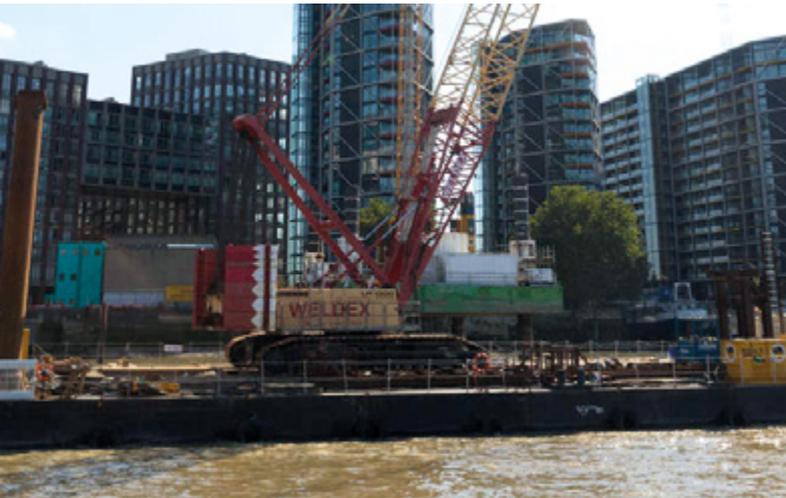


# Logistics for London

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## London needs logistics

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We believe that, by working with the logistics industry, London's elected representatives can make the city a better place to live and work. It can become cleaner, safer and more prosperous.

The Covid-19 pandemic has shown how logistics is essential to the everyday functioning of London: it can and must be part of

the solution to meet the challenges currently facing the capital.

To achieve this, we need:

- 1 The appointment of a Freight Commissioner to create a vision for enabling efficient logistics and to develop a world-class freight and logistics environment in the capital. Such a commissioner, working directly under the Mayor, would help ensure the effective implementation of the Mayor's Transport Strategy freight recommendations and develop a long-term road map for the sector.

- 2 Support for radical reform of the London Lorry Control Scheme, which currently forces HGVs on lengthy detours overnight and at weekends resulting in additional miles, cost and emissions, to enable lorries to avoid the most congested time of the day when vulnerable road users are using London's roads.

- 3 The delivery of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure to support van fleets in the shift to zero emission technology, plus support in finding a fairer way to fund grid supply upgrades for depot charging to enable fleets to invest in EVs at scale.

- 4 New infrastructure to encourage more walking and cycling designed to protect vulnerable road users, whilst retaining capacity on major routes, kerbside access and access to residential streets for home deliveries to support efficient logistics that meet local and pan-London needs.

This document sets out the key actions London can take to maximise progress on the issues that concern us all, whilst ensuring London still gets the goods it needs delivered.

## Economy

London depends on reliable and efficient logistics to deliver food, clothes, documents, medicines, building and construction materials.

Our industry delivers a constant supply of goods and services for London’s residents, workers and visitors, clears the waste, supports jobs and keeps the capital going, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### Logistics UK’s key asks for the economy

- 1 Appoint a Freight Commissioner for London to create a vision for enabling efficient logistics and to develop a world-class freight and logistics environment in the capital.
- 2 Support a radical reform of the London Lorry Control Scheme, to drive down costs by maximising supply chain efficiencies and reduce the number of vehicles required to meet customer needs
- 3 Unlock economic growth and connectivity by delivering the Silvertown tunnel by 2025 and supporting the creation of a network of new road river crossings in East London.
- 4 Ensure sufficient logistics land is available in the appropriate locations and protected for future use, to ensure the industry can efficiently serve London’s growing population.
- 5 Manage road congestion via high-quality infrastructure and improved traffic management, to support efficient deliveries

### Delivering the house – the essential role of logistics in building new homes



## Environment

Improving London's air quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions is one of the capital's highest priorities – the logistics industry recognises this and has already delivered significant progress.

Through cohesive policies, the logistics industry can be part of the solution to reach the goals of progressively minimising emissions in London.

### Logistics UK's key asks for the environment

- 1 Support a radical reform of the London Lorry Control Scheme to help reduce emissions and congestion, by encouraging fewer delivery journeys using larger vehicles, ahead of the morning peak and at night.
- 2 Avoid HGV regulations and restrictions that force logistics movements to unnecessarily replace a single vehicle with several smaller ones, resulting in increased traffic and emissions.
- 3 Assist the industry in moving to electric and alternatively fuelled vehicles by ensuring sufficient logistics land is available in the right locations and with the required refuelling and recharging infrastructure.
- 4 Safeguard wharves and promote the use of water freight in construction-project supply chains and allow access to rail paths and stations to support modal shift.
- 5 Allow access to underutilised bus lanes for lorries, and review road layouts, signage and traffic signals – with the aim of delivering a smooth flow of traffic during common periods of heavy road use, to reduce congestion and lower emissions.

### Efficient urban deliveries



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## Safety

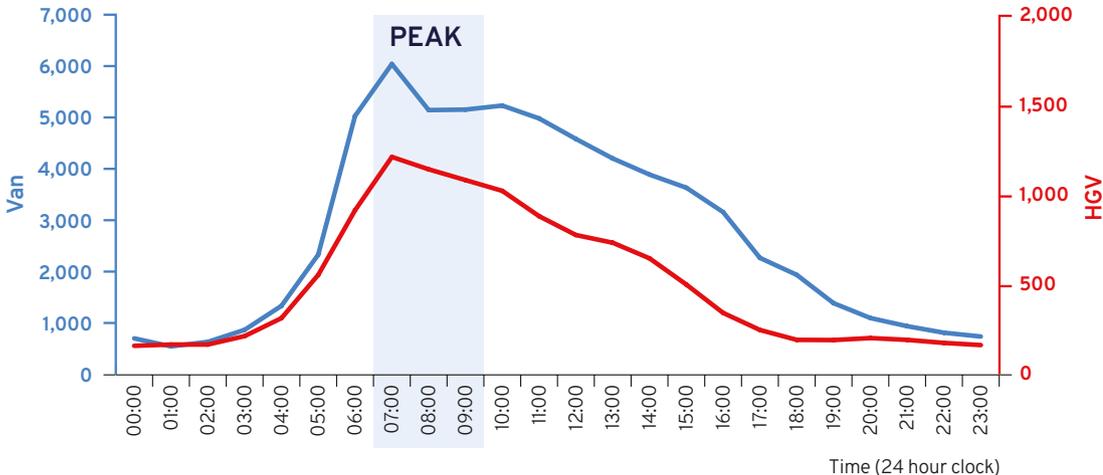
Improving the safety of vulnerable road users on London's roads has been a long-standing priority for the logistics industry, sought through driver training, technical improvements to vehicles and community engagement. Logistics UK is committed to working with Transport for London (TfL) on the safety agenda and the Vision Zero approach to road danger reduction.

Motorised road freight will remain the dominant method of delivering the goods required by London each day – the route to dramatically improving safety lies with technology, in assisting the driver to ensure incidents become an increasingly rare occurrence.

### Logistics UK's key asks for safety

- 1 Support a radical reform of the London Lorry Control Scheme to enable deliveries to be made out of peak hours to avoid the times when vulnerable road users are using London's roads.
- 2 Deliver high-quality infrastructure designed with spaces that protect vulnerable road users whilst retaining capacity on major routes, kerbside access and access to residential streets for home deliveries to support efficient logistics that meet local and pan-London needs.
- 3 Increase enforcement against serially non-compliant HGV operators in London via the London Freight Enforcement Partnership, to drive up compliance with existing regulations and standards.

### Current freight flows show opportunities to re-time logistics outside of the peak hours for vulnerable road users



Source: *Travel in London, Report 10, Transport for London*

## About Logistics UK

LOGISTICS UK is one of the biggest business groups in the UK, representing the entire logistics industry. Its role, on behalf of over 18,000 members, is to enhance the safety, efficiency and sustainability of freight movement across the supply chain, regardless of transport mode. Logistics UK members operate over 200,000 goods vehicles – almost half the UK fleet – and some 1,000,000 liveried vans. In addition, they consign over 90% of the freight moved by rail and over 70% of sea and air freight.

Logistics UK's mission is to make logistics safer, cleaner and more efficient. We seek to ensure that our members can supply our towns and cities with the goods they require every day, whilst reducing any social impacts – including air pollution. As information about the health impacts of some atmospheric pollutants has grown, the issue of lowering local air quality emissions has risen in its importance. The logistics industry accepts that emissions need to reduce compared to their historic levels.



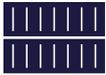
**18,000** members make us one of the biggest business groups in the UK, representing the entire logistics industry.



Our members operate **over half** of the UK lorry fleet.



**300+** staff and associates are here to support the industry.



Our members consign over **90%** of rail freight and **70%** of UK exports by sea and air.



We handle over **50,000** queries from our members every year.



Over **200,000** heavy goods vehicles are controlled by our members.



We train over **10k** people every year.

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