**Dagley Lane Active Travel Scheme**

The closing date for this survey is 31/08/202.

**Overview:**

Surrey County Council (SCC) is seeking the views of households in the vicinity of Dagley Lane in the relation to the proposed active travel scheme for the Dagley Lane National Cycle Network Route 22. Currently, Dagley Lane lacks a tarmac surface. As a result, SCC is proposing to construct a 3-metre wide tarmac path to make it more accessible for cyclists as well as walkers. In wetter times of year, it currently can be impassable.

We have been working with the Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) to understand the sensitivities on wildlife in the location. SWT have been undertaking a number of wildlife animal surveys including bat surveys and have been guiding us on measures that would need be taken to mitigate impacts during construction, as well as impacts of the scheme’s infrastructure.

Construction would only be carried out at certain times of year to minimise ecological impacts and vegetation cut back would be limited to just beyond the width of the proposed path. In terms of the scheme’s infrastructure, lighting requires consideration from a wildlife perspective. Although the surveys are still in progress, SWT have been able to give us a reliable indication as to the times that artificial lighting would have an impact on wildlife. Based on their current findings and the likelihood of information of other wildlife, bats of which being the most sensitive, SWT have sufficient information to guide us on the design.

In order to cater for the majority of cycle and pedestrian users, but also be sensitive to wildlife and local residents, we are proposing a lighting regime as follows (although there would be capacity to alter the dates and times as required to address the most appropriate balance of different needs):

1 May to 30 September (Spring/Summer) – no lighting (lamp columns switched off). This allows for the period that bats emerge from hibernation, breeding and for bats to forage and feed in the lead up to the autumn. This is the period that bats are most active before the winter months and when avoiding additional artificial lighting would be most beneficial.

1 October to 30 April (Autumn/Winter) – limited lighting. Lighting would begin at dusk until 11pm and from 5am until dawn (majority of the night no lighting). The dusk and dawn times will vary over the months subject to daylight hours but will follow the same routine as usual street lighting (this is automated by the street lighting system). During this period many bat species are at the end of their feeding season and the limited lighting times enable only limited interrupted levels of darkness. The usual 11pm to 5am ‘off’ times would closely match the SCC general residential road (including Dagden Road) part night lighting regime.

This proposed lighting times will serve leisure cyclists and pedestrians all year round. Currently the route can be completely dark during early mornings and late afternoons/evenings during certain times of the year. A lack of lighting also limits the route’s attractiveness and can cause concern for personal security and safety. The latest national cycle infrastructure design guidance (LTN 1/20) highlights that routes that are free of motor traffic and remote from roads, should provide lighting as well as a sealed surface, to serve leisure cyclists throughout the year and provide a greater sense of personal security to users.

**Why we are consulting:**

You have been identified as a resident who lives close by to Dagley Lane. SCC are inviting you to fill out a short survey to submit your views. All responses will be kept strictly confidential and shared only with the immediate project team at SCC.

The survey will take five minutes to complete. Some questions are mandatory others are not compulsory to fill out, but your responses are welcomed.

**Accessibility Statement**

This survey is compatible with speech recognition software and screen readers.

If you require this survey in an alternative format, please contact research@surreycc.gov.uk and we will do our best to assist you. For more information on the accessibility of Surrey Says, please see the [Delib Accessibility Policy](https://orbispartnerships-my.sharepoint.com/accessibility_policy/).

**Views on the scheme:**

**1. As a local resident, how important or unimportant do you think it is to implement this active travel scheme at Dagley Lane? [Closed]**

* Very important
* Somewhat important
* Somewhat unimportant
* Not important at all

**2. Do you have any suggestions for improvements to the proposed travel scheme on Dagley Lane?**

**3. Do you have any concerns with the proposed active travel scheme for Dagley Lane?**

Lighting information:

SCC is working with lighting specialists, Milestone Infrastructure, to design the lighting aspect of the scheme. 5-metre-high lamp columns are proposed, painted dark green. Alternative options such as low-level illuminated bollards have also been considered, but these provide a poor level of illumination unless spacings are considerably decreased, thus resulting in far more bollards than there would be columns. This would also not help illuminate cyclists/pedestrians from a security perspective due to their low position. Bollards are also subject to more damage and vandalism, would be particularly expensive to maintain, and have therefore been discounted as a viable solution. Lamp columns, once installed, have the advantage of a switch regime to alter the dates and time during which they are illuminated.

It is important to note that the proposed 5-metre-high lamp columns and their lanterns will be as ‘bat friendly’ as possible during the period that they are switched on, whilst maintaining the minimum standard required for pedestrians and cyclists. The lighting units themselves give out a lighting spectrum that minimises the effect on bats and other wildlife. The direction of the lighting will also be controlled to minimise light spill beyond the limits of the new path, and with no upward tilting. This location is well vegetated which should also serve to limit the extent to which artificial light can be seen. As mentioned earlier, the lighting regime would be limited to certain times of year and day.

**4. How satisfied or unsatisfied are you with the proposed lighting solution for the Dagley Lane active travel scheme? [Closed]**

* Very satisfied
* Somewhat satisfied
* Somewhat unsatisfied
* Very unsatisfied

**5. Do you have any concerns with the proposed lighting solution for Dagley Lane?**

**6. Do you think there is anything we can do to improve our lighting solution for Dagley Lane?**

**Dagley Lane Usage:**

**7. How often do you currently use the pathway along Dagley Lane for cycling or walking?**

* 0-2 times a week
* 3-5 times a week
* 6-8 times a week
* 9+ times a week
* Never

**8. What do you currently use the Dagley Lane pathway for? Please select as many options as you wish.**

* Commuting to work
* Commuting to school
* Leisure
* Access to town
* Other

If other, please give more details here:

**Future Dagley Lane Usage:**

**9. Do you think that your use of the Dagley Lane pathway will increase after the changes made in this scheme?**

* Yes
* No

If yes, how much more often do you expect to use the pathway?

* 0-2 times more per week
* 3-5 times more per week
* 6-8 time more per week
* 9+ times more per week

10. **Do you think the quality of your experience using the** **Dagley Lane pathway will increase or decrease after the changes made in this scheme?**

* Significant quality increase
* Slight quality increase
* No change in quality
* Slight quality decrease
* Significant quality decrease

**Demographics:**

**11. What age group are you in?**

* Under 18
* 18-24
* 25-34
* 35-44
* 45-54
* 55-64
* 65-74
* 75-84
* 85+

**12. What gender do you identify with?**

* Male
* Female,
* Other
* Rather not say

If other, please specify:

**14. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?**

* Yes
* No
* Prefer not to say

**15. How would you describe your employment status?**

* Full time employment
* Part-time employment
* Self-employed
* Zero-hour contract
* Retired
* In full time education

**Thank you for completing this survey.**

Please send you completed responses via:

Email to research@surreycc.gov.uk with the subject ‘Dagley Lane Survey’

**or**

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