



## The London Plan's policy guidance on water freight

The London Plan outlines the vital role water has to play in the future of freight movement round the Capital. We highlight some key points here. For more information on visit <http://www.london.gov.uk/thelondonplan/>

### [Freight and the Blue Ribbon Network \(4C.8 in London Plan\)](#)

*"...the Mayor will, and boroughs should, support increased use of the Blue Ribbon Network to transport freight. It also says that new developments close to navigable waterways should use water transport for bulk materials where possible, particularly during demolition and construction phases..."*

### [Spatial policies for waste management \(4A.22\)](#)

*..." where waste cannot be dealt with locally, promote waste facilities that have good access to rail transport or the Blue Ribbon Network in accordance with Policy 4C.8.*

*.."safeguard waste sites, including wharves (in accordance with Policy 4C.9), with an existing or future potential for waste management and ensure that adjacent development is designed accordingly to minimise the potential for conflicts of use and disturbance."*

### [Spatial policies to support the better use of aggregates \(4A.31\)](#)

*".. minimise the movement of aggregates by road, and maximise the movement of aggregates via the Blue Ribbon Network in accordance with policies in Chapter 4C"*

Both policies above note the importance of water freight in sustainable transportation.

### [Safeguarded wharves on the Blue Ribbon Network \(4C.9\)](#)

*"..The Mayor will and boroughs should protect safeguarded wharves for cargo-handling uses, such as inter-port or transhipment movements and freight-related purposes and the transport of waste".*

As wharves are vital to encourage the use of water freight, 50 wharves within Greater London have been safeguarded following the [London Plan implementation report](#)

Many boroughs support the use of water freight and include it in their Local Development Frameworks.