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Lunchtime Launch 11

Good Parks for London 2021: Parks and Climate Change



For CRP's eleventh monthly Lunchtime Launch event, join us for the virtual launch of this year's [Good Parks for London](#) report on **Thursday 18th November 2021, 1:15pm - 2:00pm**. [Sign up now!](#)

The annual report, published by [Parks for London](#), showcases the great work that land managers are doing in and around London, especially in considering the effects of climate change and how parks can mitigate them.

This online interactive Lunchtime Launch session will explore the importance of parks and green infrastructure in climate change and air quality mitigation strategies through key addresses by: Judy Ling Wong CBE, the Honorary President of the [Black Environment Network](#) (BEN) and author of the report's foreword; Tony Leach, Chief Executive of [Parks for London](#); Joanne Dennis-Jones, Head of Planning at [GL Hearn](#), report sponsors, and a representative from one of the most improved boroughs.

The main learning points from this session include:

- How London's parks can play a key role in climate and air quality strategies.
- How parks can mitigate the impacts of climate change.
- The importance of green infrastructure in our cities.

For more information, please contact CRP Communications Project Manager [Rachael Aldridge](#).

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Missed our last Lunchtime Launch? Watch 'The Challenges and Opportunities of Fleet Electrification, with speakers from CRP, UK Power Networks, UPS and Moixa.

Electric Vehicle Rapid Charging Hubs Guidance Report



Why are rapid charging hubs needed? Electric vehicles are increasing in popularity with 1 in 10 new cars bought in 2020 an EV, up from 1 in 30 the year prior. These statistics go hand in hand with the requirement for new charging infrastructure. Rapid charging hubs, which can provide a full charge in 30 minutes or less, are increasingly required in central London to meet charging demand. To aid this process, [Cross River Partnership](#) has published a new report: '[Electric Vehicle Rapid Charging Hubs Guidance](#)'. The short and succinct report details advice and guidance around the implementation of rapid charging hubs. It also looks at the potential challenges faced during the construction and planning stages, emphasising the need for embedded knowledge to be shared.

The report covers both practical and legislative measures to implementation. The policy and planning landscape examines the current situation in a global, UK and London context. On ground elements such as case studies, technical specifications, usage data and design considerations provide recommendations for the implementation of rapid charging hubs. This report brings together expert advice for landowners, local authorities and the general public.

The report was created by CRP on behalf 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 [TfL](#). It was [featured](#) by [Citti Magazine](#) and published alongside CRP's October Lunchtime Launch '[The Challenges and Opportunities of Fleet Electrification](#)'.

For more information, please contact CRP Project Officer [Eleanor Marshall](#).

[Read the report](#)

London 2030 Electric Vehicle Strategy



[Mayor of London](#) Sadiq Khan has pledged to 'unlock' land owned by the Greater London Authority and London boroughs, to locate around 1,000 rapid charge points by 2030.

[Transport for London](#) estimates that by 2030, London could need up to 60,000 charge points, of which up to 4,000 will be rapid charge points.

London's ongoing investment in EVs supports the Mayor's wider target of decarbonising the transport network and achieving a net zero capital by 2030. The Mayor is committed to working with the Government, boroughs, charge points operators, energy providers and other key stakeholders to make sure London gets the charge points it needs.

CRP's latest release, '[Electric Vehicle Rapid Charging Hubs](#)' acts as useful guidance for local authorities and landowners, including a case study of Glass Yard Woolwich.

For more information, please contact CRP Project Officer [Eleanor Marshall](#).

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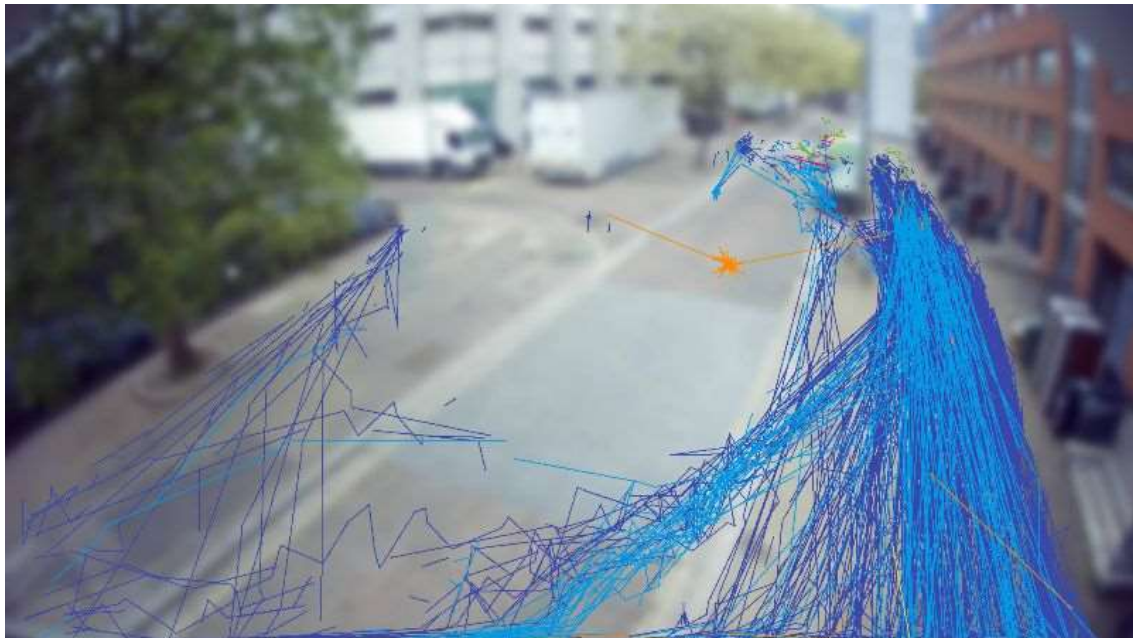
If you are a business, community organisation or charity based in Covent Garden, Northbank, Soho or Richmond then please contact CRP Project Manager [Kate Fenton](#) for more information.

The bike and rider can be booked in advance and used for your deliveries or collections, for example, delivering to customers or transferring stock between stores.

The hours are being given out on a 'first come, first served' basis.

[Read our case study for more information about cargo bikes](#)

Southbank Vivacity Monitoring Continues



[CRP](#) is continuing to work with [South Bank BID](#) to provide in-depth [Vivacity](#) monitoring and analysis. This month we reached a new milestone, with the third round of reporting nearly complete!

So why is monitoring useful? By carrying out monitoring and analysis, CRP can provide South Bank BID with a detailed picture of active travel and vehicular movements, as well as an insight to social distancing trends and local emissions. This can then help to:

- Act as the proof of concept for local initiatives
- Identify areas where additional measures may be required
- Enable evidence-based decision making for the BID and their stakeholders.

CRP can also work with partners to improve the monitoring of specific sites by providing the following detailed data analysis:

- Active travel and traffic count analysis (e.g., pedestrians, cyclists, motorbikes, cars, vans, HGVs and buses)
- Granular level event analysis

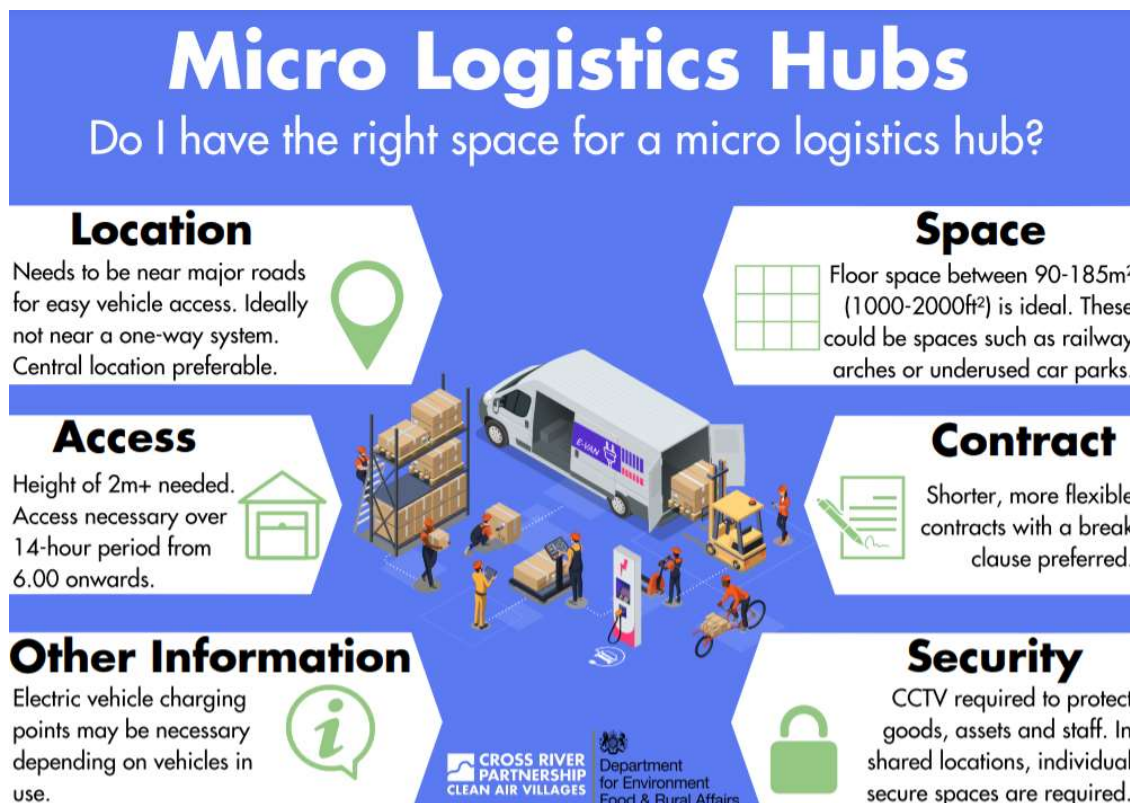
- Movement/road user behaviour analysis (including social distancing)
- Speed reporting
- Turning count analysis
- Air quality impacts

Partners will also receive access to a real-time data dashboard as well as detailed reports to help evaluate the benefits and impacts of active travel, sustainable transport or business support schemes.

To find out more about the benefits of monitoring, take a look at CRP's '[Meaningful Monitoring: Providing the Path to Positive Change](#)'.

Alternatively, please get in touch with CRP Project Manager [Fiona Coull](#) if you are interested in finding out more about how CRP's data analysis services can benefit your organisation.

Urban and Micro Logistics Hubs



Through [Cross River Partnership's Clean Air Villages 4](#) and [CLSRTP](#) programmes, CRP has produced an [interactive map](#) for Local Authorities and Landowners to advertise underutilised or unused sites and spaces in their local area. This map will support logistics operators to explore these locations as potential Urban Logistics Hubs and Micro Logistics Hubs, and landowners and local authorities to utilise these spaces fully.

Urban logistics hubs and micro logistics hubs play an important role in promoting sustainable and efficient freight activity in London. Goods are sent to spaces close to urban centres in areas with lots of people, and then distributed via low and zero-emission vehicles, like electric vehicles and cargo bikes, for the 'last mile' of the supply chain. This reduces delivery vehicle trips, pollution and congestion on our roads.

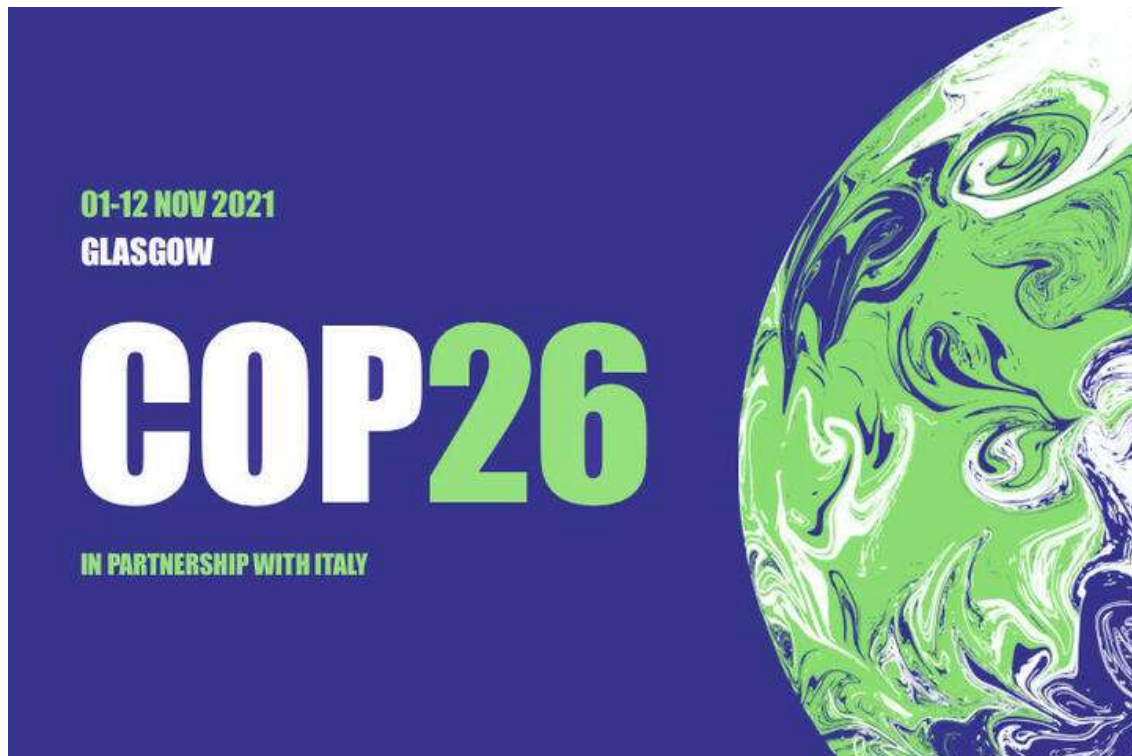
So, what may you be looking for? CRP has also created some easily digestible flyers to show what you might be looking for in your area if you are looking for urban logistics or

micro logistics hubs. You can find these below:

- [Urban logistics hubs](#)
- [Micro logistics hubs](#)

If you think you may know of an unused or underutilised space near you, please get in touch with CRP Project Manager [Ross Phillips](#).

COP26 and CRP



Progress was made at [COP26](#)! Of course there is still much more to do, but it's fantastic that over 200 countries are committing to do [#BetterTogether](#), including China and the US.

More than 100 countries have promised to stop deforestation by 2030. CRP's next Lunchtime Launch is all about Parks and Climate Change – [sign up here](#).

450 financial organisations have agreed to back “clean” technology, such as renewable energy, and direct finance away from fossil fuel-burning industries. CRP's [Electric Fleet Local Energy Systems](#) project is working with partners [UPS](#), [UK Power Networks](#) and [Moixa](#) to trial smart charging of commercial delivery Electric Vehicles, supported by the [Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund](#) from [UK Research & Innovation](#).

CRP looks forward to continuing to do its bit in tackling the climate crisis with its partners - [#TogetherWeCan](#).

[Read the 2030 Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy](#)

Westminster Council Climate Emergency

Action Plan



CRP's accountable body, [Westminster City Council](#) has committed to reduce carbon emissions across the city to reach net zero by 2040. The [Climate Emergency Action Plan](#) contains a raft of actions to reduce emissions by working in partnership with businesses, communities, and residents.

Key actions will focus on:

- Efficient buildings
- Clean and affordable energy
- Sustainable travel and transport
- Reducing consumption and waste
- Green and resilient city

What are you doing to help cut carbon pollution? See [here](#) for some priority steps you can take to help make a difference.

[Take a look at Westminster City Council's Climate Change Projects](#)

Southwark Climate Change Conference 2021



CRP Project Officer [Isidora Rivera Vollmer](#) attended [Southwark's](#) virtual Climate Change Conference. This year's conference was hosted by [Councillor Helen Dennis](#), Cabinet Member for the Climate Emergency and Sustainable Development. The keynote speaker at this event was Harriet Lamb, CEO of climate change charity [Ashden](#).

The conference was held on 27th October, one week before [COP26](#). The event focused on the work taking place across the borough to reduce emissions and protect our natural environment. First, Helen Dennis and Harriet Lamb gave informative speeches about local and national climate strategies and projects. Participants then had the chance to participate in two workshops out of four options: 'Sustainable travel', 'Biodiversity and nature', 'Business and sustainable consumption', and 'Buildings and energy'.

CRP first attended the 'Business and sustainable consumption' workshop. Tom Harris, from Better Bankside BID, and Nick Wolff, from Southwark Council, talked about the BID's and council's green services, climate action strategies, and the creation of new green jobs and green skills training hubs. The second workshop, 'Sustainable travel', was led by council members Jeremy Leach and Pip Howson, who gave updates on [Southwark's strategy for zero carbon transportation and active travel programme](#). Participants were able to ask the workshop speakers questions afterwards.

At the end of the conference, [Councillor Kieron Williams](#), leader of Southwark Council, underlined that carbon emissions need to be cut down even further to tackle the climate crisis. He is hopeful that the government will fund green solutions nationwide and in Southwark.

Spotlight On: London Borough of Southwark



Following the local Climate Emergency Conference ahead of COP26 (see article above), [Councillor Kieron Williams](#), Leader of [Southwark Council](#) wrote to the UK's Prime Minister, urging the government to 'do more' to tackle climate change and 'to do it quickly' through a series of financial and policy changes.

In the letter to RT Hon Boris Johnson, MP, Cllr Williams said:

"The resources you make available to deliver this shared ambition and responsibility are needed as soon as possible. Now is the time for action, and we call on you to use this opportunity to make the changes that are so urgently needed for the future of our communities and our planet."

The letter called on the government to:

- Significantly increase funding for schemes that allow both local authorities and residents to upgrade the energy efficiency of their homes – making them low carbon, cosy and cheaper to heat, and to introduce a highly ambitious Future Homes Standard.
- Create a sustainable funding deal for [TfL](#) to reduce carbon emissions and clean up our toxic air not just in Southwark, but across the whole of London and beyond. Transport accounts for 15% of the borough's emissions, of which around 99% comes from on-road transport.
- Provide new funding to ensure more sustainable recycling methods are available for all residents.
- Provide new incentives to power a revolution in local renewable energy generation and avoid toxic energy sources.

Southwark now has a [Citizens' Jury](#) in place to learn about, discuss, and make recommendations on action that could tackle climate change. They are due to submit their findings to the council in spring 2022.



Congratulations to Vauxhall



Mayor of London Announces £1m 'Untold Stories' Fund

One!

CRP Business Improvement District partner [Vauxhall One](#) has been voted in for its third 5-year term!

Earning a victory with 87.4% of voters and 94.5% by rateable value, Vauxhall One will continue its work to share the largest regeneration zone in Europe.

Councillor Claire Holland, Leader of [London Borough of Lambeth](#), said "I would like to congratulate Vauxhall BID for the fantastic ballot result, which is proof of the hard work and dedication that they have shown to local businesses and residents. We are looking forward to continuing working closely with them over the course of the next 5 years, developing Vauxhall's reputation as a destination for Londoners and supporting businesses recovering after the pandemic."

For more information on the BID's plans for 2022 - 2027, please see the [Vauxhall One Renewal Proposal](#).

[Did you know that in London, only 4% of statues are named women, and only 1% are people of colour?](#)

That's why this month, the [Mayor's Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm](#) has invited community-led organisations to submit applications for grants worth up to £25,000 to help refresh their public spaces to better reflect the stories of all of the groups who made London what it is today.

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said: "London's diversity is its greatest strength but for far too long our capital's statues, street names and buildings have only shown a limited perspective on our city's complex history.

"I'm determined to do everything I can to ensure our public realm presents a more complete picture of everyone who has made London the incredible city it is today.

For more information and to apply for funding, click [here](#).



The London Conference

The Centre for London is holding their Annual London Conference on 30 November 2021. We encourage you to register and hear what the capital's leaders have to say about its future.

We're proud to have worked with the Centre for London on [Lighting London Sustainably](#) and [Town Centre Futures](#) which are closely linked to Women's Safety and a Green Recovery for the City - two of the five themes that will be covered during the conference.

See [here](#) to register.



Living Wage Week 2021

From 15th - 21st November, CRP is supporting Living Wage Week.

2021 marks 20 years of the Living Wage movement. By registering as a Living Wage employer, we provide an environment in which our staff feel valued. This helps us to create a strong, dynamic team of employees.

[Find out more.](#)

Dates for your Diary



15th - 21st November. [Living Wage Week](#).

18th November. 1pm - 1:45pm. [Full Circle to Reuse: Barriers to Change](#). The Building Society.

18th November. 1:15pm - 2pm. [Good Parks for London 2021: Parks and Climate Change](#). CRP Lunchtime Launch.

22nd November. 1pm - 4pm. [Thames and Waterways Forum](#). PLA

23rd November. 7pm - 9pm. [People's Question Time Camden](#). GLA

25th November. 9am - 5pm. [The Sustainable Events Show at the Barbican](#). The 20/20 Club.

30th November. 9am - 5.25pm. [The London Conference 2021](#). Centre for London.

3rd December. [International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2021](#). UN.

4th December. [Small Business Saturday](#).

16th December. 1:15pm - 2pm. 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, Eastern City Partnership, 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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