

## LRAG News Update - 7 February 2024

The announcement, about whether the London Road Active Travel Scheme is to go ahead, is expected shortly after the Surrey CC Cabinet Meeting on 27 Feb 2024. The report to the Cabinet, on the findings of the public engagement would normally be available for scrutiny about a week in advance.

On both the [London Road, Burpham - Active Travel Scheme](#) and the [Burpham to Guildford Active Travel Scheme Commonplace](#) websites there is a statement that: *Surrey County Council welcome views on the scheme in any form that respondents feel enables them to have their say. We will of course review all submissions to ensure the source can be verified.*

The analysis of the Commonplace survey, and the report derived from it, has not yet been revealed. However, LRAG has become aware that the organisers of the alternative survey, [London Road Active Travel Survey](#), have published results on their website.

LRAG notes that this report appears to highlight a greater response rate for this survey than for the SCC one, the postcode area leafletted being more extensive than the one SCC selected for its limited letter drop.

Although a precise analysis has not been conducted, an empirical assessment of the SCC survey seemed to indicate that, via the style and content of the questions posed, there was a general feeling of support for the Scheme, although the qualitative public comments were far more circumspect.

Conversely, when questions of a kind involving more specific detail, rather than the ones of mere principle as opted by SCC, the overall public opinion garnered by LRATS was overwhelmingly opposed to the Scheme.

How to balance the 2 outcomes will be the task of SCC's Cabinet, assuming they are afforded the luxury of being presented with both sets of results. Which of these outcomes should hold greater sway?

In the end the balance may be tipped by SCC's need to avoid the embarrassment of having asked for government money, only then to hand it back. What response might they receive if they then ask for money for another Scheme?