

LRAG Update 29 Jan 23

Sorry not to have been in touch sooner, but we have a few i's and t's to dot and cross in completing our documentation for wide circulation and have been hoping that Surrey CC would have published a bit more than further promises. They have just published another update on their website, in which the most useful piece of information is an acknowledgment that their stated accident rate for London Road (89 since 2017) was a "recording error". Cannily, they do not state a replacement figure for comparison but I have collated the data and these are the correct figures: **2017 to 2022** inclusive, if both roundabouts at either end are taken into account, there were **12 accidents involving cyclists**, with 13 casualties (1 serious). If you **ignore the roundabouts** and just consider London Road itself there were **8 accidents involving cyclists**, with 9 casualties but none serious.

The other news is that the scheme is unlikely to start construction before the summer holidays, with Surrey CC wanting to start contact with stakeholders by the end of February, and arrange drop-in events in March/April. Despite offers from LRAG to facilitate the engagement, there is an impression that they want to make sure they are in charge of whose views they take and they have engaged an organisation called the Consultation Institute.

Having been so close to the matter for several weeks I may have overlooked topics that are new to you, so I suggest a visit to [London Road, Burpham - Active Travel Scheme - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk) to refresh your knowledge. At the end of the page are some documents describing the scheme, and we have been given a preview of some documents showing how larger vehicles fit along the narrower (6 metre) carriageway, quite concerning if you are a coach or HGV driver.