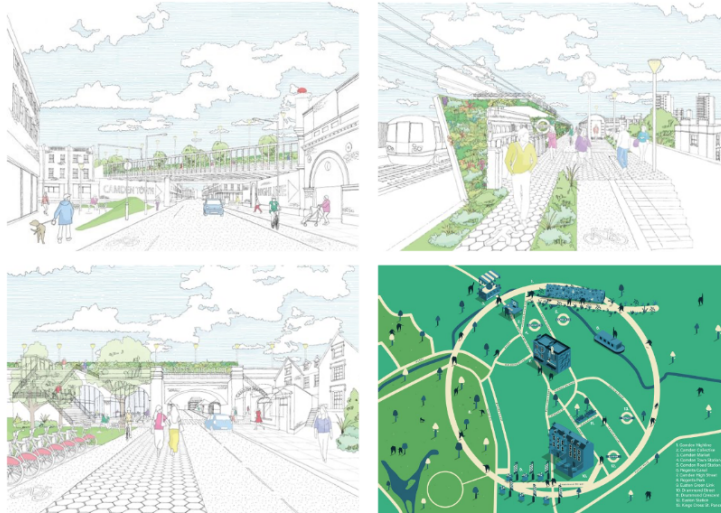




**Monthly Newsletter**  
**Tuesday 27th July 2021**



**CRP's Next Lunchtime Launch Event**  
**Railway Infrastructure: Dawn of a New Era?**



Sign up for CRP's next Lunchtime Launch event '[Railway Infrastructure: Dawn of a New Era?](#)', **Thursday 29th July, 1:15pm - 2pm**, to discuss the potential future of urban rail freight and additional uses for railway infrastructure. We will be joined by [Camden Town Unlimited](#) and [Better Bankside](#) to explore both the [Camden Highline](#) and the [Low Line](#)!

Hasanul Hoque, Operations Director at [Camden Town Unlimited](#), will be presenting on the BID's sustainable green development project - the [Camden Highline](#). The route is 1.2km long, around 8 metres above ground and will bring new local green space to 20,000 people.

Val Beirne, Bankside Urban Forest Manager at [Better Bankside](#), will be presenting on the BID's Low Line, an urban regeneration project along the railways viaducts in South London, from Bankside to Bermondsey. Like the Highline, Better Bankside are opening up stretches for walking and cycling and bringing forward green spaces, as well as launching the Green Logistics Centre, a freight reduction pilot.

CRP will also be sharing findings on rail freight from the [Defra-funded Clean Air Villages 4 \(CAV4\)](#) programme. Whether it's taking vehicles off the roads or transporting goods in a more efficient way, rail freight deliveries can provide a faster, greener, safer and more efficient way of transporting goods than via road.

For more information about CRP's Lunchtime Launches, please contact CRP Project Officer [Rachael Aldridge](#) or CRP Director [Susannah Wilks](#).

Sign up for Railway Infrastructure: Dawn of a New Era

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**Lunchtime Launch**  
**The ULEZ Expansion:**  
**Your Options for a**  
**Cleaner, Cheaper, Greener**  
**London**

Watch our most recent Lunchtime Launch session - The ULEZ Expansion: Your Options for a Cleaner, Cheaper, Greener London.

## Clean Air Villages 4 Steering Group Meeting



CRP has held the first Steering Group meeting for the [Defra-funded Clean Air Villages 4](#) (CAV4) project, attended by all of the 26 Local Authority, Business Improvement District, Landowner and Strategic Agency partners. Thank you for everyone's contribution.

The slides of the meeting are [here](#). CRP's CAV4 project is helping all of the project partners make improvements to air quality via innovative freight solutions that address Consolidation, Distribution, Mode, Technology and Policy issues.

CAV4 already has underway:

- An [interactive map of sites available for micro logistics hubs](#)
- A range of cargo bike trials to support businesses of all sizes on their sustainability journeys
- Shared electric vehicle schemes
- Free dongles to help businesses gather vehicle data that will drive informed decision-making
- Focus group research on walking freight possibilities
- A river freight trial and feasibility study on the potential of Thames piers for freight alongside passengers
- A full programme of [Lunchtime Launch](#) online events
- Improvements to the measureBEST air quality quantification tool
- Updates to the [CRP Clean Air Villages Directory](#)
- Materials to promote air quality policies to different audiences e.g. the Mayor's ULEZ expansion
- [CRP's Instagram account](#)

CRP's CAV4 project follows on from our hugely successful [CAV3 project](#). Please see the [Executive Summary](#) that showcases all of the main achievements of CAV3.

For any CAV4 related queries please contact CRP's Project Manager [Kate Fenton](#).

## Calculating and Visualising Travel Emissions

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**Clean Air Tool**  
Find out how changing the way you travel can benefit the world around you.

HOW FAR DO YOU TRAVEL EACH WEEK?  
E.g 32km/miles each week  KM MILES

SWITCHING FROM A DIESEL VAN TO...  
E.g I'm switching to a cargo bike  ↓

**CALCULATE EMISSIONS**

ALREADY KNOW YOUR EMISSION SAVINGS?

Over 1 year, you would save an estimated  
XXkg of CO<sub>2</sub>, XXg of NO<sub>x</sub>, and XXg of PM<sub>2.5</sub>

CRP's new [Clean Air Tool](#) helps you calculate and visualise your annual emissions reduction by switching from a diesel van to a cleaner mode of transport, i.e. an electric van, a cargo bike, or walking. The tool is one of the first to tackle visualising the impacts of particulate matter emissions and nitrogen oxides.

Take a look at the emissions you could be saving and share your results using [#CleanAirTool!](#)

For more information, please contact CRP Project Manager [Sefinat Otaru](#).

Explore the Clean Air Tool

## CRP Celebrates Plastic Free July



CRP has been busy for Plastic Free July over on [Instagram](#), showcasing businesses on the [CRP Clean Air Villages Directory](#), who offer both zero emission and zero waste/plastic free deliveries.

The CRP team have also been getting involved during the month - from using shampoo bars to bathroom product refills!

Take a look at CRP's [Instagram page](#) for more information and to get involved with the last few days of [#PlasticFreeJuly](#).

Follow Cross River Partnership on Instagram!

## Healthy Streets Everyday update



It has been a busy month for the [Healthy Streets Everyday](#) (HSE) project at CRP, with the launch of 3 case studies and a mural competition for schools. The case studies have been showing some of the excellent work our partner boroughs have been doing using their Healthy Streets Everyday funding.

Our [first case study](#) looks at a brilliant new parklet on Overstone Road in Hammersmith BID, which HSE has helped to fund to provide outdoor seating and space for social distancing outside the Dartmouth Castle pub.

The [second case study](#) explores how the [London Borough of Lambeth](#) and the [Royal Borough of Greenwich](#) have been implementing [Dr Bike](#) sessions to support safe cycling and bike maintenance, with 58 sessions held in the boroughs.

Thirdly, the [London Borough of Richmond](#) has purchased 26 wearable air quality monitoring devices to help support evidence-based decision making and inform officers of the pollutant challenges in specific, local areas. You can read more [here](#).

We have also recently launched a new competition for schools to participate in for **Car Free Day 2021**. Children at schools across partner boroughs in London can win a mural for their school by submitting a drawing on the theme of 'Creating Clean Air for our Future'. So get creative and get drawing! For more information, please see the [HSE webpage](#), [terms and conditions](#) or contact CRP Project Manager [Fiona Coull](#).

Retrofit for the Future



Photo credit: [Port of London Authority](#)

An exciting refurbishment as part of [Clean Air Thames](#) will see the [Port of London Authority's](#) river maintenance vessel Drifitwood II fitted out with equipment to reduce its pollution emissions! Selective catalytic reduction (SCR) technology will reduce nitrogen oxides emitted from the vessel's exhaust.

CRP is excited to be working with the [Mayor of London](#) to continue to improve air quality along the Thames. More information on future vessel retrofits will be announced later in the summer so stay tuned!

[Check out the Clean Air Thames project page for more information](#)

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## Decarbonising Transport: A Better, Greener Britain



On 14th July 2021, the [Department for Transport](#) has released its [new strategy for Decarbonising Transport](#) to set out the UK's plan to achieve net zero transport by 2050.

The plan sets out key commitments that link to CRP's projects such as [Clean Air Villages 4](#), [Healthy Streets Everyday](#), [Clean Air Thames](#) and [CLSTRP](#), with actions around:

- Creating a world class walking and cycling network by 2040 in England, including investing £2 billion over the next 5 years so that half of all journeys in cities and towns can be walked or cycled by 2030
- Increasing the provision of zero and ultra-low emission public transport infrastructure across the UK on our trains and buses
- Improving rail journey connectivity for walking and cycling to create multi-modal journeys
- Increasing zero emission vehicles across the UK
- Support and encourage modal shift of freight from road to more sustainable alternatives, such as rail, cargo bike and inland waterways

[Read more about the Decarbonising Transport report](#)

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## CRP's Spotlight On: Central District Alliance



This week's focus is on CRP BID partner [Central District Alliance](#). We heard from [Debbie Akehurst](#) about the BID's recent rebrand.

Previously known as Midtown BID, [Central District Alliance](#) (CDA) is the new name for the Business Improvement District for Holborn, Clerkenwell, Farringdon, Bloomsbury and St Giles. CDA is one of the largest BIDS under the Primera portfolio and is known for its mix of heritage, culture, and creativity as well as housing one of the most celebrated design hubs - Clerkenwell.

CDA prides itself on being instrumental in developing the area as a thriving place to work, live and visit, it plays a defining part in influencing and implementing environmental and social changes including public realms and public place-making. Our [Grey to Green initiative](#) will see a range of planting across the area to welcome people back into London. We know that safe, inclusive and sustainable public spaces have a significant positive impact on the economic life of urban centres, which is essential for the success of any regeneration strategy.

CDA is a proud partner of [Clean Air Villages 4](#) (CAV4) and it's work towards building back better by implementing solutions that will result in fewer polluting emissions. The pandemic has highlighted now more than ever there is a greater need to look after ourselves and our environment and CAV4 is one avenue that will allow us to do that.

[Find out more about Central District Alliance](#)

## New report launched

### 'Freight Noise Management in Urban Environments'



CRP is excited to announce the launch of its [latest report](#) which explores effective technological solutions to monitoring delivery-related neighbourhood noise and air pollution, aiding landowners, freight operators and local authorities to test best practice when retiming of deliveries is being considered to counter peak-time congestion in London.

To celebrate the launch, [EMSOL](#), [Cadogan](#) and CRP recorded a discussion of the findings from the study and give their views of how new monitoring technology could benefit communities affected by noise and air pollution, and what the next steps should be. [Watch the event!](#)

The study was commissioned on behalf of the [Central London Sub-Regional Transport Partnership](#) (CLSRTP) with air and noise quality consultant, [EMSOL](#), undertaking the research between 5th August - 14th December 2020. CRP partner [Cadogan](#) were the hosts of the site chosen for the data collection, which was the popular Pavilion Road in the [Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea](#).

24 location tags were issued to participating business vehicles which made deliveries to Pavilion Road throughout the research period. Noise and air quality monitors were then set up in the delivery drop-off location.

#### Key findings from the study showed that:

- The loudest parts of the day were typically 10am till 2pm.
- Night time (11pm - 7am) noise levels did not drop below 50dB, which is considered as a moderate annoyance in the WHO guidelines.

- Friday represented the noisiest day of the week, while Sunday was the quietest.
- Some correlation was observed between vehicle visits and noise level on the site.
- The PM10 and PM2.5 concentrations at the site were relatively high. To identify if there were specific vehicles coming on site that are especially polluting, it would be required to tag more vehicles.
- The project was able to show that a combination of noise monitoring and vehicle tracking technology can be used to measure the impact of delivery activity on noise levels.

CRP is currently working with the CLS RTP on new research to develop a Vision for Central London's Street Space, which is expected to be later this summer!

For more information about the 'Freight Noise Management in Urban Environments' study or the CLS RTP, please contact CRP Senior Project Officer [Laura Jacklin](#).

[Read the report](#)

[Watch the launch](#)

## National Park City Festival



The [Mayor of London's](#) first [London National Park City Festival](#) is taking place up to and including 28th July 2021. The festival marks London becoming a National Park City and celebrates London's amazing outdoors. [Find an event near you!](#)

The National Park City Festival invites visitors to [discover London's amazing outdoors with hundreds of free events across the city](#), from outdoor fitness sessions and live performances to bee-keeping and open water events for the family. It is part of the Mayor's commitment to making our city greener, healthier and wilder, together.

Highlights include:

- Outdoor theatre performances of The Gruffalo.
- 'Pedal Powered Party' with live DJs Supa Dupa Fly and Amy Lamé, Night Czar.
- Living Symphonies, a unique audio installation in Epping Forest.
- The National Park City Wildlife photography competition.

CRP has long been an advocate of maximising green spaces, parks and outdoor spaces/activities across London's neighbourhoods, especially in terms of enabling full access by all communities. We were particularly pleased to support the [Good Parks for London 2020 awards](#) within our [2020 LiveShare series](#).

Watch this space for further Greening Guidance to be issued as part of CRP's [Healthy Streets Everyday](#) programme soon!

For further details please contact CRP Project Manager [Fiona Coull](#) or CRP Project Officer [Ross Phillips](#).



## Net Zero in City of London

UK Power Supplier [E.ON](#) has started work on a **£4m project** to install one of the UK's largest zero carbon heating and cooling systems beneath the streets of London.

The heat pump is being installed in the heart of London's square mile, and will draw from the natural warmth of the earth as well as recycling waste heat from power generation. This energy can be stored in three boreholes extending 200m



below the capital and provide zero carbon heating and cooling for buildings.

The project will provide 4MW of extra heating capacity and a further 2.8MW of new cooling capacity to customers across the [City of London](#) – this is a fantastic initiative.

CRP looks forward to sharing the best practice developed by this project at its future [CRP Board](#) meetings.



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## Easing of Lockdown Restrictions

Monday 19th July was the day that most lockdown restrictions to control [COVID-19](#) were lifted and it is great that we can now meet up with family and friends.

As cases are still high and rising you should continue to exercise caution even if you are fully [vaccinated](#) to minimise risk of catching or passing on the virus.

The [CRP Team](#) are continuing to deliver projects for and on behalf of their [partners](#) in an agile way. Guidance and information on how to stay safe can be found [here](#).

Take care everyone!



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## Cycle to Work Day

[Cycle to Work Day](#) is back on Thursday 5th August.

CRP's [Defra-funded Clean Air Villages 4](#) project has updated our [Clean Air Route Finder](#) online tool to make it even easier for cyclists and walkers to find routes across London that avoid the most polluted streets – check out your journey-to-work by entering your postcode destination.

CRP's [Mayor's Air Quality Funded Healthy Streets Everyday](#) project is working hard with our Local Authority, Business Improvement District and Landowner partners to increase cycling and walking activity across the capital, keeping us fit, happy and healthy. The latest case study - [Calling Dr Bike: Providing cycle maintenance across London](#) - shows how to keep those cycle wheels rolling.

So hop on, and enjoy! If I can do it, anybody can!

CRP Director [Susannah Wilks](#).

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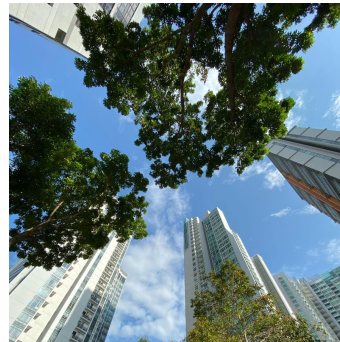
## Cadogan launches 10-year Stewardship Strategy

We are very excited to announce that CRP partner, [Cadogan](#), has launched [Chelsea 2030](#), its first 10-year Stewardship Strategy.

[CRP worked with Cadogan](#) for over two years to develop ambitious goals linked to their pillars at the time: Environment, Community and, Heritage & Conservation.

Working with its commercial tenants, residents, and other stakeholders, Cadogan will contribute to London's efforts to tackle climate change while addressing the well-being of the people who live and work in Chelsea, as well as those who visit the area.

For more information, please contact CRP Project Manager [Sefinat Oturu](#).



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## Free online short course on Healthy Urbanism launched

[University College London](#) researchers Dr Helen Pineo and Dr Gemma Moore have co-developed a free online training course on '[Healthy Urbanism](#)'.

Lack of knowledge of how the built environment influences the health of the public is a key barrier to building and maintaining healthy places. The pandemic and growing health inequalities have highlighted the importance of this topic, yet many lack the skills to act.

Researchers received funding to develop this course with an advisory group including representatives from; [Public Health England](#), [Faculty of Public Health](#), [Guy's & St Thomas' Foundation](#), London Healthy Place Network, [Royal Institution for Chartered Surveyors](#), [Royal Town Planning Institute](#), [Town & Country Planning Association](#) and other organisations.

The course is aimed at built environment and public health professionals and postgraduate students, including those working in planning, engineering, architecture and other fields. The total time to complete the course is 3.5 hours, however, participants can complete content at their own pace.

CRP's [Mayor of London-funded Healthy Streets Everyday](#) project is proactively working with 26 partners to make lasting and transformative change to streets throughout London. The programme is helping to aid London's continued response to the pandemic by enabling walking and cycling through initiatives such as school streets and car-free zones.

[Take the course](#)



CRP's Clean Air Villages 3 summary report is available to read online!

Click here to read all about the project outcomes.

## Dates for your Diary



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29th July, 1:15pm. [Railway Infrastructure: Dawn of a New Era?](#) CRP Lunchtime Launch.

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3rd August, 10:30am. [COVID-19's Impact on Commercial Spaces: Understanding your Lease, Rent Negotiation & Business Rates.](#) London Business Hub.

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4th August - [National Play Day.](#)

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5th August - [Cycle to Work Day.](#)

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9th August, 10am. [Marketing Masterclass \(Part One\).](#) London Business Hub.

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10th August, 9am. [Amazon Bootcamp: An Introduction to Exporting.](#) Enterprise Nation.

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19th August, 1:15pm. [The Future of Sustainable Shipping & Trade.](#) CRP Lunchtime Launch.

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