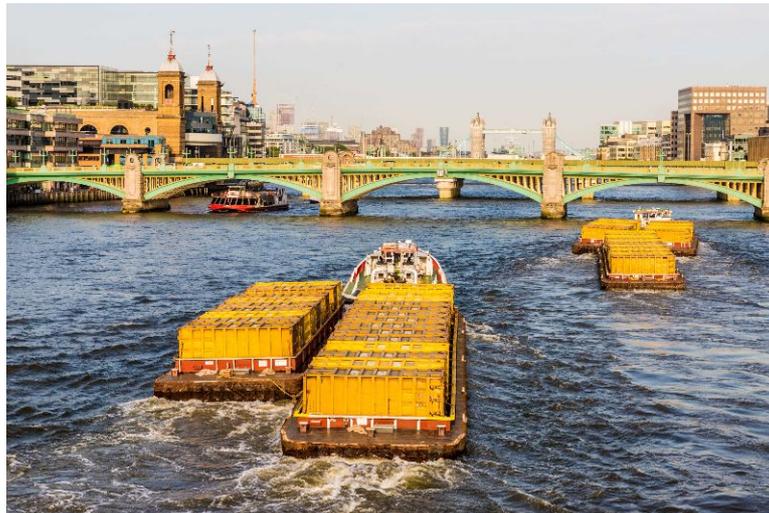




**This week's Lunchtime Launch Event:
The Future of Sustainable Shipping & Trade in London**



Join us from **1:15pm – 2:00pm, Thursday 19th August**, to discuss sustainable freight and shipping on the capital's main waterway, the River Thames. The aim of this event is to provide you with knowledge on the positive environmental impact of moving freight by water.

For CRP's [eighth Lunchtime Launch event](#), we will be joined by the [Port of London Authority](#) (PLA), for a discussion on river freight and air quality issues in relation to use of the river. The port plays a central role in supporting London's economy, so it is important to ensure it is supporting the UK's transition to net zero emissions up to 2050. CRP will also be sharing work on air quality along the river through the [Clean Air Thames](#) project - a three-year project funded by the [Mayor's Air Quality Fund](#) (Round 3), aiming to retrofit inland commercial vessels with an after-exhaust treatment. The session will also cover [Clean Air Villages 4](#) (CAV4) river freight activities.

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

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Missed our last Lunchtime Launch? Watch 'Railway Infrastructure: Dawn of a New Era?', with Camden Town Unlimited and Better Bankside.



CRP is excited to be working with transport and air quality specialists [EMSOL](#), to monitor air pollution and noise levels associated with river freight activity on the River Thames. This forms part of the [Defra](#)-funded [Clean Air Villages 4](#) (CAV4) project.

[Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust](#) are conducting a river freight trial, transporting supplies from Dartford in Kent, along the river and into [Guy's Hospital](#), London Bridge. The movement of goods to and from the river piers is carried out using electric vehicles.

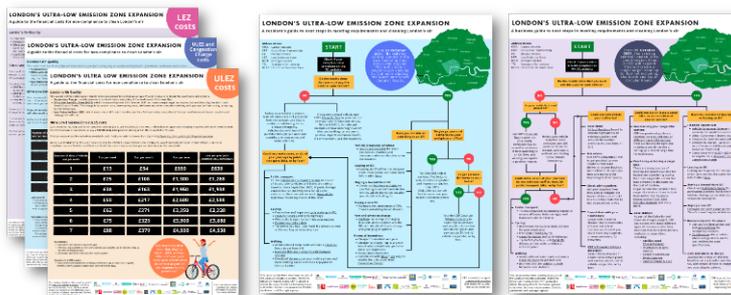
[EMSOL](#) will be monitoring the air quality of the vessels carrying the cargo along the river to highlight the potential benefits of moving freight via inland waterways in London compared to using the road network.

The River Thames is the busiest inland waterway in the United Kingdom, accounting for five million tonnes of freight. This reduces an estimated 265,000 lorry movements a year off London's congested roads. The Thames provides an opportunity for freight to be delivered while reducing the burden on the capital's road network.

We're excited to see the developments from this project which will inform how future sustainable movements of freight can take place for other sectors across London and beyond.

For more information about CAV4 and air quality monitoring, please contact CRP Project Manager [Kate Fenton](#).

New ULEZ resources to help vehicle owners



As part of [Clean Air Villages 4](#) project, CRP has created Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) guidance to aid resident and business vehicle owners on next steps to meet the emission standards (Euro 4 for petrol cars and Euro 6 for diesel cars). These standards are Euro 4 for petrol cars and Euro 6 for diesel cars.

From 25th October 2021, the existing [ULEZ will expand](#), creating a single larger zone up to, but not including, the North and South Circular Roads. City Hall estimates that there are **100,000 cars** and **35,000 vans** in the expanded zone that do not meet the minimum emissions standards.

The new flow charts provide straightforward advice and signposting for electric vehicle leasing and buying options, funding opportunities and financial incentives, as well as CRP tools which can help in transitioning to cleaner modes of transport for personal and business journeys.

CRP have also created a simple breakdown of the financial costs associated with continuing to drive a vehicle that does not meet the ULEZ (or LEZ) standards.

We want to encourage all vehicle owners to meet the standards and where possible, switch to lower polluting methods, such as walking, cycling, cargo biking, scooting and using public transport, to improve London's toxic air quality, which is responsible for the deaths of over 4,000 Londoners in 2019 alone.

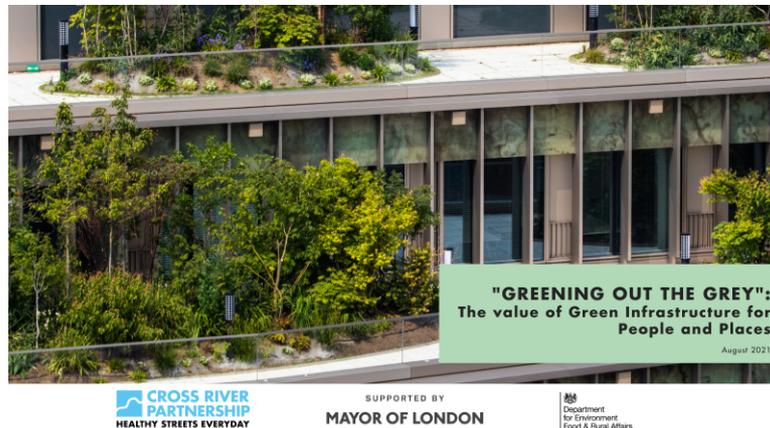
[See all of the resources here:](#)

- [Resident ULEZ Flow Chart](#)
- [Business ULEZ Flow Chart](#)
- [ULEZ, LEZ, Congestion Charge Cost Breakdowns](#)

Find out more about CAV4 and take a look at the resources



"Greening out the Grey" - New CRP Report



CRP's [Healthy Streets Everyday](#) programme has launched a new guidance document: "[Greening out the Grey](#)": [The value of Green Infrastructure for People and Places](#).

The guidance aims to build the case for more green infrastructure to be implemented across the capital, focussing specifically on the benefits and costs of integrating green infrastructure as part of our cities.

It also aims to demonstrate the value of using greening to improve air quality, enable climate adaptation (particularly through heat resilience, air quality and flooding), and act as a tool to improve physical and mental wellbeing through initiatives such as green social prescribing.

Finally, [the report](#) provides several recommendations to enhance and improve the use of green infrastructure as a climate mitigation strategy, and to help identify and quantify the wider impacts that green spaces have on the population of cities.

You can read the full report [here](#).

CRP and partners are extremely grateful to the [Mayor's Air Quality Fund](#) for making this Guidance Document possible.

For further information about [Healthy Streets Everyday](#) or the Greening Guidance report, please contact CRP Project Manager [Fiona Coull](#).

Read "Greening out the Grey": The value of Green Infrastructure for People and Places

CRP's Spotlight On: Vauxhall One



[Vauxhall One](#) is the Business Improvement District (BID) for Vauxhall, established by local businesses to improve Vauxhall as a place to live, work and visit. With only two weeks left in August, we spoke to the BID about their exciting upcoming events for summer 2021.

Today is our final Summer Screen and we've kept the best till last. [Grab a ticket](#) to watch Black Panther and celebrate what's been a cracking 4 weeks of free cinema in Vauxhall! And how good was Bearpit Karaoke on Saturday 14th August? Probably the best one yet, right? Our next event is just around the corner and tickets are flying – [book now](#) to avoid disappointment!

On Saturday 21st August, join us for what's shaping up to be a gorgeous day as we celebrate the incredible talent our community has to offer. [Vauxhall Variety](#) takes inspiration from the lockdown street concerts on Richborne Terrace but on a larger stage in the Pleasure Gardens! Catch [Neon Performing Arts](#), [Boury Academy](#), [The Brixton Chamber Orchestra](#), [Real Voices](#) and plenty more!

Or if you're looking for a different way to spend your bank holiday weekend, why not take you and yours to our Victorian funfair, [Victorian Vauxhall](#), happening in the original home of fun, Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens. Discover circus acts, live music from Ze Trio, The Lollipops and a Victorian Fortune Teller.

Remember our [Art in the Arches](#) is still live so go and check out the incredible work featured by some of the UK's leading graphic artists!

[#LoveDifferent](#) [#LoveVauxhall](#)

Please see here for tickets and updates

Free Deliveries in Northbank!



As part of CRP's [Clean Air Village 3](#) and [4](#) Programmes, [the Northbank BID](#) is offering a **FREE** cargo bike courier service to enable businesses to carry out zero emission deliveries. Not only is this better for the environment, it also saves businesses time and money, improves customer satisfaction and takes vehicles off the road helping to reduce congestion.

Any business that delivers within 5 miles of [the Northbank BID](#) can sign up for the service, which is available Monday to Friday from 9am to 7pm and Saturday to Sunday from 9am to 5pm. Bookings need to be arranged 24 hours in advance and any goods being delivered need to be less than 120kg to fit into the cargo bike.

The cargo bike service, which is provided by [ecofleet](#), was showcased as part of [Westminster City Council's Clean Air Day](#) activities in June. Councillor Heather Acton (pictured with the cargo-bike) said "We are making it easier for residents and visitors to choose sustainable transport options, taking action to improve the air that we all breathe, and working together to achieve our carbon neutral ambitions."

If you're interested in learning more or would like to use the free cargo bike delivery service, sign up [here](#).

For more information, please contact CRP Project Manager [Fiona Coull](#).

Shepherd's Bush goes Electric!



Are you located in Shepherd's Bush? Interested in using an electric van for your businesses pickups and deliveries?

Help your business save costs and reduce emissions whilst contributing to better air quality. The free shared electric van is available this summer in collaboration with [London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham](#), [Zipcar](#) and CRP!

For more information on the scheme, please contact CRP Senior Project Officer [Laura Jacklin](#).

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Recommendations for Building Back Stronger



The [British Chambers of Commerce](#) have released a new report - [Rebuild: Recommendations for Building Back Stronger](#). The recommendations cover opportunities for businesses to make a strong recovery from the pandemic, as well as tackle long-standing issues such as skills shortages, rising costs, and the climate emergency.

The top line recommendations are:

- Manage the virus response in a way that helps businesses survive and thrive
- Economic health and investment
- Build an ambitious global trade strategy
- Skills for the jobs of today and tomorrow
- Invest in the places where we live, work, study and play

CRP's own [Town Centre Futures report](#), released in March 2021, complements the recovery recommendations outlined above, to support businesses and communities in building back better.

Read the Rebuild Report



What are your favourite stretches of the Thames Path?

Thames Path Partnership are looking for a **few words and a photo** of any of the areas of the [Thames Path](#) that you would like to share with a wider audience. This could be a favourite section or one you feel passionate about!

These will be included on the Thames Path National Trail [history page](#) and on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) throughout the year under [#ThamesPath25](#), for the 25th anniversary of the inauguration of the Thames Path National Trail, which was opened at the Thames Barrier on 24th July 1996.

Get snapping your favourite parts of the river today!

[Find out more](#)



International Youth Day

The [United Nations' International Youth Day](#) was on 12th August 2021.

In the words of UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres: *"Young people are on the frontlines of the struggle to build a better future for all. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the dire need for the kind of transformational change they seek - and young people must be full partners in that effort."*

Here at CRP, we're doing our own bit and supporting young people in schools to create their own mural designs on how they would like their local streets to look and feel. [Get involved!](#)

For more mural information please visit CRP's [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts. We look forward to receiving your submissions!

For further information about CRP's Mayor's Air Quality-Funded [Healthy Streets Everyday](#) Mural Competition, please contact CRP Project Manager [Fiona Coull](#).



Shop Local this month

This month we're reminded of the government's [#ShopLocal](#) Week promotional campaign that took place in August last year. During and since, many of [CRP's Business Improvement District \(BID\) partners](#) have spearheaded amazing interventions to support local High Streets.

In the words of Mike Cherry, the National Chairman of the [Federation of Small Businesses](#): *"It's vital now more than ever that we do what we can to support our local small businesses. The past few months have been among the most difficult that businesses have ever had and as we slowly reopen, the public can help by supporting their local businesses. Whether it's your local grocer, decorators or florist, they all need the support of their communities in order to survive this crisis and thrive."*

Many of [CRP's Business Improvement District \(BID\) partners](#) are spearheading amazing interventions to support local High Streets.

CRP worked with them recently to produce a [Town Centre Futures report](#), funded by [Transport for London](#), that made recommendations on how Town Centres and High Streets can take action to grow financially, sustainably and in-tune with local community needs.

Check out the environmental sustainability credentials of businesses in your local area using [CRP's Clean Air Villages Directory](#), funded by central government department [Defra](#).

CRP is also supporting local retail outlets via [Click Collect Clean Air](#). Put in your postcode to find shops local to your house where you can pick up delivery parcels, free of charge! You might pick up one or two extras from the shop while you're there, plus the exercise you get walking there will mean less local miles driven by vans.

For any further communications support on [#ShopLocal](#), please contact CRP Project Officer [Rachael Aldridge](#).

Dates for your Diary



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

Launch.

26th August, 10am. [Participation and Planning: The Benefits of Engaging with Young People](#). NLA.

14th September, 10:30am. [Accelerated Regeneration through Mixed Tenure Delivery](#). NLA.

17th August - 30th August. [Art of London](#). Royal Academy of Arts, Art of London, Sky Arts, Westminster City Council and Mayor of London.

19th August, 4pm. [Aquaculture - The treats of Extreme Weather & Climate Change](#). InterMET.digital.

24th August, 12pm. [Wellbeing Series: Live Guided Workout](#). The Northbank BID.

September 2021. [Totally Thames](#). Thames Festival Trust.

9th September. World EV Day.

9th September, 12:30pm. [HSBC financial HIIT session: Savings](#). HSBC.

15th September, 12:30pm. [Everybody's Garden: pocket parks and green spaces walking tour](#). Better Bankside.

13th - 17th September. International Shipping Week.

22nd September. [Car Free Day](#).

28th September. [Freight in the City Expo 2021](#).

29th September. [Active Travel Summit](#). Catapult.

30th September. CRP Lunchtime Launch.

Cross River Partnership is an alliance of Angel London, Better Bankside BID, Brixton BID, Cadogan, Camden Town Unlimited BID, Central District Alliance, Cheapside Business Alliance, City of London Corporation, Euston Town BID, Greater London Authority, Groundwork London, Hammersmith BID, Hatton Garden BID, London and Partners, London Borough of Camden, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, London Borough of Islington, London Borough of Lambeth, London Borough of Lewisham, London Borough of Southwark, Network Rail, Port of London Authority, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, South Bank BID, Team London Bridge BID, The Fitzrovia Partnership BID, The Northbank BID, Transport for London, Vauxhall One BID, Victoria BID, Westminster City Council.

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