

LRAG News Update –2 May 2023

The subject of Active Travel Schemes has been brought back into the spotlight by the media this week, both at local and national level. Also, there has been an acknowledgment by Surrey CC that revised plans for cycle lanes on London Road do need to be available for scrutiny by the Sustainable Travel Reference Group (STRG) in order to create a meaningful public engagement.

Local Media News

Articles by Emily Coady-Stemp, local democracy reporter, have been published in both the Guildford Dragon and Surrey Live, confirming that the original plan to close the northbound lane of London Road for 5 months has been discarded. Both articles can be quickly accessed from the LLAG Website, by clicking on this link: [NEWS UPDATES](#)

National Media News

Part of the London Road Active Travel Scheme involves creating a safe method for cyclists to negotiate the incredibly busy Boxgrove Roundabout. This week national media, including the BBC Radio 4 PM programme, have been reviewing the safety of the first and, so far, only UK Dutch-style roundabout that was installed in Cambridge.

According to these reports this particular roundabout, where cyclists and pedestrians are given priority over vehicles, has suffered a greater accident rate than the earlier standard (10 after 3 years of use, compared to 6 in the preceding 3 years). A spokesperson on the radio report gave a hint that part of the cause may be due to a lack of familiarity by drivers.

It does seem that not all Councils are convinced about Dutch-style roundabouts. North Yorkshire Council have decided not to proceed with one in Harrogate.

Again, these items can be quickly accessed from the LLAG Website, by clicking on this link: [BOXGROVE ROUNDABOUT](#)

STRG

Surrey CC have confirmed to STRG stakeholders that revised plans will not be available until early June. They are in the process of canvassing dates for the next meeting of the group. LLAG is adamant that sufficient time must be given for stakeholders to study the details, in order for the development of an appropriate public engagement.

As soon as a date for the next meeting is set LLAG will publish it on this page of their website: [STRG](#)