

Melton Mowbray Distributor Road – August Update

This is our second bulletin to update you on progress with the development of the Business Case for the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road.

Purpose of the scheme

The scheme objectives are to relieve traffic congestion through Melton Mowbray town centre; reduce delay to journeys; improve road safety; and to support housing and economic growth. We are also seeking to minimise adverse landowner, community and environmental impacts through sympathetic design and environmental mitigation measures.

We are currently investigating two Options, 1 and 2 (see plan at the end of the bulletin), both located to the east of the town, to find the optimum solution that achieves these objectives.

Site surveys and contact with landowners

As part of this 'options investigation stage' we have been undertaking topographical and environmental surveys throughout the area and seeking landowners and tenants consent to gain access to their land for this purpose. At this stage the surveys have been 'walked' surveys and have not involved any intrusive works at this stage. To those that we have contacted to date, thank you for your understanding and for allowing the surveys to be conducted, it is appreciated.

The findings from this work will inform the selection of a recommended route.

There will be a need for further surveys throughout the scheme design process and we may need to contact landowners again to seek your consent for further surveys to be undertaken.

We are close to concluding the initial phase of the environmental and topographical assessments and will use the findings from these to select a recommended route that we feel best meets the scheme objectives.

We are proposing to consult on the recommended route option commencing 2nd September until 15th October this year. Set out below are the arrangements for the consultation where you can obtain information on the scheme and to let us have your comments.

Public Consultation

You can provide your feedback through the following channels:

Exhibitions

By visiting us at one of the exhibitions listed below and completing a questionnaire:

Friday 15th September 2017 - Melton Borough Council, Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray, LE13 1GH - 2pm to 8pm

Saturday 16th September 2017 - Melton Borough Council, Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray, LE13 1GH - 10am to 3pm *Monday 2nd October - Thorpe Arnold Village Hall Lag Lane, Thorpe Arnold, Melton Mowbray, LE14 4RU - 5.30pm to 9pm*

Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th October 2017 at Melton Mowbray Food Festival. Livestock Market, Scalford Road, Melton Mowbray. LE13 1JY - 10am to 4pm

Online: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/MMDR

NOTE The webpage will not be live until 2nd September 2017.

Email: mmdr@leics.gov.uk

Post: Melton Mowbray Distributor Road Consultation, Room 300B, Leicestershire County Council, Have Your Say, FREEPOST NAT18685, Leicester, LE3 8XR

All responses should be received by 11:59pm on 15th October 2017. If a response is sent to any address other than the ones set out above, we cannot accept responsibility for ensuring that it will be considered as part of the consultation process.

Scheme changes in light of consultation feedback

All comments we receive will be carefully considered by the County Council. Where appropriate we will make changes to the scheme design and consider appropriate mitigation measures in light of the feedback received.

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

However, if you have any queries in the meantime, please contact us at the following email address:

mmdr@leics.gov.uk

or by telephone on 0116 305 0001

If you would like to be removed from the mailing list for this project then please email or call using the details provided above.



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