

Do I have the right space for a Micro Logistics Hub?

A micro logistics hub is a site that couriers use for their day-to-day deliveries as a place to receive, sort and then send deliveries to their destination by cargo bikes, walking porters or a small electric van.

The space needed for a micro logistics hub site is extremely flexible, so this is not intended as a prescriptive list. Many couriers are very flexible and accommodating with their operations. As a rapidly-growing sector, there is bound to be something that works for each organisation looking for space. If you are unsure about how your underutilised or unused space can generate income, just ask Cross River Partnership's Sustainable Transport Manager, Ross Phillips, at rossphillips@crossriverpartnership.org.



Location and Space

- Anywhere from 100 sq. ft to 5,000 sq. ft. (~9 m² to 1,900 m²)
- Used to store cargo bikes, electric vehicles, infrastructure, or space for sorting of parcels
- Good access to the road and cycle network
- Power source nearby to charge vehicles



Security and Access

- CCTV required to protect goods, assets and staff
- Height of 2 metres needed for small electric vehicles to deliver to the hub
- Access throughout the day over a 14 hour period e.g. 6am to 8pm



Contracts and legals

- You are the landowner or are able to ask permission from your landowner to make changes to your lease
- Couriers will prefer shorter, flexible contracts, with potential break clauses included

EXAMPLES OF POTENTIAL MICRO LOGISTICS HUB SITES

Any underutilised land could be turned into income-generating space, but good examples include:



Car parks



Railway arches



Outside storage space



Service yards



Refuse areas

