, February and March 2018, six Masterclasses and six Expert Panel sessions will take place across the capital. In addition, there will be 150 2-hour one-on-one mentoring sessions where individuals will be able to ask a property expert specific questions about a lease they are currently negotiating.

More information can be found at <https://www.growthhub.london/property-advice-service> or telephone 08456 099 991.

Freight TAILS in Tallinn



Earlier this month, CRP and our city partners came together in Tallinn, Estonia, for our penultimate Freight TAILS transnational network meeting. The meeting was focussed on procurement, and we were joined by sustainable procurement specialist, John Watt of ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability. Led by our network experts, attendees explored sustainable procurement (also known as green procurement) and its various benefits including environmental, social, financial and market innovation. We also learned how to build a case for revamping procurement policies.

Freight TAILS is a network of 10 European cities focused on improving the impact of urban freight transport. Please contact [Charlotte Knell](#) or [Sefinat Otaru](#) for more details.

Freight TAILS is co-funded by ERDF through the URBACT III programme.

Thames Air Quality Strategy Response



DRAFT AIR QUALITY STRATEGY FOR THE TIDAL THAMES



CRP has provided a response to the Port of London Authority's (PLA's) Draft Air Quality Strategy for the Tidal Thames. Our response draws on our experience delivering electric freight and freight consolidation projects across central London.

CRP fully supports the PLA's ambition to encourage a level of air quality from the river above that set by legal requirements and the drafting of its first Air Quality Strategy. In particular, CRP appreciates the strategy's coherence with the Mayor's Environment and Transport strategies and their aim to shift freight onto the River Thames.

For more information, please contact CRP's Programme Manager [Tanja Dalle-Muenchmeyer](#).

First Days at CRP



Since starting my internship in early January, I have been warmly welcomed by everyone at CRP and am amazed at how quickly the time has flown by already. Currently, I am studying for an MSc in Sustainable Cities at King's College London and this internship will be a great way of seeing more of a practical application on projects addressing urban sustainability.

My first days have been focussed primarily on the Marylebone Low Emission Neighbourhood project. I have been working on website content and social media management, providing support on the air quality walks and also attending a consultation meeting about the monitoring and evaluation of air quality in this area with a Marble Arch BID member.

I am looking forward to providing a strong contribution to the team and CRP's partners whilst I am here.

CRP is Recruiting!



CRP is currently looking for a Specialist Workplace Co-ordinator to join our Recruit London team to support unemployed people with health barriers into sustainable work.

To find out more about this role and to apply, please click [here](#).

Please contact [Carol Quamina](#) with any queries.

Shake Shack Recruitment

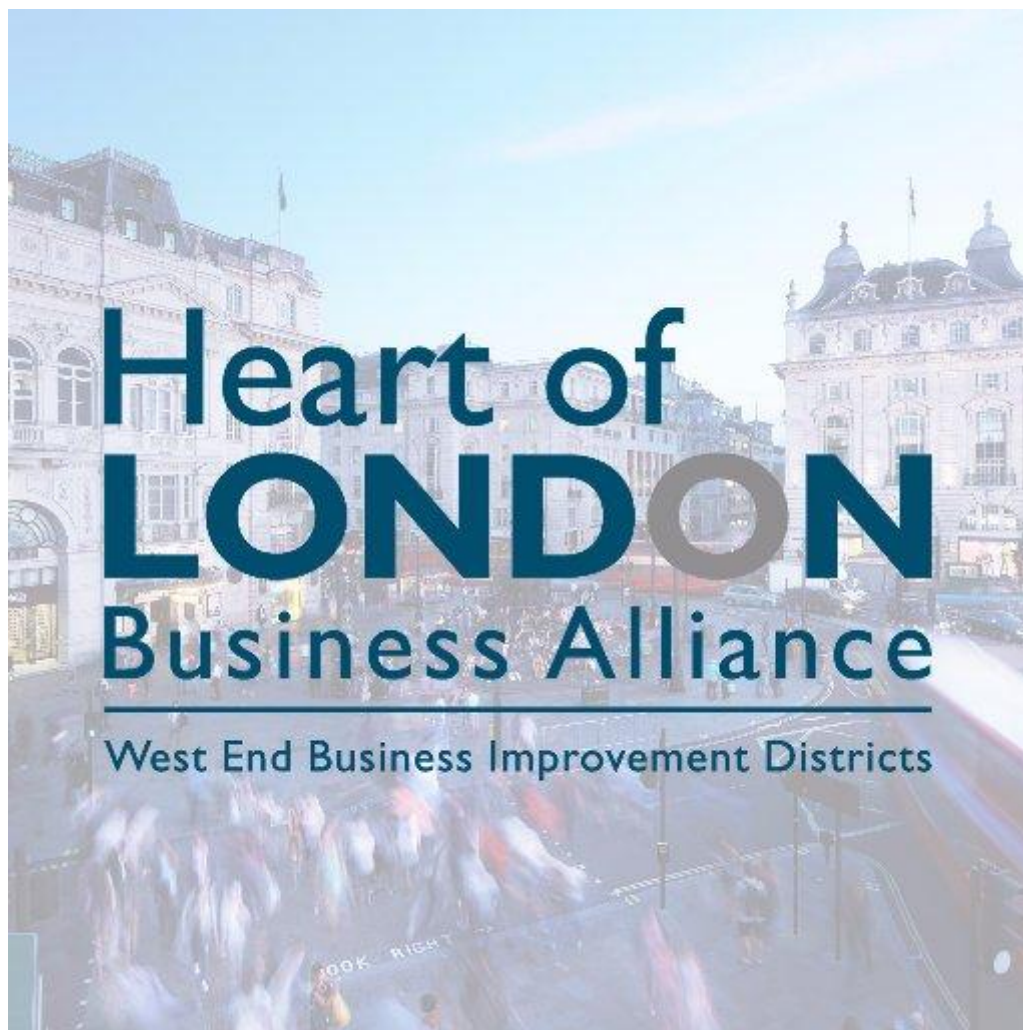


CRP's Recruit London service recently arranged a day of interviews for [Shake Shack restaurant](#) in Covent Garden with 8 job offers being made based on interviews with 9 candidates. Shake Shack were very impressed with the standard of applicants and are holding another round of interviews, working with Recruit London again. The restaurant is part of the [Capco](#) portfolio, a key funder of the Recruit London project.

Valbone (see photo) is one of the local unemployed residents of Westminster who was very excited to be offered a job by the restaurant. Valbone has been working with the Recruit London team since December and has found it difficult to find work that fits around childcare for her daughter. Shake Shack demonstrate

For further information please contact CRP's [Kate Fenton](#).

Recruit London Event



Recruit London will be hosting a breakfast event on Tuesday, 6 February, to promote our innovative, bespoke and free recruitment service to Heart of London Business Alliance members. Members will have the opportunity to meet the team and gain more knowledge and a better understanding of the Recruit London initiative.

We are delighted that Councillor Robert Davis, [Westminster City Council](#) Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Business, Culture and Heritage is attending as the keynote speaker at the event.

Claude Abi-Gerges, Director of Capital Arches Group, will share his recent experience working with Recruit London and explain the benefits of this scheme for his business.

We hope that the Recruit London breakfast event will encourage business members to join the scheme and we will be able to deliver more employment opportunities for local people.

[service/](#) or contact Workplace Co-ordinator, [Ilona Wilk](#).

CamdenAbility renewed for 2018!



CRP are delighted to announce the renewal of CamdenAbility, our innovative disability employment initiative. The project is funded by the [London Borough of Camden](#), delivered in partnership with [Business Disability Forum](#) and works with a network of local employers to improve disability standards and create opportunities for Camden residents with disabilities.

CamdenAbility launched in February 2017 and delivered some fantastic results in our successful first year of delivery:

- Established a network of 23 employers committed to improving disability confidence and recruit local residents with disabilities
- 13 jobs created by supporting and advising employers to make reasonable adjustments for candidates with disabilities, including learning disabilities, autism, sensory impairment and long term health conditions
- 11 work placements have been arranged
- 11 days of free tailored specialist consultancy delivered
- 6 disability training workshops delivered and 3 employer network meetings held

Now in its second year, CamdenAbility will create even more jobs for our disabled candidates, encourage greater engagement from our employers through a comprehensive events schedule that will include site tours, work shadowing and reverse job fairs, deliver even more tailored training and consultancy to improve disability standards and grow our network of committed employers.

To find out more about the project, please contact CRP's Specialist Workplace Coordinator [Parma Sira](#).

Draft Skills for Londoners Strategy Consultation



The Mayor has consulted on his draft Skills for Londoners Strategy, which aims to:

- Empower all Londoners to access the education and skills to participate in society and progress in education and in work;
- Meet the needs of London's economy and employers, now and in the future; and
- Deliver a strategic city-wide technical skills and adult education offer.

CRP welcomes the actions set out in the strategy, particularly the introduction of the Good Work Standard to promote investment in skills, workforce development and inclusive employment practices; the call to devolve the Apprenticeship Levy to create a Skills Levy for London; and the development of an all-age careers information, advice and guidance offer.

For further information or to receive CRP's response, please contact [Elizabeth Harris](#).

Mayor's Construction Academy Scheme



CRP is very pleased to be part of the emerging Mayor's Construction Academy Scheme, and the supporting working group meetings. The upcoming Mayor's Future Construction Skills Campaign will be most welcome. The importance of the construction sector in delivering good growth is recognised in the Mayor's draft London Plan.

For further information, please contact MCAS@london.gov.uk.

2017/18 Closing of Accounts



As part of Westminster City Council's end of financial year on 31st March 2018, CRP will be closing our accounts early this year. CRP's deadline for the receipt of all supplier invoices will be **28th February 2018**, to enable us to meet Westminster's closing deadlines. The CRP team will be in touch with project partners soon to provide more details.

CRP will publish its own accounts early in April 2018.

With any financial queries please contact CRP's Operations Manager, [Carol Quamina](#).



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