

## **LRAG Interim News Update – 21 July 2023**

### Stakeholder Input for Development of Public Engagement

The Consultation Institute (TCI) is advising Surrey County Council on the best means of engaging with the public. LLAG is part of a group of stakeholders, who have been asked to provide inputs to the engagement process, for SCC to present the design and implementation to the public in a series of drop-in events later in the year. The group is generally referred to as the Stakeholder Reference Group (STRG).

As part of the development of a series of questions and answers at these events, TCI have asked for stakeholders to provide topics of interest, concern, etc., in fact virtually anything you can think of connected with the Active Travel Scheme. The inputs are made via this link:

[https://miro.com/welcomeonboard/b05EZzd0NVRXOTRsZW9LU29aOUVRejhSRGJRb0dOWjZQbk0wakdpNXI2TENrTkFHQ1Z2cWIXMnY4NHBJdVJBSnwzNDU4NzYONTU3NzU4MDI5MjcwDI=?share\\_link\\_id=242486502221](https://miro.com/welcomeonboard/b05EZzd0NVRXOTRsZW9LU29aOUVRejhSRGJRb0dOWjZQbk0wakdpNXI2TENrTkFHQ1Z2cWIXMnY4NHBJdVJBSnwzNDU4NzYONTU3NzU4MDI5MjcwDI=?share_link_id=242486502221). The time limitation is merely to allow some analysis of the inputs in advance of the next STRG meeting on 26th July.

Once you have created your account you can enter as many comments as you wish, about all aspects of the Active Travel Scheme; your views on concerns and benefits. TCI have software which will then collate and prioritise comments, and sift out the important stuff for discussing at next week's meeting.

There are 2 options for recipients of this message:

- do nothing, but that could allow the system to bias towards those who make the effort, and could show an apparent public disinterest or,
- spend a few minutes every day between now and next Tuesday filling the system with as many comments as possible.

For once, this is open to as many of your network as can be reached and I suggest that it is put out to all our contributors to get as much written down as possible.

There are no holds barred on topics, and LLAG has been encouraged to get as many comments as possible, which will be distilled into what is inferred as priorities.

We do have a concern that no weighting will be applied, and so comments made by those not in the immediate vicinity, and not directly affected, may have as much value as local residents, businesses, etc.

### Traffic Management Plans During Construction

A presentation was given about traffic management during construction, and copies of the presentation are awaited to be able to share precise details.

Basically, daytime 2-way traffic will be assured throughout about 60 weeks of construction for the entire scheme. The construction will be performed during night-time working (8pm to 5 am) with intermittent road closures, notwithstanding a remark made on 5<sup>th</sup> January that night-time working would be kept to a minimum, and that noise would not be a factor "as most properties were well set back from the road". No diversion plans were offered and residents will be allowed access throughout.