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One Month In as CRP's New Director: Partnerships, Projects and the CRP Board





Time really does fly. It's now been a month since I returned to CRP as Director, having previously been part of the team from 2015 to 2019. Coming back has given me a chance to reflect on how CRP has evolved, and on the things that make the partnership as relevant today as ever.

One thing that definitely hasn't changed is the team's energy and commitment. A team full of enthusiasm, expertise and a shared determination to make London a greener, fairer and healthier place for all.

Conversations with partners have also reinforced why CRP's convening role matters. Bringing together public and private sector partners, combining strategic collaboration with strong local knowledge and translating ideas into delivery remains at the heart of what we do. In a changing and increasingly challenging funding landscape, that collaborative approach feels more valuable than ever.

There have already been some fantastic opportunities to see CRP's work on the ground including the opening of the new micro-logistics hub at Q-Park Leicester Square and joining the Healthy Streets Everyday II site visit to America Street.

My first month culminated in our biannual Board Meeting on 8 October, bringing partners together to share progress, exchange ideas and discuss future collaboration and funding opportunities. We were also delighted to welcome prospective new partners interested in CRP membership.

One month in, I'm excited about what comes next and the opportunities we have to build on CRP's unique collaborative approach.

Please do reach out if you'd like to connect: Tanja Dalle-Muenchmeyer, CRP Director.

CRP Supports Launch of New West End Micro Logistics Hub



CRP is proud to have supported Westminster City Council in the delivery and launch of a new micro logistics hub at Q-Park Leicester Square, enabling sustainable freight and low-emission deliveries in the heart of the West End.

Co-funded by the Westminster Climate Fund and the Zero Emissions Network (ZEN), the hub will enable businesses to receive and send urgent same-day deliveries using e-cargo bikes, reducing van journeys, congestion and pressure on valuable kerbside space. Operated by closer2, the micro logistics hub provides charging and parking infrastructure for e-cargo bikes, supporting cleaner and more efficient last-mile logistics across Westminster and beyond. The hub uses the VoloX VoloTrax digital platform to coordinate safe, compliant and efficient day-to-day operations.

The project builds on the success of Westminster's and CRP's Pimlico micro logistics hub trial and supports the council's ambitions for cleaner air, healthier streets and a decarbonised transport network.

CRP was delighted to join partners and stakeholders at the launch event and looks forward to seeing the positive impact this innovative scheme will have on sustainable urban freight across London. Read the full press release here.

For further information, please contact Isidora Rivera Vollmer, CRP Project Manager.

Explore the Project

From Ambition to Action: New CRP Report Explores Westminster's Decarbonisation Barriers



CRP is pleased to see published *From Ambition to Action: Decarbonisation Barriers Across Westminster Organisations*, a new summary report prepared for Westminster City Council as part of the Sustainable City Charter Innovation Challenge.

Drawing on extensive engagement with organisations across Westminster, the report explores the challenges businesses and institutions face when reducing carbon emissions. Common barriers identified include heritage and building constraints, funding uncertainty, gaps in carbon data and measurement, ageing infrastructure, and operational and resource pressures.

These insights have been used to develop clear problem statements that will help shape the next phase of the Innovation Challenge. The programme will bring together Westminster-based SMEs and Sustainable City Charter signatories to test innovative low-carbon solutions in real-world settings, helping organisations overcome barriers and accelerate practical climate action.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Smith, CRP Communications & Business Development Manager.

Read the Report

Just Streets:
Exploring the Future of Urban Mobility in Milan



In September, CRP joined partners from across Europe in Milan for the final pilot city visit of the Just Streets project, alongside a General Assembly to celebrate progress.

The visit offered a firsthand look at Milan's ambitions for sustainable mobility, including a tour of Corsico, where partners are piloting Local Urban Mobility Hubs (LUMs). These neighbourhood hubs are designed to better connect public transport, walking, cycling, local services and public spaces, helping to create more accessible, vibrant and liveable communities.

Exploring the area brought home the real-world challenges of designing streets that work for everyone. A shared route alongside the canal illustrated the competing demands placed on limited street space, and the importance of considering accessibility and safety alongside wider mobility goals.

A particular highlight was an interactive workshop that encouraged participants to work backwards from a shared vision for Corsico's future. Together, partners explored the practical steps needed to create greener streets, safer journeys, stronger public transport connections and public spaces that support healthier communities.

As Just Streets enters its final stages, the visit provided a valuable reminder that creating healthier, greener and more inclusive places depends on both local action and international cooperation.

To learn more about this work contact CRP Project Manager, Sefinat Otaru.

Explore the Project

Partner News

Transforming Greyfriars Square

Southwark launch new VCS Support Grant



The St Paul's Gyratory Transformation Project is reshaping a traffic-dominated part of the City into a greener, safer and more welcoming environment.

The transformation includes Greyfriars Square, a new 3,500m² public space created by closing the southern section of King Edward Street to traffic. Alongside the new square, the project will introduce safer walking and cycling routes while maintaining access for buses and motor vehicles.

Construction began in April 2025, with Phase 1 due for completion in 2027. A timelapse of the project's construction is available below.

Watch the Video

We Are Waterloo Wins Silver Gilt Award



Southwark Council has recently opened a new Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Support Grant, providing £1.5 million of time-limited support to local VCS organisations experiencing financial pressure.

The one-off investment will run for two years, from 2026 to 2028, and is intended to help organisations adapt as the funding environment changes.

The council makes clear that this is not a new ongoing grants programme, but targeted support designed to help Southwark's voluntary and community sector navigate current financial challenges.

Find Out More

Explore Victoria with London Heritage Quarter



CRP partner We Are Waterloo has been awarded Silver Gilt at the London in Bloom Awards 2026, recognising its work to create greener, more biodiverse, and climate-resilient spaces across Waterloo.

Through community gardening initiatives, urban food-growing projects, pollinator-friendly planting, and sustainable drainage features, We Are Waterloo is helping to create a healthier, more attractive environment for all.

The award demonstrates the value of collaborative action in enhancing public spaces and encouraging community involvement in local environmental improvements. CRP is pleased to have supported greening improvements on Hercules Road through the Healthy Streets Everyday II programme, contributing to Waterloo's greener future.

Find Out More



CRP partner London Heritage Quarter is delivering an expert-led walking tour of Victoria.

The tour will take participants through some of Victoria's most iconic landmarks, including the Victoria Palace and Apollo theatres, home to Hamilton and Wicked, Buckingham Palace, Cardinal Place and the magnificent Westminster Cathedral.

As well as uncovering the area's rich heritage, the tour provides a great opportunity to experience the benefits of walking first-hand, encouraging people to explore central London actively, discover local destinations on foot, and enjoy a healthier, more sustainable way to travel.

Find out more about the tour happening this November.

Join the Tour

Dates for your Diary



- **27th October** - Grantham Institute Annual Lecture 2026 with Anne Hidalgo
- **28th October -** UCL Building Healthier: Panel Discussion
- **9th - 20th November** - COP31 Antalya 2026 UN Climate Summit
- **10th November** - RGS Sustainable Logistics Live 2026
- **26th November -** South Bank & Waterloo Sustainability Summit 2026

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