



## **CROSS RIVER PARTNERSHIP LAUNCHES NEW INTERACTIVE TOOL TO INCREASE SUSTAINABLE 'LAST MILE' DELIVERY HUBS IN CENTRAL LONDON**

[Cross River Partnership \(CRP\)](#), a non-profit and impartial partnership organisation, is excited to launch its new [Urban Logistics Hub webpage](#), developed on behalf of the [Central London Sub-Regional Transport Partnership](#) in response to the findings from the recently published study '[The Potential for Urban Logistics Hubs in Central London](#)'. The new webpage, and its main mapping functionalities, aim to facilitate collaboration between sustainable freight logistics companies, who are actively searching to occupy a central London location, and Local Authorities and Landowners, who are looking to advertise their vacant spaces to prospective freight companies.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns has accelerated the mass emergence of online delivery systems for the retail sector and beyond, leading to an increase in deliveries in urban areas and changing the logistics landscape in cities across the world. With more robust policies forthcoming, such as the expansion of London's [Ultra Low Emission Zone](#) and the Mayor of London's ambitious aim to be a [zero carbon city by 2030](#), logistics and delivery operators are having to adapt to address the impacts of increased demand, poor air quality and the climate emergency.

Logistics hubs, and their use by delivery companies, directly supports the rationalisation of goods and the use of low and zero emission vehicles, which will be vital for compliance with future air quality and carbon regulations. CRP's [Urban Logistics Hub webpage](#) facilitates the creation of these hubs, in turn contributing to 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.

CRP's engagement with Local Authorities, Landowners, and Business Improvement Districts has identified an initial **29 central London sites** that have potential to be used as urban logistics hubs. These sites include car parks, empty railway arches, garages and industrial units. The [Urban Logistics Hub webpage](#) displays the approved potential logistics hub sites in an easy-to-navigate interactive map, essentially bridging the gap between site owner and logistics provider. It is hoped that more sites will be identified through CRP's recently launched [Defra-funded Clean Air Villages 4 \(CAV4\)](#) project, which aims to deliver ambitious freight solutions for a clean air business recovery from COVID-19 in collaboration with 26 partners.

CRP will be adding more functionality to the webpage over the next few months, showcasing potential locations for rapid charging hubs on the map, in addition to possible links with future

river freight logistics, which will further develop new relationships between site owners and infrastructure providers.

Laura Jacklin, CRP Senior Project Officer, said "We are excited to announce the launch of the Urban Logistics Hub webpage and build on last year's Potential Urban Logistics Hubs study. We hope this map will show partners and stakeholders the potential for collaboration on sustainable logistic plans, whilst improving air quality and decreasing congestion in central London. We look forward to seeing the innovative projects that will come from the webpage and interactive map."

Local Authorities and Landowners can request to advertise their sites on the map and logistics companies can express an interest in particular site to occupy. Users can get in touch with CRP via the Contact Form on the webpage, or by emailing CRP Project Officer Ross Phillips - [rossphillips@crossriverpartnership.org](mailto:rossphillips@crossriverpartnership.org)

Cross River Partnership would like to recognise and thank CLSRTP and [Transport for London](#) as the funder for this online tool.

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

'Urban logistics hubs' are distribution facilities located within an urban area to fulfil the 'last mile' of the supply chain. They range in size and nature of operations. Larger sites hosting fleets of electric vans are referred to as 'Logistics Hubs'. Smaller sites hosting cargo bikes are referred to as 'Micro-Logistics Hubs'.

## **Central London Sub-Regional Transport Partnership**

The [Central London Sub-Regional Transport Partnership](#) (CLSRTP) is a collective of senior transport officers and directors from ten London boroughs who provide strategic advice for, and on behalf of, Transport for London (TfL). The partnership, which has been active since 2009, acts as a trusted impartial forum for the boroughs to share experiences and enable collaboration on key sub-regional transport priorities, delivering projects, innovative pilots and trials, forward-thinking research, and strategies.

The partnership includes:

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[London Borough of Wandsworth](#)  
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## **Cross River Partnership**

[Cross River Partnership](#) (CRP) is a sub-regional, public-private partnership that is engaging with People, delivering innovative Projects, and shaping great Places: Delivering London's Future Together. CRP was originally formed to implement cross river infrastructure projects such as the Millennium Bridge and has since diversified to deliver a wide range of environmental, economic and community regeneration projects.

CRP's programmes transect themes such as Place Making; Health and Wellbeing; Air Quality; Diversity and Inclusion; Freight, Transport and Active Travel; Energy; Environment; Culture; and Lighting. Visit their projects' page for more information on initiatives being delivered with their partners and collaborators.

CRP's [Board Partners](#) are:

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### **Clean Air Villages 4 (CAV4)**

CRP's [CAV4](#) project is led by [Westminster City Council](#) and builds on the success of the award-winning phases [1](#), [2](#) and [3](#) of the project, led by the [London Boroughs of Lambeth](#), [Lewisham](#) and the [City of Westminster](#) respectively. CAV4 aims to deliver ambitious sustainable freight solutions for a Clean Air business recovery from COVID-19. These solutions will be targeted across locations identified by the Greater London Authority as areas of high human exposure to poor air quality, and will cover all aspects of business operations, from the consolidation and distribution processes of goods, to the zero emission modes of transport, the technology to support them, and the policy elements to ensure they are robust and fit for the future.

The 26 project partners for CAV4 are:

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