

# WS1: Waterloo Freight Hub

## The First Step Towards a Multi-Modal Waterloo Freight Hub



### Project Overview

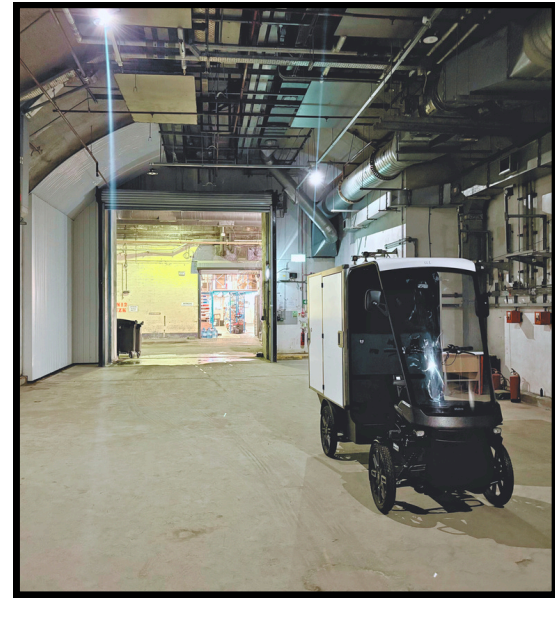
Cross River Partnership has launched an innovative, sustainable and transformative 6-month Trial of zero-emission deliveries from the Waterloo Freight Hub underneath Waterloo Station, supporting residents and businesses across London. The Waterloo Freight Hub will improve air quality across London by shifting freight journeys from polluting vans to electrically assisted cargo bikes, supporting communities to receive more sustainable deliveries at no extra cost.

CRP has been working closely with partners from [Network Rail](#), the [London Borough of Lambeth](#), the [Department for Transport](#), [London and Continental Railways](#), and [Waterloo Station](#), to unlock the potential of underutilised space at Waterloo Station for a Freight Hub. A sustainable last-mile logistics courier, Delivery Mates, will receive, sort and send parcels by electrically-assisted cargo bikes from the hub across London. The Waterloo Freight Hub has been funded by [Defra](#), through the [Smarter Greener Logistics](#) programme.

### Trial & Long Term Vision

The 6-month Trial will see parcels received at an arch space, sized approximately 1,800 sq. ft, in the undercroft of Waterloo Station, by van. Parcels will then be sorted and sent across London to residents and businesses by 10 electrically assisted cargo bikes.

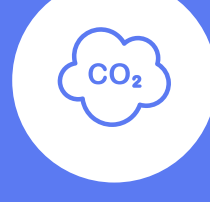
CRP will be sharing learnings from the trial to support the delivery of a longer-term, much larger, Waterloo Freight Hub, with middle-mile deliveries made by road, rail and river. The rail network is unique in being able to transport huge loads of goods at a fraction of the cost of road transport, particularly into dense, urban centres, where vital train station infrastructure is at the heart of our cities, including London. Waterloo could act as a crucial nexus of freight across London and Britain to support the decarbonisation of freight transport, providing boosts to green jobs, productivity, air quality and making London a safer, more sustainable city.



“We are making remarkable progress on our commitment to meet Net Zero by 2030 and clean up the toxic air in Lambeth. The Waterloo Freight Hub is another huge stride on that journey and one that will help drive clean economic growth and new jobs in Waterloo and beyond.”

**Councillor Rezina Chowdhury, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Lambeth and Clean Air, Lambeth Council**

### Trial Impacts



Improvements to Air Quality



Reduction in congestion



Creation of 13 new jobs



Quieter, Safer Roads in London

“Network Rail are excited to be part of an innovative approach to utilising facilities at Waterloo Station and hope that it can demonstrate the potential to trial zero-tailpipe emission infrastructure and future rail freight opportunities at the Waterloo Freight Hub.

**Mike Putnam, Network Rail Acting Chair**

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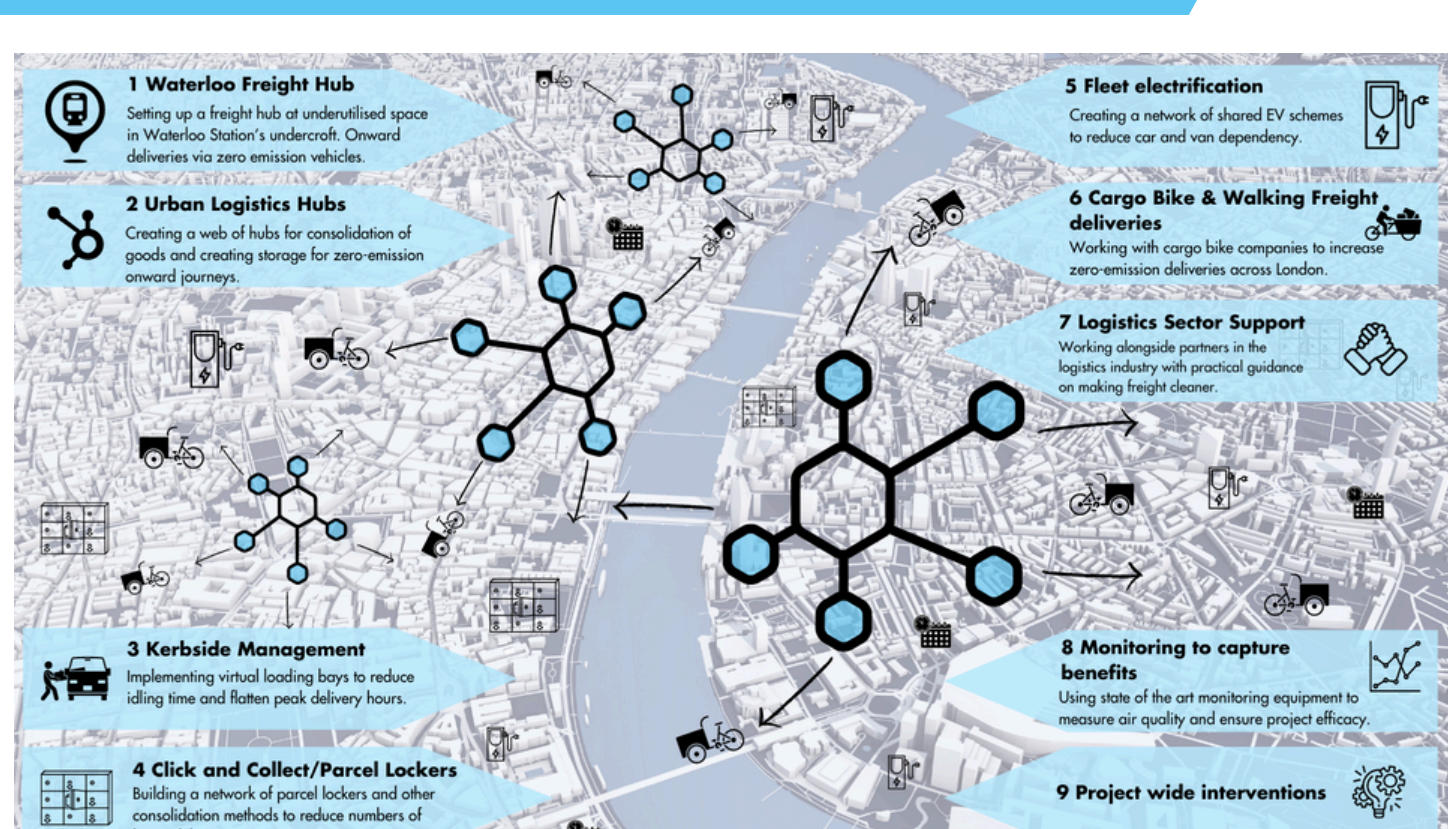
Read our Waterloo Long Term Vision Document [here](#).

## What is Smarter Greener Logistics?

Smarter Greener Logistics (SGL) is a [Defra](#)-funded project led by [Westminster City Council](#) in collaboration with 26 project partners. The project aims to minimise the impact of freight on noise, air quality, traffic and pavement space in London by making improvements across 15 London boroughs and four London Business Improvement Districts (BIDs). SGL will build on the success of CRP’s [Clean Air Logistics for London \(CALL\)](#).

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.

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## Project Partners

Cross River Partnership is proud to be working with the following Local Authorities and other partners.



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