

LRAG News Update - 14 November 2023

The Flyer

Many readers will, by now, have received a flyer from an unidentified source. It suggests that the existing Surrey CC survey does not adequately offer members of the public the opportunity to say, one way or the other, whether they are in favour of, or opposed to, the Active Travel Scheme. This was a commitment made by the Leader of SCC, not to proceed in the event of massive local opposition.

It was initially widely assumed that this was a publication disseminated by LRAG. Assertions were made by several people, before checking the source, that the responsibility belonged to LRAG. It has been necessary to repeatedly make clear that this was not the case, as had already been stated in last week's newsletter.

However, it is not denied that the authors are previous LRAG committee members and contributors, who were dissatisfied with the engagement process adopted by SCC. They wished to take a stance positively opposing the Scheme, and decided to heighten public awareness of the need for greater action.

LRAG has a mandate to inform, by ensuring that all necessary details are brought to light. It is impossible to avoid appearing to be opponents, when highlighting matters that proponents would prefer not to surface or be discussed.

Surrey CC have issued a [strong rebuttal](#) to the contents of the flyer on their website on 10 November. It states: *"...the survey contains a number of statements relating to value for money, accident rates, parking, emissions, junctions, the proposed Dutch Roundabout, and journey times which are either incorrect or misleading. These statements have been made in the past and we have publicly corrected these."*

In its spirit of impartiality, and its remit to comprehensively spread information, LRAG believes it is right to advise readers that the authors of the flyer have now established their own website, on which they offer a [substantiation of the content of the flyer and their alternative survey](#). As ever, LRAG leaves it to the public to absorb the details and reach their own conclusions, about which seems the most plausible.

Design, Traffic Management and Modelling Workshop

The long-awaited workshop, which in LRAG's opinion should have occurred before the start of the engagement period, is due to take place this evening, 14 November. An interim newsletter will be published before the next drop-in event on 18 November, should anything of importance be revealed. However, the format of this workshop seems to change with every communication, and a mere 2-hour window will be totally insufficient to bottom every concern. No change there, then!