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Finding the ways that work



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Ditch Diesel: Your Electric Vehicle Options Explained

With the fast approaching 2021 ULEZ expansion and the proposed 2035 petrol and diesel car sales ban on the horizon, now is the time to start thinking electric.

We're excited to be joined by the [Environmental Defense Fund](#) and [Brixton BID](#) for our [next Live Share session on Thursday 30th July, 2pm](#). We will be discussing why moving to electric makes sense for businesses, featuring some of the pioneering initiatives that have been adopted around London in order to work towards an economic and environmentally sustainable future.

[Register here](#)



Missed our last Live Share on Keeping Our Air Clean in a Post-COVID era? Watch it [here](#).



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School Streets for September

With the summer holidays now in full swing, there is a brilliant opportunity to start implementing School Streets in time for schools reopening in September. The Hackney School Streets Hotline provided by CRP's [Healthy Streets Everyday](#) (HSE) project is a free telephone service aimed at helping HSE Partners and London Boroughs to design and implement successful School Streets.

The Hotline service, which has been extended to the 28th of September, is also now available to ALL London Boroughs and provides tailored one-to-one support as well as up-to-the-minute, site specific advice from [The London Borough of Hackney](#) - a HSE partner who has years of direct 'on the ground' experience in implementing School Streets. As the service continues to be well used, we encourage booking a 30 minute time slot in advance of the hotline's weekly Monday operating hours to avoid disappointment.

For further information about the service, including how to book a session, please contact CRP HSE Project Manager Fiona Coull, fionacoull@crossriverpartnership.org

[Read more here](#)



Creating Parklets for Community and Business Resilience

CRP's [Creating Parklets for Community and Business Resilience](#) is our recently-launched guidance document, as part of the [Healthy Streets Everyday](#) programme, to assist partners, local authorities, land owners, and everyone in between, on steps needed to design and implement successful parklets.

A parklet is a temporary pavement extension that sits in a parking bay(s). Parklets are flexible and temporary spaces that can provide extra outdoor space, which has become more important from COVID-19. But this resource attempts to take these learnings and provide guidance for parklets well-beyond COVID-19.

To find out more, please contact CRP HSE Project Manager Fiona Coull, fionacoull@crossriverpartnership.org

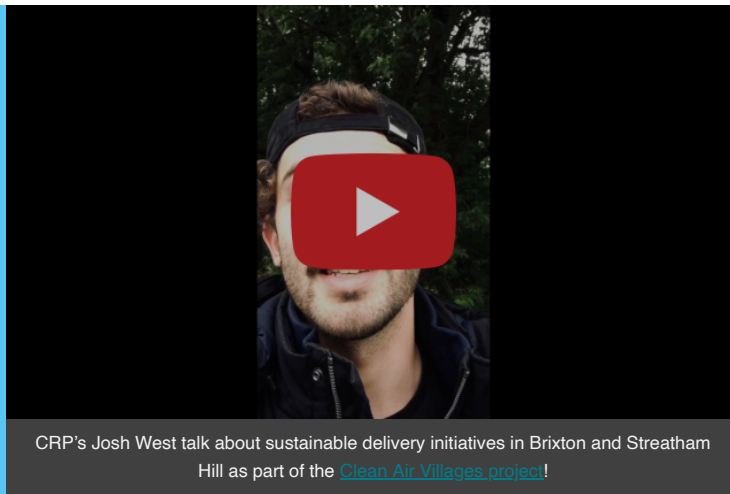
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CRP supports Lambeth's new Climate Action website

CRP is supporting the new [Lambeth Climate Action website](#) - a hub of ideas, solutions, actions, and case studies on tackling the climate crisis at a local level.

The website is a great opportunity for everyone in Lambeth to contribute to the evidence base and ideas that will be considered by the [citizens' assembly](#), and in the development of Lambeth's borough-wide climate action plan. Watch our video below, and take a look at other inspiring Lambeth projects [here](#).



CRP's Josh West talk about sustainable delivery initiatives in Brixton and Streatham Hill as part of the [Clean Air Villages project](#)!



Webinar: Respiratory Health Challenges for the Urban Supply Chain

Challenges for the urban supply chain: How can we improve respiratory health?

CRP's [Laura Jacklin](#) was delighted to speak at [EMSOL](#)'s latest webinar event 'Respiratory Health Challenges for the Urban Supply Chain' on Thursday 23rd July.

Joined by speakers from the [Road Haulage Association](#) and CRP partner [Better Bankside BID](#), the event covered topics on how to restore cities' supply chain operations to that of pre-Covid levels without the accompanying pollution from delivery vehicles.

A post-Covid outlook for the urban supply chain was also covered, as well as sustainable last mile delivery initiatives in practice, and how noise and air pollution can be mitigated in dense urban areas.

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- Delivers specific pollution breach evidence to support enforcement
- Enables precise, targeted noise pollution every day
- Simplifies compliance with environmental targets
- Creates transparency for subcontractors and local residents
- Pre-empt and safeguards against tougher future regulations
- Unlocks value from legacy monitoring hardware investments



Watch the full event here!



Clean Air Villages 3 accelerates forwards - via zero emission of course!

[Clean Air Villages 3](#) (CAV3) has been progressing in leaps and bounds: with ideas simmering in the local 'villages', a series of online [LiveShares](#) on a whole host of air quality topics taking place and developments on air quality and traffic monitoring gaining momentum. Tailored local 'village' solutions are brewing. Ideas in the pipeline range from cargo bike deliveries, supplier consolidation and a shared electric van, to a Clean Air Ambassador programme and a sustainable travel scheme for individuals.

CRP is also implementing some monitoring work that will feed into and support partner activities in the 'villages'. As part of this work, each 'village' will have its own Clean Air Walking Route that will be for local residents, local employees and visitors alike.

For further information, please contact CRP CAV Project Manager Kate Fenton, katefenton@crossriverpartnership.org



Changes to Town Centre Use Classes

Central Government is implementing a comprehensive review of planning policy as it relates to the high street, focusing on use classes and permitted development rights. The Secretary of State, Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP, tweeted about changes to the Use Classes Order that will come into force on 1 September:

"Today I have introduced new laws to support the recovery and reimagining of our high streets and towns. As we protect and grow our economy post #COVID19, we must think flexibly about how best to support our high streets and town centres".

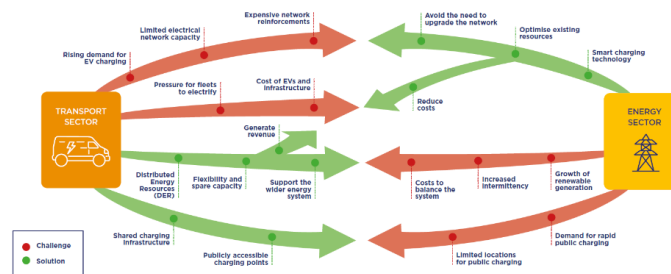
Changes to town centre use classes will allow far greater flexibility to change uses within town centres without the need to obtain planning permission. They will make current shop frontage planning policies obsolete or toothless, restricting the ability of local planning authorities to control the mix of uses. The changes provide for three new use classes: Class E (Commercial, business and service), Class F.1 (Learning and non-residential institutions) and F.2 (Local community).

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In 2019, electric vehicles (EVs) accounted for less than 1% of the 5.1 million vans, trucks and buses on the roads in the UK.

The electrification of road transport could lead to a 30% increase in today's electricity consumption by 2050.

The transport and energy sectors can support each other to overcome the challenges of electrification.



Co-ordinating solutions between the Energy and Transport sectors

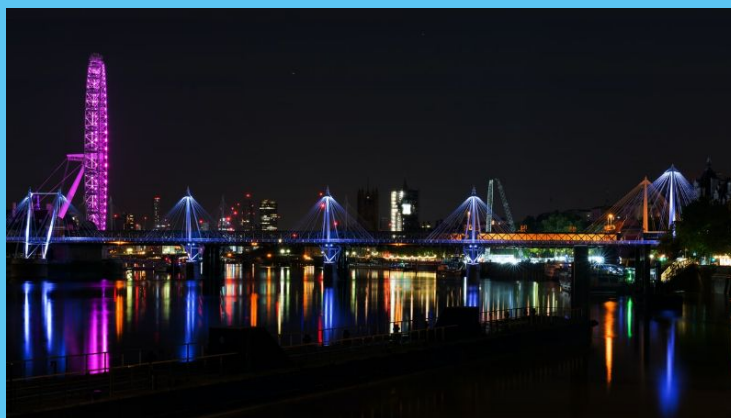
Road transport accounts for over 20% of the UK's total energy consumption [1] and 25% of the total greenhouse gas emissions [2].

In July 2018, the Government set out its long-term strategy to deliver zero emissions from road transport in [The Road to Zero](#). This includes an ambition that all new cars and vans would be effectively zero emission by 2040.

The electrification of road transport will have significant impacts on the energy system, potentially increasing today's electricity consumption by about 30% by 2050* [3].

Read [here](#) to find out how the EV Fleet-centred Local Energy System (EFLES) project, funded by [Innovate UK](#), aims to reduce the costs of fleet electrification and support the wider to transition to electric vehicles. Project partners for EFLES are [UK Power Networks Services](#), [UPS](#) and [Moixa](#).

[Read more here](#)



Light in London

CRP was very pleased to contribute to the inaugural Advisory Group meeting on 22nd July 2020, introducing a more strategic approach to sustainable light (and dark) across the capital, led by the [Centre for London](#).

The work will build on the momentum already generated by the [Illuminated River](#) project, the [London Night Time Commission](#), and the [City of London Corporation's Lighting Strategy](#). Reporting in early 2021, the focus will be on issues of sustainability and equity as well as design, health and wellbeing, economic vitality. Inspiring case studies will provide a template showing exactly what contribution light can make to urban challenges, how, where and by who.

Cross River Partnership is extremely pleased to be sponsoring this important piece of work, alongside the [City of London Corporation](#), the [Greater London Authority](#) and [The Rothschild Foundation](#).

For further information please contact the CRP Director Susannah Wilks, susannahwilks@crossriverpartnership.org



Pan-London Black and Minority Ethnic Network

CRP was honoured to join in with 300 other attendees from London and other UK cities for this second virtual meeting of the BAME Network on 22nd July 2020, organised by [Serena Simon](#) on behalf of [Westminster City Council](#) and its Chief Executive [Stuart Love](#).

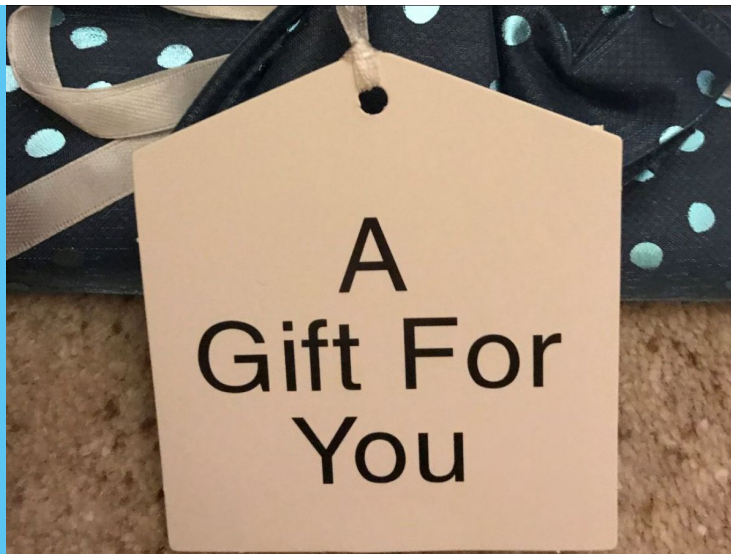
The meeting was about "Communicating Effectively with Communities - Leading through Crisis". An impressive array of passionate external speakers highlighted the disproportionate effect of COVID-19 on BAME communities, and outlined the opportunities we now have to create a more positive future for all of our communities.

The meeting focused on the need to start actions **NOW**. In the words of Mahatma Gandhi, "If you do nothing, there will be no result." CRP looks forward to making an active contribution to the Economic Growth and Enterprise Support Working Group that it has signed up to. Thank you very much for the opportunity to participate. The responsibility to create positive change lies with all of us. Together we can make a difference.



Chain Cyclists - Riding for Unity, Love and Equality

[Chain Cyclists](#) are holding a bike ride on Saturday 1st August. In support of Black Lives Matter, every London based black cycling collective are being encouraged to ride together from [Walthamstow Central Station](#) to [Brockwell Park](#), Brixton in the name of unity, love and equality. All confident road cyclists over age 11 welcome - ride safely and do remember to bring a face mask and water.



Lockdown and Self Care

The last few months of lockdown have been tough for many of us, in many different ways. The pandemic is bringing about a seismic shift in how we will continue to live in our world in the future. This can add to underlying feelings of concern and stress. But there are lots of things we can do to look after ourselves, our families, our neighbours, our work colleagues. Just as we look after our physical health, it's important to look after our mental health.

The [Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families](#) is running a #selfcaresummer campaign every day over the school summer holidays. There is a [self-care resource page](#) with contributions from Young Champions, plus Challenge Tuesdays are an opportunity to share photos, poetry, arts and craft on-line.

Let's all get involved! We owe it to ourselves!



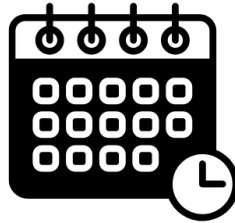
Reflections on my time at CRP

Being part of CRP has been a truly rewarding experience. I have learned a lot about collaboration, partnership and working together for a cleaner and sustainable future. Looking back at the last 9 months, my highlight has been broadening my knowledge around sustainability and Air Quality, as well as working with such a great dedicated team. Considering we have been working remotely for the last 4 months, I will remember CRP as being resilient and taking a hands on approach as we have been trying to adjust to the new normal. I will

particularly miss working on the [Clean Air Villages 3](#) project which has been a really great learning experience for me. I have been lucky enough to see and contribute to successful implementation of solutions such as the [Brixton EV](#). I look forward to seeing CRP's projects becoming a reality, in particular the expansion of the [CRP Clean Air Villages Directory](#) and The [Clean Air Thames](#) project. I will be sure to keep up to date on all CRP's ventures.

Thank you CRP!

Dates for the Diary:



- 30th July, 2pm. Ditch Diesel: Your Electric Vehicle Options Explained. CRP. Register [here](#).
- 5th August, 5pm. What are we divesting for? #Pause&Reflect Webinar. Platform London. Register [here](#).
- 5th August. National Play Day 2020. More information [here](#).
- 6th August. Cycle to Work Day. More information [here](#).
- 12th August. International Youth Day. More information [here](#).
- 20th August, 1pm. Biodiversity Net Gain and DCO Projects. Environment Analyst's Sustainability Delivery Group. Register [here](#).
- 26th August, 11am. Funding opportunities at your fingertips - Introduction to Grantfinder. City of Westminster Libraries & Archives. Register [here](#).



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