

## **Delivery Servicing and Freight**

### **18. Update of local authority Procurement policies to include a requirement for suppliers with large fleets to have attained silver FORS accreditation.**

FORS is an over-arching scheme that encompasses all aspects of safety, fuel efficiency, economical operations and vehicle emissions. It is a voluntary scheme that helps improve operators' performance in each of these areas. Procurement services are currently investigating the impacts on costs for suppliers. There is a potential for this to be a more onerous requirement for small suppliers and hence would disproportionately disadvantage them. Procurement services are therefore investigating this measure further before making a decision on whether to implement it.

### **19. Update of Procurement Policies to ensure sustainable logistical measures are implemented (and include requirements for preferentially scoring bidders based on their sustainable criteria)**

The impact to carbon emissions of the supply chain is well documented, but the resulting emissions of NOx and PM10 are often not considered in procurement policy decisions. The public sector is a major consumer and procures, indirectly, a significant number of road transport vehicles. There is considerable scope to drive down emissions through the adoption of fit-for-purpose procurement strategies, including sustainable logistical measures which can also offer cost savings to fleet operators. There have been some tenders within Ealing which have included sustainable logistical measures as part of the process. Ensuring this is included within other relevant tenders will be taken forward.

### **20. Re-organisation of freight to support consolidation (or micro-consolidation) of deliveries, by setting up or participating in new logistics facilities, and/ or requiring that council suppliers participate in these.**

Consolidation is the process of rearranging and combining shipments to reduce the number of deliveries you make. The aim is to reduce the number of vehicles carrying freight entering a city by making sure their carrying capacity is fully used. This brings with it cost savings and environmental benefits; it helps to reduce congestion and associated emissions, as well as making the road safer for all users. This is already being implemented at Ealing Broadway, and will be implemented in the Park Royal area which is home to more than 2,000 businesses and over 40,000 jobs and suffers particularly poor air quality due to its proximity to the A40 and A406 road corridors.

The Council will use the Mayor's Air Quality Fund Round 2 to joint fund an initiative which aims to replicate the success of the Ealing Broadway Air Quality exemplar waste collection initiatives. The Ealing Broadway Scheme successfully increased the numbers of businesses using centrally managed recycling and pest control services and the introduction of a food waste recycling service. This led to a reduction of 8,650 vehicle trips per year.

### **21. Virtual Loading Bays and priority loading for ultra-low emission delivery vehicles.**

Virtual Loading Bays allow the user to book kerb space online for loading and unloading at a particular time and place. This pre-booked space becomes a 'Virtual Parking Bay'. This allows drivers to load and unload in close proximity to their delivery point without causing congestion and without the risk of receiving a Penalty Charge Notice. Through using GPS and sensory technology, this initiative could go even further and could designate loading bays as priority access for ultra-low emission delivery vehicles. Virtual Loading bays have been investigated by parking services in the past, but not taken forward due to issues of practicality. This option may be revisited in the future, but will not be implemented imminently.