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**Spotlight  
on Rail  
Freight**

**CRP's Monthly Newsletter**  
**Tuesday 10th October**





**CROSS RIVER  
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Delivering London's Future Together



**Join us tomorrow for CRP Conversations!**



**CRP CONVERSATIONS**  
IMPROVING AIR QUALITY  
BY ENHANCING RIVER &  
RAIL



There's still time to register for [CRP Conversations: Improving Air Quality by Enhancing River & Rail](#) taking place on **Wednesday 11th October, 4pm - 5pm**.

This Conversation will discuss the potential for a freight hub at Waterloo station, exploring the potential economic, social and environmental benefits that can be achieved by prioritising this space for rail and road-fed micro-logistics hubs.

This is a hybrid panel discussion where in-person attendees can network with refreshments and nibbles at the Lord Mayor's Parlour in [Westminster City Council](#). Please send through any questions you would like our panellists to answer.

Our panellists are:

- Sefinat Otaru, Project Manager, [Cross River Partnership](#)
- Farah Asemi, Founder, [ecofleet](#)
- Dan Fredriksson, [Network Rail's Great British Railways Transitions Team](#)
- Nick Gallop, Director, [Intermodality](#)
- Harshil Patel, Senior Consultant, [Steer](#)

For more information about the event, please email CRP Sustainable Transport Manager Ross Phillips at [rossphillips@crossriverpartnership.org](mailto:rossphillips@crossriverpartnership.org)

[Register here](#)

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## CRP soon to publish new research outputs supporting rail freight



CRP is soon to be launching exciting research, that has been commissioned in collaboration with [Network Rail](#) and the [Great British Railways Transition Team](#) (GBRTT) and led by transport consultants [Steer](#) and [Intermodality](#). The research aims to show the many positive impacts of increasing rail freight coming into Waterloo Station, supported by zero emission onward road journeys across the whole of London.

The Waterloo Freight Hub is planned to support London's economy and environment by bringing more freight into central London via rail rather than via road. Existing undercroft space at Waterloo Station would be used to receive, sort and re-issue the rail freight outwards across much of London, servicing some 3.5 million people and 200,000 businesses.

Join us tomorrow for [CRP Conversations: Improving Air Quality by Enhancing River & Rail](#) where you can hear more about this exciting research!

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## CRP's September Board



The CRP Board met on 26th September 2023 and welcomed its newest member organisation, [Knightsbridge Partnership](#) from the [Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea](#).

The Board thanked Keith Bottomley, Deputy Policy Chairman of the [City of London Corporation](#) for Co-Chairing the CRP Board so ably over recent years – we really appreciate everything he did for us.

The CRP Board formally approved Mary Durcan, Chairman of the [City of London Corporation](#) Port Health and Environmental Services Committee, and Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, taking over Keith's CRP Board Public Sector Co-Chairing role, with immediate effect.

Mary will work alongside Simon Pitkeathley, Chief Executive of [Camden Town Unlimited](#) and [Euston Town BIDs](#), and CRP Board Private Sector Co-Chair, to oversee the work of CRP and its partners over the coming years.

For further information, please contact CRP's Director  
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## Smarter Greener Logistics remains on track



Another month has gone by of CRP's [Smarter Greener Logistics Programme](#) (SGL) and as usual the [team](#) have been working hard to get various programme schemes and initiatives off the ground!

This month has also been particularly successful for the SGL Hub workstream. Over the last few weeks, CRP and [Westminster City Council](#) announced an extension of the [Pimlico hub](#) enabling low emission deliveries to be carried out for another 3 months in the Westminster area and beyond. Similarly, the [Southside Shopping Centre Hub](#) also successfully completed its first whole month of deliveries! These are both excellent outcomes, helping to improve air quality across London.



To find out more about SGL please contact CRP Senior Programme Manager Fiona Coull  
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[Read the full SGL update](#)

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## 2023/24 Defra Air Quality Grant



CRP are pleased to announce that we submitted our application last week for the next round of Air Quality Grants from the [Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs](#) (Defra). The scheme helps eligible local authorities improve air quality and has awarded more than £90 million since 1997.

In recent years, CRP and project partners have been successful in our bid funding, award-winning schemes like [Clean Air Villages](#), as well as [Clean Air Logistics for London](#) and our current [Smarter Greener Logistics](#) programme.

For this round, CRP have partnered with 21 organisations to reduce nitrogen dioxide emissions and other harmful emissions produced by how we move goods and services around London.

We hope for a successful bid when [Defra](#) announces the results in Spring 2024!

For more information, please contact CRP Senior Programme Manager Fiona Coull  
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## Dates for your Diary



Wednesday 11th October, 4pm - 5pm. [CRP Conversations: Improving Air Quality by Enhancing River and Rail](#). Cross River Partnership.

Monday 30th October, 6.30pm - 8.30pm. [Greening the city: Hardworking Horticulture](#). New London Architecture.

Wednesday 8th November. [2023 National Air Quality Conference](#). Air Quality News.

Tuesday 21st November. [Delivering Decarbonisation - Logistics UK Business Conference](#). Logistics UK.

Wednesday 29th November, 4pm - 5pm. [CRP Conversations: Transport Equity](#). Cross River Partnership.

Cross River Partnership is an alliance of Better Bankside BID, Brixton BID, Camden Town Unlimited BID, Central District Alliance, Cheapside Business Alliance, City of London Corporation, Eastern City BID, Euston Town BID, Fleet Street Quarter, Greater London Authority, Groundwork London, Hammersmith BID, Harley Street BID, Hatton Garden BID, Knightsbridge Partnership, 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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