

LRAG News Update – 7 November 2023

As reported last week, a flyer will soon be appearing in residents' letterboxes, identifying many of the downsides of the proposed Burpham to Guildford Active Travel Scheme. It will also invite recipients to enter views in a survey, an alternative aspect to that produced by Surrey County Council.

Regrettably, the authors were unable to agree to meet with LLAG's intended levels of impartiality, and so the flyer is being published without being under LLAG's auspices. Any comments or follow-up should thus not be addressed to LLAG.

Traffic Modelling

Surrey CC have published a further document, amending the Traffic Modelling report to reinstate the right hand turn into York Road from London Road. In summary, it declares that it makes little difference. This is presumably because the level of congestion, already caused by the various features of the Active Travel Scheme, had already created sufficient havoc with traffic that it couldn't get much worse – York Road being the point where the cork pops out of the bottle!

Meeting with local MP – Angela Richardson

Some members of LLAG met with our local MP on 2nd November to discuss the Active Travel Scheme, and to air the concerns that it could have on local congestion, a topic which Ms Richardson has previously highlighted in parliament. Attendees were invited to forward their individual reasons for concern, which Ms Richardson would seek to pass on to relevant authorities, as she did not have the ability to directly influence decision-making about the Active Travel Scheme.

Stakeholder Group Design Workshop Meeting

The workshop to discuss elements of the design, the traffic management and the modelling has now been set for next Tuesday 14th November. Next week's newsletter will therefore appear later in the week.

LRAG has posed a further question, about the SCC statement in the letter to householders concerning the claim that "the road will remain the same width as it is currently". It is believed that this is a piece of sophistry, wrapped up in possible differing interpretations of the term "road". This is an issue that requires explanation to confirm or deny the validity of the letter's statement.

Website Overhaul

The [LRAG website](#) has recently been reviewed and brought up-to-date with the most recent information available.