

Melton Mowbray Distributor Road - Update 1 - July 2017

Following initial development work, Leicestershire County Council has been awarded funding by the Department for Transport for the production of a Business Case for a proposed Distributor Road around Melton Mowbray to address traffic congestion and delays to journeys.

Route Options Investigations

Options 1 and 2 to the east of the town are currently being investigated to find the optimum solution that achieves the scheme objectives, which are: to relieve traffic congestion through Melton Mowbray town centre; reduce delay to journeys; improve road safety; and to support housing and economic growth, but which minimises adverse landowner, community and environmental impacts. The two draft route options are shown on the plan overleaf, but it should be emphasised that the exact alignment is likely to be subject to change in some areas as the environmental and preliminary design work progresses.

Contact with Landowners

To ensure the optimum solution is found for the alignment and design of the distributor road, we need to understand the topography and particular environmental conditions of the area. We are therefore undertaking detailed environmental and topographic surveys in the area through the summer months. This has required access over privately owned land. The surveys are generally 'walk over' surveys and are not intrusive at this stage of

the process. We are also being very careful to ensure crops and livestock are not disturbed and that any instructions landowners and tenants may have regarding access are observed.

Public Consultation

The work on environmental assessments and development of the preliminary highway design is scheduled to conclude at the end of the summer. We will then be seeking your views on the recommended route for the scheme. The feedback we receive from the consultation will be considered by the County Council and will inform any amendments to the design and any mitigation measures required to reduce any adverse environmental or community impacts.

The scheme will require planning consent and we will keep you updated on the planning process and timetable once the details are confirmed.

Ongoing Engagement

We will provide you with a further update on progress with this scheme later this summer and will give you details of the public consultation and how you can provide your comments as part of that process. However, if you have any queries in the meantime, please contact us at the following email address:

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