LiveShare Toolkit – 2nd July 2020

High Streets as Havens: Re-opening Safely and Sustainably

Cross River Partnership was joined by Camden Town Unlimited and London & Partners for an informative discussion on the successes and challenges of re-opening the High Street, two weeks after the easing of lockdown began in England.

The innovative session offered insight into some of the key challenges businesses have had to overcome in order to become Covid-compliant, providing inspiration in terms of working together to create High Streets as Havens, as part of an overall green recovery from Covid that supports keeping our air clean. This was an opportunity to hear from industry experts to better understand the opportunities to do things differently as we emerge from Covid, with associated benefits for businesses, communities and visitors. For the full recording of the LiveShare, please see here.

Useful resources for re-opening safely and sustainably:
Please see these useful resources for information and guidance on how to build back better, safely and sustainably.

- BRC recommendations for retailers to consider when preparing to reopen: https://bit.ly/2NHSzgj

Guidance documents
- British Retail Consortium (BRC) https://www.brc.org.uk/


• UKHospitality: [https://www.ukhospitality.org.uk/](https://www.ukhospitality.org.uk/)

Cross River Partnership (CRP) project materials and guidance


• CRP Click Collect Clean Air tool: [https://clickcollect.london/](https://clickcollect.london/)


• CRP EFLES project: [https://bit.ly/3hTrRyU](https://bit.ly/3hTrRyU)


• CRP’s COVID19 support page: [https://crossriverpartnership.org/covid19/](https://crossriverpartnership.org/covid19/)

• CRP’s newsletter: [https://crossriverpartnership.org/newsletter/](https://crossriverpartnership.org/newsletter/)

• CRP’s website, LinkedIn and Twitter pages


Legislation changes and funding opportunities

• The GLA are developing new data and evidence to support high street growth, appointing Hatch Regeneris to analyse the cost and benefits of extending high street opening hours and are currently testing this with London local authorities. Please keep updated here for more information: [https://bit.ly/38gepko](https://bit.ly/38gepko)

• GLA Culture at Risk resources: [https://bit.ly/2YMbAED](https://bit.ly/2YMbAED)


Inspiring Case Studies

• Arup FitzPark case study: [https://bit.ly/3dQwRRV](https://bit.ly/3dQwRRV)

Local Authority Support

• City of London City Streets: https://bit.ly/3if8hO5
• Islington Council Safe reopening guidance: https://bit.ly/38eX5Ml
• LB Lewisham Supporting shops to reopen: https://bit.ly/2D1LjKd

• Westminster City Council, A helping hand for businesses: https://bit.ly/31zeVZi

Useful News Articles

• ‘Coronavirus: we’re in a real-time laboratory of a more sustainable urban future’, Environmental Journal: https://bit.ly/2NGljRl
• ‘Coronavirus: What will a post-lockdown high street look like?’, BBC News: https://bbc.in/3imqtVK
• ‘Germany city installs smart street lights that double as EV charging points’, Energy Live News: https://bit.ly/3ihLlxu
• ‘UK suburbs thrive as office staff stay at home’, The Guardian: https://bit.ly/2BYbMry

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