Smarter Greener Logistics Workstream 1 Waterloo Freight Hub







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What is the Waterloo Freight Hub?

The Waterloo Freight Hub workstream is aiming to set up a freight hub at underutilised space in Waterloo Station's undercroft.

Deliveries would be made inbound by road or rail, and then delivered locally by zero emission vehicles.



Why is this important?

- Ecommerce and at-home deliveries are on the rise! 450 million parcels were delivered in London in 2021, with projections this could reach 1 billion in 2030.
- The Courier, Express and Parcel (CEP) market is growing significantly, with a higher percentages of retail sales now made online due to a booming ecommerce industry.
- Currently, just 1% of the rail freight transported on the UK's rail network is from Courier, Express and Parcel market.
- Freight vehicles make up 15% of London's total vehicle miles, but emit one quarter of London's overall transport carbon emissions.

Benefits of the Waterloo Freight Hub

In the long term, a long-distance dedicated freight train into the Waterloo Freight Hub could:



Create 165 new, local, "green jobs"



£44 million in turnover for local businesses per annum



£1.4 million in environmental, social and economic benefits from using rail freight per annum



Nearly 2,500 tonnes of carbon dioxide saved from London's air per annum

Workstream 1: Outputs



CRP will be supporting a 6-month micrologistics hub for a freight operator in the undercroft of Waterloo Station, with inbound deliveries by road freight. A roadfed trial will develop key learnings around how the space functions and will inform future rail-fed freight programmes.



CRP has supported the evidence-base for a Waterloo Freight Hub including:

- A <u>Waterloo Freight Hub Impact Study</u>, quantifying the environmental, economic and social benefits to the area
- Rail Freight Market Research
- Advanced Timetable Planning
- Internal tools to better quantify the potential benefits of different scenarios



Resources

- On track for sustainable logistics: Express Freight Market Analysis
- On track for sustainable logistics: Waterloo Freight Hub Impact Study - Summary Report
- On track for sustainable logistics: Integrating Rail Freight into London's deliveries

Further Information

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