



WLB CEO Update

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Dear colleague,

Last Thursday night at WLB's House of Commons reception, we launched The West London Zero Carbon Energy Project. The new initiative, developed with member company Beond, will enable lower cost purchase of green electricity through group buying. It advances one of the recommendations of the ['Green City in the West' report](#), which was published by the West London Sustainability and Climate Change Commission in March 2017. Find out more and register your interest on the project website:



www.zerocarbonwest.london

At the House of Commons, [my opening remarks focussed on a wide variety of recent events](#) in West London, the UK and the challenging findings of the Edelman Trust Barometer 2017. In addition, [we put a spotlight on five innovative West London start-ups from West London universities](#) that are addressing environmental and social issues, whilst creating economic value.

Also last Thursday, we were delighted to announce the launch of the [West London Business Awards 2018](#), which will take place at Wembley Stadium on Thursday 1 February 2018. This year the awards will feature two new categories: Health and Wellbeing Business of the Year and Start-up of the Year. [Nominations are now open and the deadline for entries is midnight, Friday 3 November.](#)

Finally, I would like to extend my congratulations to the [Uxbridge Business Improvement District \(BID\)](#) team who saw their proposal to establish the Uxbridge BID approved last week. [To find out about their five year work programme, read their business plan.](#)

Responding to the Grenfell Tower disaster



Many West London business have been supporting the immediate relief efforts after the disaster. The current need is for a donation of warehouse space to store donations over the next six months.

Geoff Wilkinson, MD of WLB member Wilkinson Construction Consultants, has been contributing to the national media debate on the lessons we must learn from the tragedy. He argues that serious questions must be answered.

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Mayor's Draft Transport Strategy

Member news

Ealing, Hammersmith and West London's College and Kensington and Chelsea College announce planned merger

Ealing, Hammersmith and West London's College and Kensington & Chelsea College have announced that they are starting a process to merge the two colleges in order to broaden the opportunities available to learners and help meet the future needs of employers across the region.

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New Agreement to Boost Heathrow Rail Services

Heathrow, Transport for London (TfL) and the Department for Transport have agreed a commitment to boost integrated rail connectivity to the airport.

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Mayor Sadiq Khan's draft transport strategy was published on 21 June 2017 for public consultation which runs until 2 October 2017.

The central aim of the mayor's transport strategy is to create a future London that is not only home to more people, but is a better place for all of those people to live in. His vision includes reducing Londoner's dependency on cars in favour of increased walking, cycling and public transport use.

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