



ENVIBE BRIEFING 2

Freight Quality Partnership

The Council has funding from Transport for London to set up a sub-regional freight quality partnership among the London Boroughs of Croydon, Merton, Bromley, Sutton, Lewisham and Wandsworth), with Croydon as the lead borough.

The aim will be to implement measures in borough air quality action plans and the Mayor's Air Quality, Transport and Noise Strategies that would address air quality, noise and congestion issues from road freight.

The FQP will seek to develop new, and enhance existing, sustainable distribution system for goods and services, striking a balance between economic and environmental considerations.

Objectives of the FQP will be to:

- undertake night time delivery trials in conjunction with business
- promote the use of alternatively-fuelled vehicles and retrofit of emissions control technology (e.g. particulate traps, selective catalytic regeneration etc.) among freight fleet operators
- undertake a feasibility study for establishing freight hubs and local consolidation centres
- carry out a review of through goods traffic in residential roads, with a view to reducing congestion, noise and pollution and improving road safety near schools and in residential areas in deprived wards.

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Low emission zone

The Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone, has given a commitment to the introduction of a low emission zone for London. The zone would prohibit the most polluting lorries, buses and coaches from Greater London from 2007 unless they are fitted with a technology to reduce emissions (such as a particulate filter) or converted to run on alternative, low emission fuels. The low emission zone constitutes the key measure in the Council's Air Quality Action Plan for lowering air pollution levels towards statutory air quality objective limits. The Mayor will bring forward consultation proposals in the summer of 2005.