

LRAG News Update – 10 October 2023

Public Engagement Phase Progress

There have now been 2 drop-in events, with a third planned for Saturday 14th October at Guildford High School, London Road from 10am to 2pm. There is still a delay in presenting traffic modelling data and a continuing failure to ensure that all affected residents receive notification letters about the engagement, and how to respond. As a result, Surrey CC are extending the engagement period and adding a fifth drop-in event.

Surrey CC have updated their own [London Road, Burpham - Active Travel Scheme website](#) on 6th October, with responses to many of the questions that are on the LRAG website, as well as some of the information that Cllr Furniss wrote in a letter to The Guildford Dragon News.

It may yet happen, but the info has not gone on to the Commonplace.is website. Therefore, it will most likely not be noticed on the earlier website, and thus not influence people who have been directed to the Commonplace.is website from "the letter". There is a sort of vindication that we have teased out some of the necessary info, but not to a place where it ought to be.

Survey Questionnaire Responses

At the time of writing there are about 250 responses to the Commonplace.is website survey questionnaire, still somewhat short of the numbers who attended the public meeting on 5th January. Many make additional remarks but there are many that look very similar, with just "tick box" replies.

This has caused concern in some quarters, that it may be possible for a single individual to inject multiple submissions. Some evaluation has been conducted to prove the possibility, but it is not known if filtering may occur at the time of analysis.

The previously reported concern, about being able to amend responses that have been made before the supply of additional information, remains open.

Future Stakeholder Meetings

Two further meetings of the stakeholder group were mooted at the outset of the gatherings: a design workshop and an implementation workshop. It was believed that these should have occurred prior to the launch of the engagement phase. Now, despite a nudge to Cllr Furniss, who did state that dates would be forthcoming, nothing has been suggested.

Preparatory Construction Work

Surveying of Boxgrove roundabout has been taking place and many painted markings have appeared on the ground. The immediate impression given is that the project is assumed to be going ahead, before the outcome of the public engagement has been confirmed.

Questions about start dates, sequencing of work phases, potential diversion plans, go unanswered because "a final decision has not yet been taken". And yet these markings are put in plain sight.