LRAG News Update - 19 February 2024

Three documents have appeared today on Surrey CC's website, in connection with the expected decision on 27 February 2024 about progress of the London Road Active Travel Scheme. For those who wish to study each document in detail these are the links:

- 1. LONDON ROAD GUILDFORD ACTIVE TRAVEL CORRIDOR RECOMMENDATIONS
- 2. ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY FEEDBACK REPORT THE CONSULTATION INSTITUTE
- 3. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

In brief summary, the recommendations are:

- 1. Not proceed with Section 3 Boxgrove Roundabout to York Road, as there were legitimate concerns raised about the design of this section and there is an existing alternative route through Stoke Park, but instead to progress with the delivery of a more targeted improvement in the form of a zebra crossing on the junction of Nightingale Road and London Road.
- Proceed with the construction of Section 2 Boxgrove Roundabout based on the strength of support from the local community, with the detailed design incorporating comments from the community engagement to deliver a scheme that prioritises pedestrians and cyclists [i.e. there will be amendments to the design as shown to the public]
- 3. Defer a decision on Section 1 (New Inn Lane to Boxgrove Roundabout) subject to further design review informed by comments received through the engagement to ensure that the scheme considers the needs of all road users, with further consideration to be given by the Leader at a future date. In the interim, commit to progressing with the delivery of a controlled crossing near Winterhill Way to assist with safer routes to school, following strong representation from local stakeholders.

References are made to both a Kidical survey and the Alternative Survey, with the quantitative results quoted, but seemingly not used to influence the recommendations, which are based solely on the SCC Commonplace survey. The reason appears to be: "The survey was submitted to Surrey County Council with a disclaimer indicating that the data had not be *(sic)* independently verified," unlike the SCC survey: "which, following validation of the dataset which included the removal of duplicate entries, resulted in a total of 995 responses being provided to the online survey."