LRAG News Update - 16 January 2024

A short newsletter, just to let readers know that LRAG continues to monitor matters around the Active Travel Scheme and maintains its objectives of providing on-going information. Surrey CC website updates have made it clear that the analysis of the survey intends to produce both quantitative and qualitative outcomes, despite having assured stakeholders, from the outset, that the engagement would only seek a qualitative assessment of public wishes.

Media Conversations

Despite the closure of the Surrey CC survey on 18 December 2023, there continues to be regular correspondence appearing in the Guildford Dragon News. It is unclear how much influence this may have on the decision-making process, but it is evident that both those in favour of and those against the Scheme remain implacable in their opinions.

LRAG Straw Poll

Whether it is due to survey fatigue or merely a very limited circulation, the <u>LRAG Straw Poll</u> has produced an insignificant number of responses, not worthy of presenting as a measure of public opinion. The opportunity remains open, but would require something of the order of a 10-fold increase in the number of "hands" to be of value.

Timescale

Exact dates for the announcement of a Surrey CC decision have not yet been made public, but all expectation is that it will not be until February.