

Melton Mowbray Distributor Road – Update 4 (Sep 2018)

This our fourth bulletin to update you on progress with the development of the Business Case for the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road (MMDR).

Objectives

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. Further details of the scheme can be found at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/mmdr.

Background

Consultations on a recommended route were carried out in Sep/Oct 2017. A report (see website above) detailing the final recommended route along with results of the consultation was presented to and subsequently approved by the council's cabinet in December 2017.

Following this, an Outline Business Case was submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT) in late December 2017 (see website above) seeking funding for the scheme.

Preferred Route

Design work, surveys and engagement with landowners continued, allowing the route to be further refined. This has taken into account feedback received during consultation, and has sought to minimise the impact on the environment, local landowners and residents, and ensure that it best supports future development and growth.

The 'Preferred Route' for the north and east section of the MMDR was agreed by the Director on 8 May 2018, following consultation with the Lead Member for Environment and Transport. A plan showing this route is available on our website.

Please note that a further southern distributor road link from A606 Burton road to A607 Leicester Road (that does not form part of this scheme) is identified in Melton Borough Council's submission draft local plan through the Melton Mowbray south sustainable neighbourhood.

Funding

It was announced on 17 May 2018 that the project has successfully secured £49.5m of Government funding following a bid to the Department for Transport (DfT) Large Local Major Schemes Fund.

Planning Submission – October 2018

Leicestershire County Council Environment and Transport Department has submitted a planning application for the scheme.

We will also be holding drop-in events at **Melton Borough Council offices, Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray** on:

- Monday, 15th October - 1.30pm to 8:30pm
- Friday, 19th October - 1.30pm to 8.30pm
- Saturday, 20th October - 10am to 3.30pm

These events are an opportunity for the public to find out more about the detailed proposals, and for a variety of representatives from the County Council, our consultants AECOM, and officers of Melton Borough Council to answer any queries about the planning application.

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Flyers with details of the events and planning application are being distributed to some 1000 properties within approximately 500m of the route. Copies will also be made available at community locations/events such as the library, and forthcoming Food Festival. Posters will also be placed at key locations throughout the town.

For those unable to attend the drop in events, please visit <http://leicestershire.planning-register.co.uk/> and proceed to the planning portal where you can search the name of the scheme. The full application details will be available online when the submission has been validated by the planning authority.

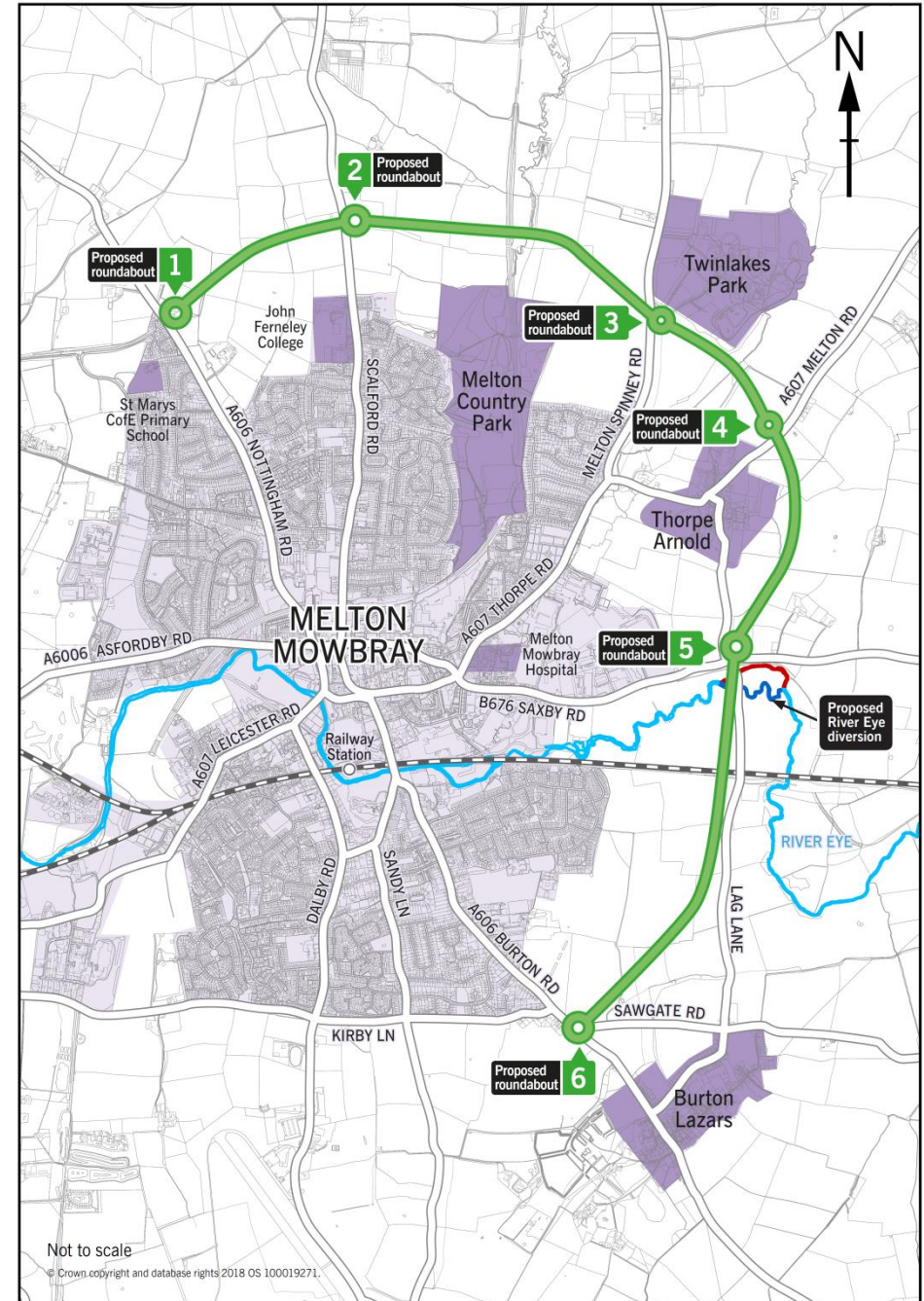
Next Steps

It is expected that the outcome of the planning application will be known in early 2019. We will issue a further bulletin to landowners and stakeholders at that time.

In the meantime, we will continue to liaise with landowners and tenants regarding the detailed design of the scheme.

If you have any queries regarding this scheme please contact us at mmdr@leics.gov.uk or [0116 305 0001](tel:01163050001)

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ABOVE: **MMDR Preferred Route** - A full size copy of this plan is available at www.leicestershire.gov.uk/mmdr