



Delivering Safe, Sustainable and Efficient Freight for Tyne and Wear

Tyne and WearFreight Partnership

Improving Routing through a Successful Freight Quality Partnership

Presentation to the Urban Freight – Last Mile Challenge Conference

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Outline of Presentation

- Background to the FQP
- Achievements and Routing
- Challenges
- Lessons Learnt



Background

- 2004-05 freight considered to be 'neglected' area of local transport policy
- 2005 Nature of Freight Study carried out recommended a freight strategy
- Key part of strategy was to set up a
 Freight Partnership
 for Tyne and Wear





Members include Local Authorities, Trade Associations, Freight Operators, Highways Agency, Ports, two local Universities and NECTAR (environmental body)

- Quarterly Meetings of the full Partnership at rotating venues
- Six-monthly meetings of the Rail Partner Group
- Partnership website (to be refreshed this year)
- Funding through the Local Transport Plan – supported by all five authorities in Tyne and Wear





Achievements

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• March 2008 - the Partnership wins the FTA's 'Freight Quality Partnership of the Year Award'. 9 FQPs were shortlisted, from a total of 122 in England

•2008 - the Partnership receives the CILT's Annual Award for Transport Planning and Policy from HRH Princess Anne (CILT Patron), beating competition from the multi-million pound Docklands Light Railway

•2010-11 – part of EU Civitas CATALIST project

•2011-13 – part of C-LIEGE project

•2012 – Launch of Tyne and Wear FORS, the first FORS scheme outside London











Fleet Recognition

- Fleet Operator Recognition
 Scheme (FORS) launched in
 Tyne and Wear spring 2012
- 119 companies, operating 4,300 vehicles are now covered by the Tyne and Wear scheme, including four local authority fleets



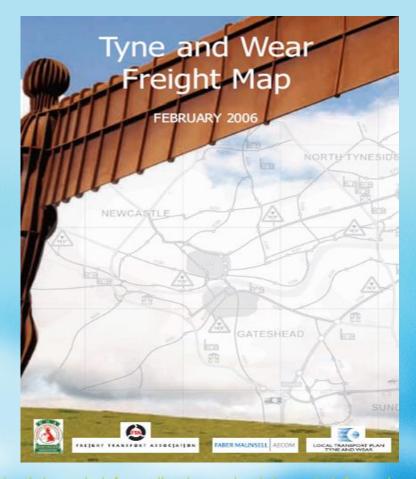
First bronze members – Port of Tyne and Sunderland City Council





Routing – the Last Mile Challenge

- Regional Freight Map first edition 2006
- Second Edition Oct 2008
- 3,000 copies distributed





Online Mapping and Routing

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See video file

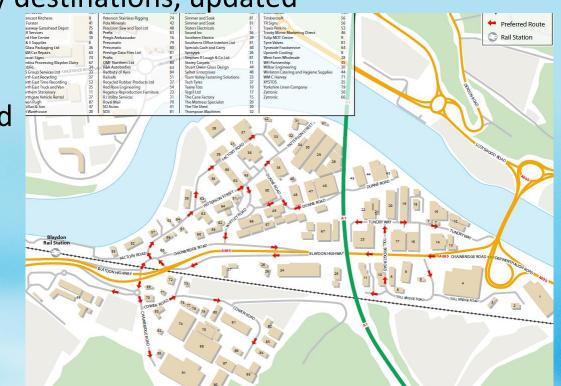




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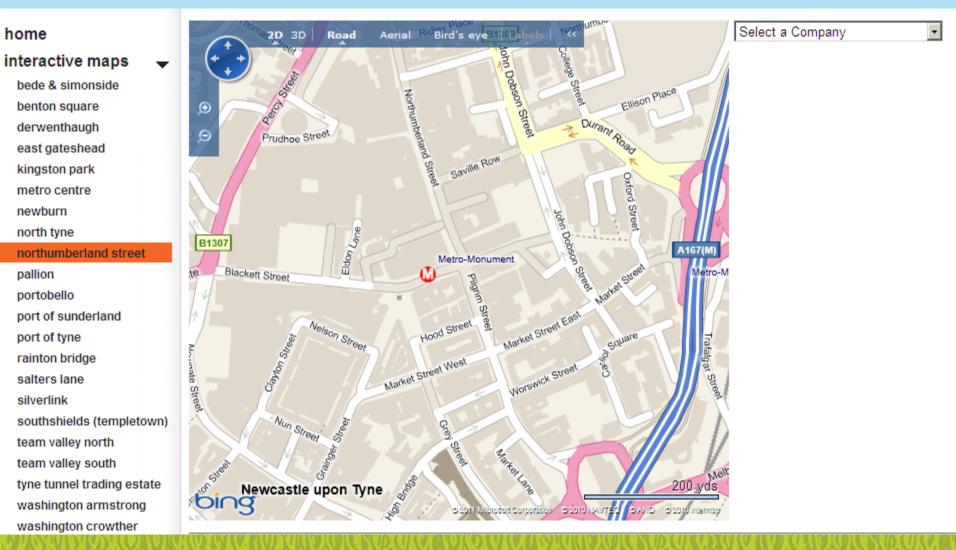
- 25 PDF maps for key destinations, updated annually;
- Identifying preferred routes with directions;
- Available to send out to suppliers;

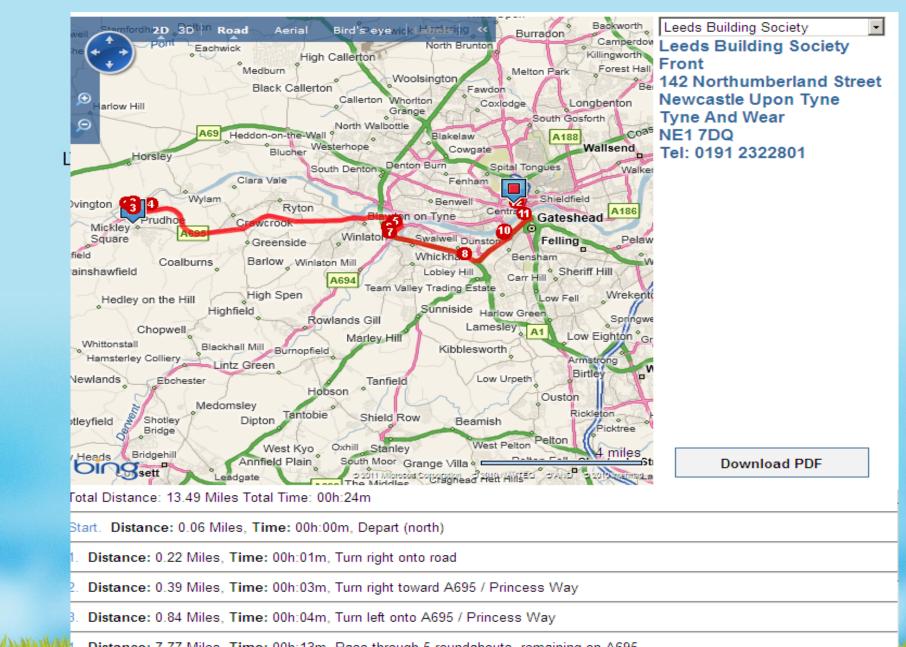


 Also converted to interactive, online maps.



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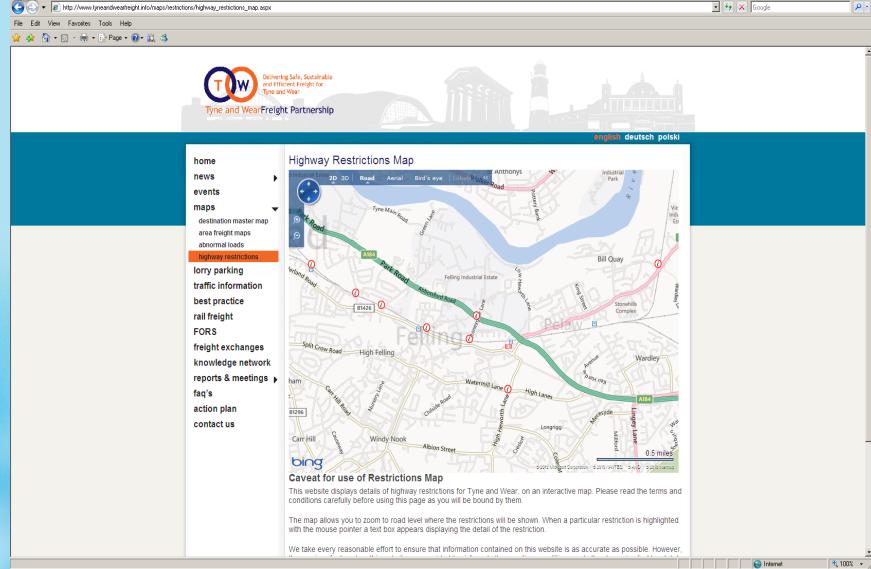




Distance: 7.77 Miles, Time: 00h:13m, Pass through 5 roundabouts, remaining on A695

Distances 2.02 Miles, Times 00b;12m, At roundabout, take 2nd exit ente A604

Highway Restrictions Map



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Maps and Routing – other measures

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- Destination maps available via Information Points at Durham Services and aboard DFDS Ferry "Pride of Seaways"
- Signage studies carried out for Port of Tyne, North Tyneside and Sunderland city centre



 Next step – add maps to mobile and handheld devices



Challenges

- Ongoing budget pressures
- Securing involvement from a wider number of operators
- Keeping meetings fresh and interesting
- Restricted geographical boundaries the new Combined Authority offers a possible opportunity to widen the footprint of the FQP include Durham and Northumberland

Key Lessons

- Importance of strong political and officer support emphasising the role of freight movement in the local economy
- Good track record of achievement encourages continued investment
- Budget enables delivery of tangible measures
- Wide variety of stakeholders represented
- Keeping meetings fresh and interesting updates, presentations on new topics, guest speakers, site visits



 The Partnership is viewed as an example of "best practice" in the UK and in Europe – but we aren't resting on our laurels!







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Thank you for listening

Questions?

