

CROSS RIVER PARTNERSHIP RELEASES NEW REPORT ON THE FUTURE OF URBAN LOGISTICS HUBS IN LONDON, EXPLORING HOW AVAILABLE SPACES COULD INCREASE GREENER LAST MILE DELIVERIES TO REDUCE POLLUTION AND CONGESTION

[Cross River Partnership \(CRP\)](#), a non-profit and impartial partnership organisation, is excited to announce the launch of '[The Potential of Urban Logistics Hubs in Central London](#)', an innovative new report offering insight into potential new logistics spaces in the Capital for use as hubs that would enable more sustainable last mile freight delivery options. This report has been developed as part of the [Central London Sub-Regional Transport Partnership](#), a collective of senior transport officers and directors from ten London boroughs who provide strategic advice for, and on behalf of, [Transport for London](#).

There has been a large rise in the number of deliveries to consumer locations in London since the pandemic began in March 2020. To avoid an increase in congestion and pollution, distribution facilities located within an urban area to fulfil the 'last mile' of the supply chain can facilitate more environmentally and economically sustainable delivery options.

In the past, logistic complexities and an increasing cost of space in London have added to a decline of available sites for these facilities within the supply chain. This study addresses both the market demand for central London location hub space, and the potential supply of new locations that could be re-imagined for logistics sites. In total, 29 identified sites across central London have been assessed as having potential for use as urban logistics hubs.

The report has involved engagement with a variety of stakeholders such as local authorities, landowners, Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) and current operators of urban logistics hubs. Much of the study has been undertaken during the COVID-19 lockdown periods and has showcased the change in demand for logistics space and operations in London.

The research has shown that urban logistics hubs have an important role to play in promoting clean and efficient freight activity in London. The use of logistics hubs directly supports the rationalisation of goods and the use of low and zero emission vehicles. In turn this supports a reduction in the number of delivery vehicle trips, better management of congestion at peak times and a reduction in harmful emissions from polluting vehicles.

Read 'The Potential of Urban Logistics Hubs in Central London' [here](#). For more information about the [Central London Sub-Regional Transport Partnership](#), please contact Senior Projects Officer, Laura Jacklin laurajacklin@crossriverpartnership.org

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