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CRP's Monthly Newsletter

Tuesday 25th April

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Join us for networking at the next CRP Conversations event



Join us for [Cross River Partnership](#)'s next event, CRP Conversations, Event 4 – [Clean Air Freight: Prioritising Sustainable Logistics](#), chaired by CRP's [Sustainable Transport Manager Ross Phillips](#). This Conversation will explore how Local Authorities, Business Improvement Districts and landowners can support and unlock spaces for sustainable logistics projects.

Ben Knowles, Founder of [The Future Vehicles Company](#) and former Founder of Pedal Me, will be presenting on learnings from the largest cargo bike only fleet in the world and what you can do to help grow the cargo bike sector.

Ed Cox, Business Support Manager, Hyperlocal at [Infinium Logistics](#), will be presenting on how to unlock spaces for micro logistics across London.

Fiona Coull, Programme Manager at [Cross River Partnership](#), will be presenting on CRP's innovative projects that are changing how deliveries are coming into central London and distributed across London.

This is a hybrid event, with networking opportunities for in-person attendees at the Lord Mayor's Parlour in [Westminster City Council](#).

Looking forward to seeing you there!

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Unlocking the potential of rail freight in London



CRP is excited to launch its latest Rail Freight Study, [On track for sustainable logistics: Integrating Rail Freight into London's deliveries](#).

The rise of low-volume, high-margin markets requiring fast delivery, such as fast-fashion, were identified as being suitable for fast rail freight. 4,000 tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) could be saved each year by using rail freight, which could take 8,300 HGVs off the road.

CRP commissioned transport specialists [Steer](#) to investigate the opportunity to use existing infrastructure in the London boroughs of [Southwark](#) and [Lambeth](#) to support efficient and sustainable movement of freight into Central London using rail. The project has been funded by [Impact on Urban Health](#) through the [Clean Air Freight](#) project.

The report uncovers exciting space at Waterloo Station that could be used for a trial, and explores two concepts for a potential trial:

- “Passengers as Parcels” - Using existing high speed passenger services to move low volumes of goods into and out of stations in London.
- “Dedicated Freight Multiple Unit (FMU)” – Using a converted high-speed passenger train to transport high volumes of goods from freight hubs into and out of London stations.

If you have any questions, please contact Sustainable Transport Manager Ross Phillips rossphillips@crossriverpartnership.org.

[Read the Executive Summary](#)

New Micro Logistics Hub in Pimlico



[Westminster City Council](#) and [Cross River Partnership](#) are excited to have launched a new six-month micro logistics hub trial in Pimlico on 17th April; supporting zero-emission last-mile deliveries in the City of Westminster!

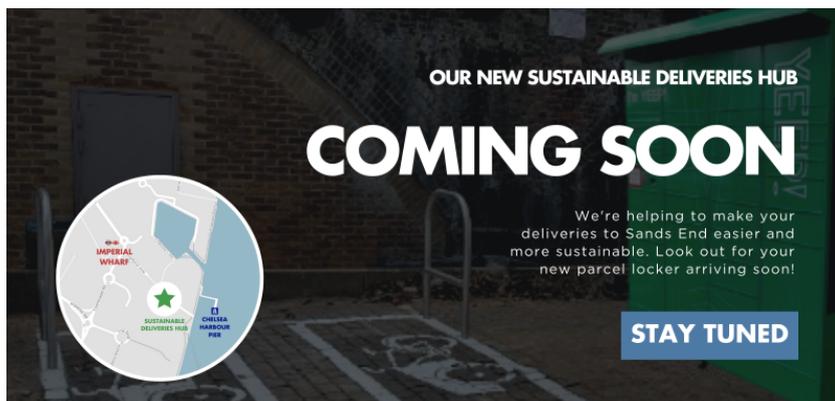
This is a WCC and CRP-funded micro logistics hub trial, supported by [Infinium Logistics](#), and carried out by zero-emission couriers [Delivery Mates](#). Based in the [Q-Park UK](#) Pimlico parking facility, parcels are being delivered to the hub by electric delivery vehicles and distributed by electric cargo bikes in Westminster and the surrounding area.

The micro logistics hub acts as a crucial step for consolidating deliveries, bulk-buying, and a place to sort deliveries, which can reduce the number of polluting vehicle trips and congestion. It is estimated that cargo e-bikes will deliver about 2,000 parcels a day from the hub to residents and businesses, thereby reducing congestion, pollution, and fatalities.

The trial is a collaboration between [Westminster City Council](#), [Infinium Logistics](#), [Delivery Mates](#), [Q-Park UK](#), and [Cross River Partnership](#) and part of the [Defra](#)-funded [Clean Air Logistics for London](#) programme.

For more information, contact CRP Project Manager Isidora Rivera Vollmer isidorariveravollmer@crossriverpartnership.org.

Clean Air Logistics for London - April Update



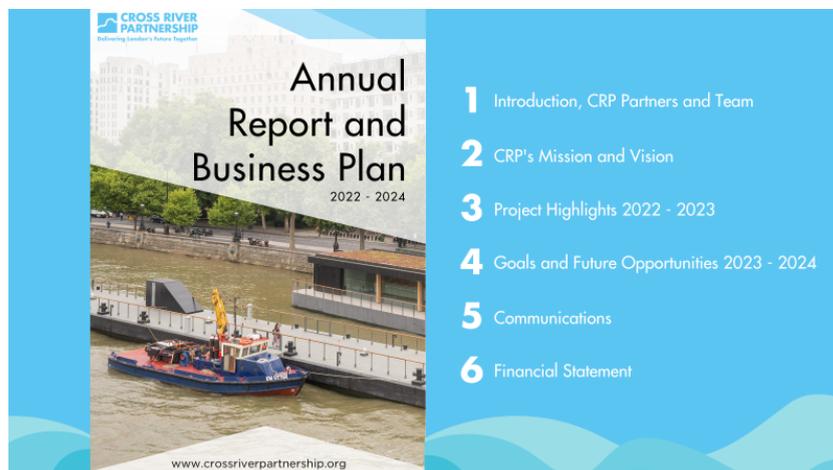
This month has seen the launch of exciting new schemes and reports as part of our [Defra](#)-funded [Clean Air Logistics for London](#) (CALL) programme! During April, we have made progress with the following CALL programme initiatives:

- [Cross River Partnership](#) (CRP) and [Westminster City Council](#) (WCC) launched a six-month micro logistics hub trial in Pimlico, on 17th April. Read more about this exciting scheme in the article above!
- We published "[On track for sustainable logistics: Integrating Rail Freight into London's deliveries](#)". The study investigates the opportunity to use existing station infrastructure to support the efficient and sustainable delivery of freight into Central London using rail. You can find out more [here](#).
- We have also been finalising 'CRP's Thames Directory' - an interactive web tool that aims to promote the use of the Thames for freight to London-based organisations.

- This is due to go live next month.
- We have also completed the installation of a sustainable deliveries hub near Chelsea Harbour Pier in partnership with the [LB of Hammersmith & Fulham](#). The hub includes two cargo bike bays as well as a 2m long [Delivering London](#) Parcel Locker (known as Yeep!). The hub will help to make deliveries to the area more efficient and sustainable.
 - Finally, the pre-retrofit monitoring of 'The Albert' vessel is also taking place this month. This will help us to understand the impact of retrofitting the vessel to become fully electric.

If you are interested in finding out more about CRP's [Clean Air Logistics for London](#) programme or have questions about any of the above initiatives, please contact CRP Programme Manager Fiona Coull fonacoull@crossriverpartnership.org.

CRP Annual Report and Business Plan



CRP is very pleased to publish its [Annual Report and Business Plan 2022 – 2024](#).

This was signed off by the [CRP Board](#) at its most recent meeting in March 2023. Huge thanks must go to [Westminster City Council](#) for playing the accountable body role for Cross River Partnership.

CRP's annual turnover hovers at around the £1.5 million mark, and we hope you agree that together with our partners, the [CRP team](#) manages to deliver a huge number of benefits with that.

Recent highlights include the [London Light Freight River Trial](#), plus a [Rail Report](#) that lays the way for Rail Trial activities, including at Waterloo Station in the [London Borough of Lambeth](#). A Walking Trial in the [London Borough of Camden](#) is set to follow soon – watch this space! And CRP's latest Freight Micro Hub has opened at Q-Park Pimlico, supported by [Infinium Logistics](#), and carried out by [Delivery Mates](#) zero-emission couriers.

All of these measures are doing their bit to improve London's Air Quality.

CRP's updated Mission is to deliver collaboratively solutions that make London fairer, greener and safer. We look forward to continuing doing that with all of you throughout 2023-24, especially through our new [Smarter Greener Logistics Defra](#)-funded programme.

For further information, please contact CRP Director Susannah Wilks susannahwilks@crossriverpartnership.org.

[Find out more](#)



Wednesday 26th April, 6.30pm - 8pm. [Innovation in City Hall](#). LSE Cities.

Thursday 27th April, 12.30pm - 1.30pm. [Measuring Health Impacts in London's Local Plan](#). Royal Town Planning Institute.

Thursday 27th April, 4pm - 5pm. [CRP Conversations: Clean Air Freight: Prioritising Sustainable Logistics](#). HYBRID EVENT, with in-person networking on 18th Floor of Westminster City Hall. Cross River Partnership.

Wednesday 10th - Thursday 11th May. [Future Logistics Conference at ITT Hub](#). Logistics UK.

Wednesday 24th May, 8pm - 9.30pm. [Sadiq Khan: Breathe](#). Southbank Centre.

Monday 29th May - Sunday 4th June. [London Rivers Week 2023](#). Thames 21.

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