

LRAG News Update –25 April 2023

LRAG Website

Following several public enquiries about progress of plans for the Active Travel Scheme, LLAG decided that it would be useful to provide a website containing more up-to-date and regular insight than appears on the Surrey CC website. It has a rather strange address <https://lrags.weebly.com/> but the domain host organisation, Weebly, provides a free service.

STRG News

On 20 April Surrey CC published a three-line update on their website confirming slippage in the timescale “to allow time for the stakeholders to co-produce an engagement plan and to consider the revised design and proposed delivery”. This phrasing is interesting because it reads as if the production of a plan might be possible prior to the consideration of design and delivery.

The minutes of the first STRG meeting have still not been officially published, but as reported in last week’s news there was a clear acceptance that development of any engagement plan has to be based on full knowledge of what is being proposed. So, the slippage is to allow time for Surrey CC’s preparation of the revised design and delivery, before further stakeholder involvement.

Media Interest

The editor of the Guildford Dragon requested an updated press release and this was provided on 21st April. However, the on-going confrontations over the forthcoming Borough Council elections continue to fill the front pages, and the story has not yet appeared. The [press release](#) is available by clicking this link in case it does not appear soon in the media.

The BBC Local Democracy reporter has also asked to speak to some members of the STRG in order to get an update on what has been happening.

London Road Closure ePetition

Despite several messages announcing arrangements for the London Road Closure petition to be heard on 25th April, the hearing was postponed with no future date offered. Apparently, the wrong Cabinet Member had been assigned responsibility for dealing with the matter, and the necessary written brief to accompany the meeting agenda was not available.