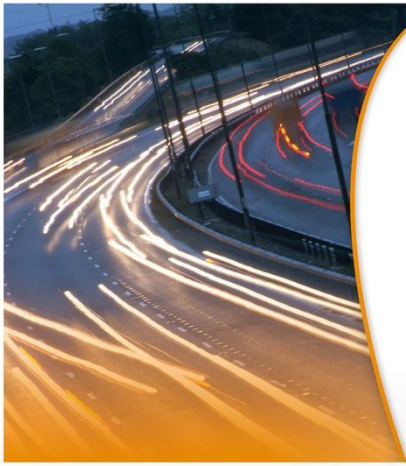


Assess freight provision using FERS



What is FERS?

Co-developed by TRL and Transport for London, the Freight Environment Review System (FERS) is a tool for assessing and rating freight activity in street environments.

FERS can be used to quickly and cost-effectively assess the quality and suitability of:

- Loading capacity
- Signage
- Infrastructure provisioning
- Access routes
- Safety
- Provision for specialist industries such as cash-in-transit and brewery.



PERS footway map showing Red/Amber/Green ratings

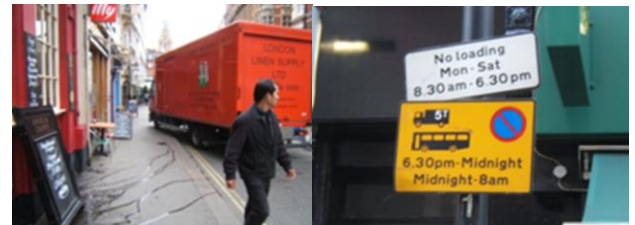
Why use FERS?

In many busy urban areas freight makes up a significant proportion of all traffic movements and street capacity. This is coupled with the difficulty and congestion caused by manoeuvring onto loading spaces and often inappropriate loading caused by a lack of provision. By better understanding what, why, and how freight moves within an area its impacts can be addressed.

What issues can FERS help to solve?

FERS can be used to identify many different problems in the freight environment including:

- Where demand and capacity for freight space are mismatched
- Non-compliant or misleading signage
- Damage to infrastructure
- Difficulty in accessing an area
- Difficulties in moving vehicles around an area
- Theft of goods (especially cash-in-transit)
- Risk to the driver and other street users
- Congestion caused by freight activity.



How does FERS work?

FERS is based upon a street audit of vehicle movement and goods movement outside of the vehicle, data collection, and desk-based review. Results are placed within a report with extensive use of mapping to easily identify issues. The client then has the choice of applying their own engineering judgement to solutions or requesting these are added to the report.

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