

CROSS RIVER PARTNERSHIP SECURES DEFRA FUNDING TO TACKLE LONDON'S AIR QUALITY

[Cross River Partnership](#) (CRP), a non-profit and impartial partnership organisation, has secured £1,000,000 of Air Quality grant funding from **central government department [Defra](#)** to deliver the [Smarter Greener Logistics \(SGL\)](#) project.

SGL aims to minimise the impact of freight on noise, air quality, traffic and pavement space by making improvements across 14 London boroughs and three London Business Improvement Districts (BIDs).

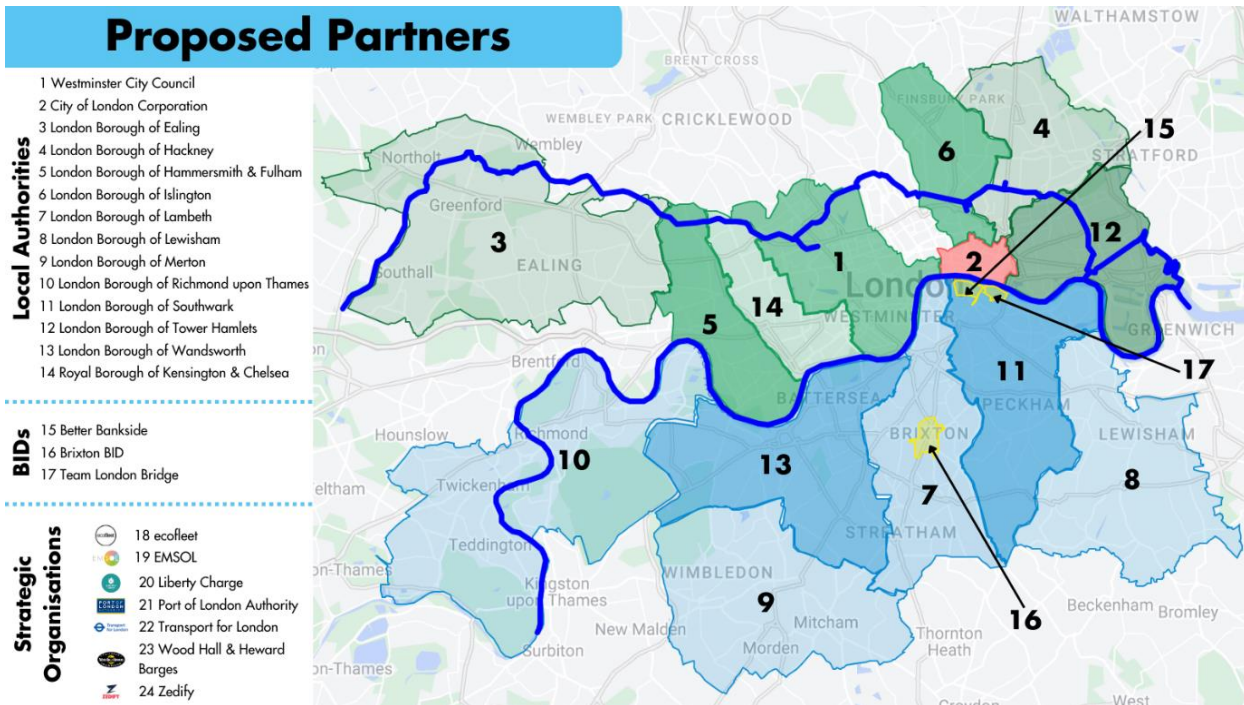
Smarter Greener Logistics (SGL) forms part of CRP's wider activities to encourage sustainable logistics across London. This includes the development of rail freight and walking freight initiatives, helping to improve London's air quality and supporting CRP's vision to make London a better place to live, work and visit.

33% of harmful NOx emissions from road transport in London comes from freight vehicles (*Source: Freight and Servicing Action Plan report 2018*). 29% of PM2.5 emissions from road transport in London comes from freight vehicles.

SGL will implement a range of Logistics Elements in order to clean up London's air, including:

1. Network of Mini-Freight Hubs
2. Kerbside Management
3. Click and Collect/Parcel Lockers
4. Shared Electric Vehicle schemes
5. Cargo Bike deliveries
6. Logistics Sector Support
7. Monitoring to capture benefits

SGL will share lessons between partners, geographical areas, elements and sectors, for maximum take-up of successful initiatives and impacts.



The SGL project will be delivered over the period 1st July 2023 - 31st December 2024, with ongoing Air Quality improvements continuing beyond the life of the project.

CRP is very grateful to [Westminster City Council](#) for playing the accountable body role for this exciting new programme.

Environment Minister, Rebecca Pow, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, said: “We have made great strides in tackling air pollution at a national level since 2010, but we must do more to improve air quality and protect public health. From Tyneside to Cornwall, this funding will support a range of inspiring and innovative projects across the country – stepping up our monitoring of harmful pollutants, educating the public and boosting the use of green transport. This builds on our world-leading Environment Act commitments that will enhance our natural environment and safeguard public health for future generations.”

Susannah Wilks, Director, Cross River Partnership, said “The Smarter Greener Logistics project will help to make London’s freight deliveries even more sustainable, and make an important contribution to cleaning up London’s air. CRP is thrilled to have received this funding from central government department Defra. We are excited to get to work on new freight initiatives with all of our public, private and community sector partners.”

For more information about the Smarter Greener Logistics (SGL) project, please contact CRP Director Susannah Wilks (susannahwilks@crossriverpartnership.org) or CRP Programme Manager Fiona Coull (fionacoull@crossriverpartnership.org).

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NOTES TO EDITORS

Smarter Greener Logistics (SGL) project partnership will be funded by central government department [Defra](#) under its Air Quality Grant.

The SGL project partnership brought together by CRP includes:

Local Authority partners

City of Westminster (lead)
City of London Corporation
London Borough of Ealing
London Borough of Hackney
London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham
London Borough of Islington
London Borough of Lambeth
London Borough of Lewisham
London Borough of Merton
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames
London Borough of Southwark
London Borough of Tower Hamlets
London Borough of Wandsworth
Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

Business Improvement District partners

Better Bankside
Brixton BID
Team London Bridge

Strategic Organisation partners

ecofleet
EMSOL
Liberty Charge
Port of London Authority
Transport for London
Wood Hall & Heward Barges
Zedify

Cross River Partnership

[Cross River Partnership](#) (CRP)'s mission is to deliver collaboratively solutions that make London fairer, greener and safer.

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Funding for the Smarter Green Logistics project comes from the Government's [Air Quality Grant programme](#). Awarded annually, the grants help local authorities across England develop and implement measures to benefit schools, businesses and communities and reduce the impact of air pollution on people's health. This year's grants total £10.7 million, with around £53 million awarded across almost 500 projects through the scheme since 2010.

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