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CRP and Clean Cities Join Forces on Greener Freight



Cross River Partnership (CRP) is excited to be working with Clean Cities Campaign to develop a Green Freight Measures Toolkit. This will explore how different sustainable freight solutions can support cleaner, more efficient deliveries across London.

The toolkit will explore four key areas:

- Delivery and Servicing Plans, helping organisations better manage their deliveries and servicing.
- Micro-consolidation, including last-mile delivery and e-bike charging hubs.
- Greener vehicles, including subsidised purchases and ‘try before you buy’ schemes.
- Smarter use of the kerbside, including digital loading bays and new roadside loading space.

Drawing on evidence and learnings from CRP’s extensive freight work, alongside wider research and data, we will assess the potential impact of these measures, including emissions savings, costs and opportunities for wider roll-out. This will help build a clearer picture of which approaches could have the greatest impact and how they can be successfully delivered across London.

We’re also keen to hear from CRP partners and wider stakeholders. If you have evidence or learnings from delivering any of these measures, we’d love to hear from you!

The project forms part of a wider Clean Air Fund programme supporting the transition to zero-emission transport. The Toolkit will provide practical evidence and recommendations to support wider freight policy and delivery.

We’re looking forward to getting started and sharing the findings in 2027!

Share Your Insights

A Busy Month of Fundraising Activity for CRP



It’s been a busy month at CRP, with the team developing several funding applications in collaboration with our partners.

Reflecting CRP partners' priorities, the proposed programmes aim to address inequities in exposure to air pollution, reduce reliance on private vehicles and tackle the growing impact of freight on London's air quality. The proposed interventions span a range of approaches, from inclusive, community-led active travel initiatives to innovative zero-emission freight infrastructure and a comprehensive programme impact evaluation.

Developing joint funding bids across a range of public and private sector partners creates valuable opportunities for shared learning and knowledge exchange, while also enabling more efficient programme management and delivery.

A huge thank you to all our partners who have engaged with us throughout this process, shared their invaluable insights and expertise, and helped build support for these proposals among their political and Executive representatives.

While we await feedback on the submitted applications, we continue to explore new funding opportunities. If there are any joint funding opportunities or projects you would like CRP to consider developing, we'd love to hear from you.

Get In Touch

Engaging Westminster on the Future of Sustainable Deliveries



CRP has been engaging with organisations, businesses and communities across Westminster as part of our latest work with Westminster City Council, funded by the Westminster Climate Fund.

The research is exploring the potential for micro logistics hubs to support cleaner, more efficient deliveries across Westminster.

To support this work, we've spoken with a wide range of stakeholders, including Westminster City Council teams, landowners, logistics operators, industry bodies,

Business Improvement Districts and local businesses. We've also heard directly from residents and community groups through local engagement sessions, including in Connaught Village and Church Street, as well as the Mayfair Neighbourhood Forum. A huge thank you to everyone who has taken the time to contribute to the research and share their experiences with us.

We're now bringing all of this work together, so watch this space for the final report in early 2027!

Find Out More

COP31: Driving Global Ambition Through Local Climate Action



The 31st UN Climate Change Conference (COP31) is underway in Antalya, Turkey, bringing governments, businesses and civil society together to advance global action on climate change. This year, there is a strong focus on implementation: moving from commitments and targets to action that delivers real-world results.

Cities are central to the climate transition, both as major contributors to emissions and as places on the frontline of climate impacts. Transport, freight, buildings and the use of public space all shape urban emissions, while cities must also adapt to the increasingly local impacts of climate change and poor air quality.

At CRP, we work with local authorities, Business Improvement Districts, businesses and communities to deliver practical solutions, from cleaner freight and sustainable travel to business decarbonisation, improved air quality and healthier, more resilient places. Projects such as our award-winning Waterloo Freight Hub have explored how consolidation and e-cargo bikes can reduce conventional road freight, alongside School Streets and other interventions supporting walking, cycling and cleaner travel.

By testing interventions in real places, measuring their impact and sharing learning, we help turn climate ambitions into practical solutions that can be replicated and

scaled. As COP31 discussions continue in Antalya, we're putting climate commitments into action here in London.

Do you have a location, challenge or project where collaboration could help turn climate commitments into delivery? Get in touch to chat with the team!

Collaborate with Us

Green Scene

The 2026 Good Parks for London Report is Now Live

A greener London is a more resilient London.

That's a key message from the Good Parks for London 2026 – Resilience report, celebrating how parks and green spaces can help London respond to climate and nature pressures while bringing communities together. And there's real progress to celebrate, with two-thirds of participating boroughs improving their performance.

CRP and its partners are putting this into practice through Healthy Streets Everyday 2 (HSE 2), bringing more trees, planting, green corridors and rain gardens to London's streets. Projects including Hercules Road and New Oxford Street show how greening can support biodiversity and climate resilience while creating healthier, more welcoming public spaces.

Read the Report

Camden High Street is Going Permanently Traffic-free

After an 18-month trial, Camden Council is making the pedestrianisation of part of Camden High Street permanent.

The scheme has created more space for walking and cultural events, delivered positive environmental and safety outcomes, and maintained business spending at pre-trial levels. Across monitoring sites, NO_2 levels were 14.4% lower in the year after implementation, while no collisions were recorded on the High Street during the first nine months. The Council are also considering a potential extension of the scheme towards Chalk Farm Road.

It's a great example of the kind of cleaner, safer and more people-focused streets that CRP and its partners champion across London, supporting active travel, better air quality and more enjoyable public spaces.

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What Caused London's Latest Pollution Spike?

London experienced unusually high particulate pollution last week as light winds and fog limited the dispersion of emissions, allowing pollution to accumulate close to the ground. Fireworks and bonfires also contributed.

11 monitoring sites across England reached the highest pollution band, while PM2.5 in Hillingdon peaked at a 24-hour average of 129 µg/m³, more than eight times the World Health Organisation guidance value.

Around 41% of UK Particulate Matter (PM) concentrations come from UK human-generated sources, including domestic wood burning and vehicle tyre and brake wear. Events like this reinforce the importance of CRP and its partners' work to reduce emissions through cleaner freight, active travel and lower-emission transport, helping lower the baseline pollution onto which short-term episodes are added.

Find Out More

London BIDs Push for Cleaner Freight and TfL Collaboration

London's BIDs are stepping up collaboration on the future of the capital's streets. Thirty BIDs have called for clearer policies and closer working with the Mayor to accelerate the transition to zero-emission commercial vehicles, drawing on evidence from the Netherlands showing how supportive policy can drive much faster EV van uptake. Read the letter here.

At the same time, TfL is strengthening how it works with BIDs through a new BID CEO Forum and wider programme of engagement. This will create more opportunities for BIDs and TfL experts to work together on priorities including sustainable travel, public realm, safety, freight and sustainability.

If you are a BID that hasn't been contacted, please reach out.

Read More



- **9th - 20th November** - COP31 Antalya 2026 UN Climate Summit

- **12th November - 2nd January** - Follow The Star Festive Light Trail & Competition, Central District Alliance
- **26th November** - South Bank & Waterloo Sustainability Summit 2026
- **26th Nov & 9th Dec** - Dickensian Christmas Walking Tours, Eastern City BID
- **10th December** - COP, Carbon & Cake: lessons from Antalya and Yerevan for London Bridge, Team London Bridge



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