

Melton Mowbray Distributor Road – Update 5 (Mar 2019)

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

**** Planning Application update****

A planning application for the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road was submitted in October 2018.

A small number of minor modifications are needed to the proposals and some additional information has been provided to allow a decision on the application to be made. These modifications are being discussed with affected landowners. An additional 30 day public consultation period has started and will end on **24 April 2019**. For further details please visit the planning portal where you can search the name of this scheme or use **planning reference 2018/Reg3Ma/0182/LCC**.

It is expected that a final decision on this application will be made in late May 2019.

Background

In September and October 2017 we sought views on a recommended route for a distributor road which will relieve congestion in Melton Mowbray and support plans for housing and employment growth in the town.

The distributor road would run to the north and east of Melton, beginning at the A606 Nottingham Road to the north before re-joining the A606 Burton Road to the south of the town.

The scheme aims to:

- Improve access to potential housing and employment;
- Reduce congestion within Melton Mowbray;
- Improve access to Melton town centre;
- Reduce the number of HGVs travelling through Melton town centre.

A report 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. Please refer to website for further details.

Background continued

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

Design work, surveys and engagement with landowners has 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.

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Details of the planning application were distributed to around 1000 properties within approximately 500m of the proposed route together with information at community locations/events such as the library, and Borough Council offices. Posters were also placed at key locations throughout the town.

Drop-in information events at Melton Borough Council Offices were held on:

- Monday 15 October 2018 1:30pm - 8:30pm
- Friday 19 October 2018 1:30pm - 8:30pm
- Saturday 20 October 2018 10:00am - 3:30pm

These events were well received, with nearly 300 people attending.

Whilst the events have now taken place, all of the details of the planning application including plans, and supporting documents are available via the planning portal. Please refer to website for further details.

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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) Local Major Schemes Fund.

Preferred Route

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 opposite, and you can view the press release and a simulated 3D flyover video on the 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 neighborhood.

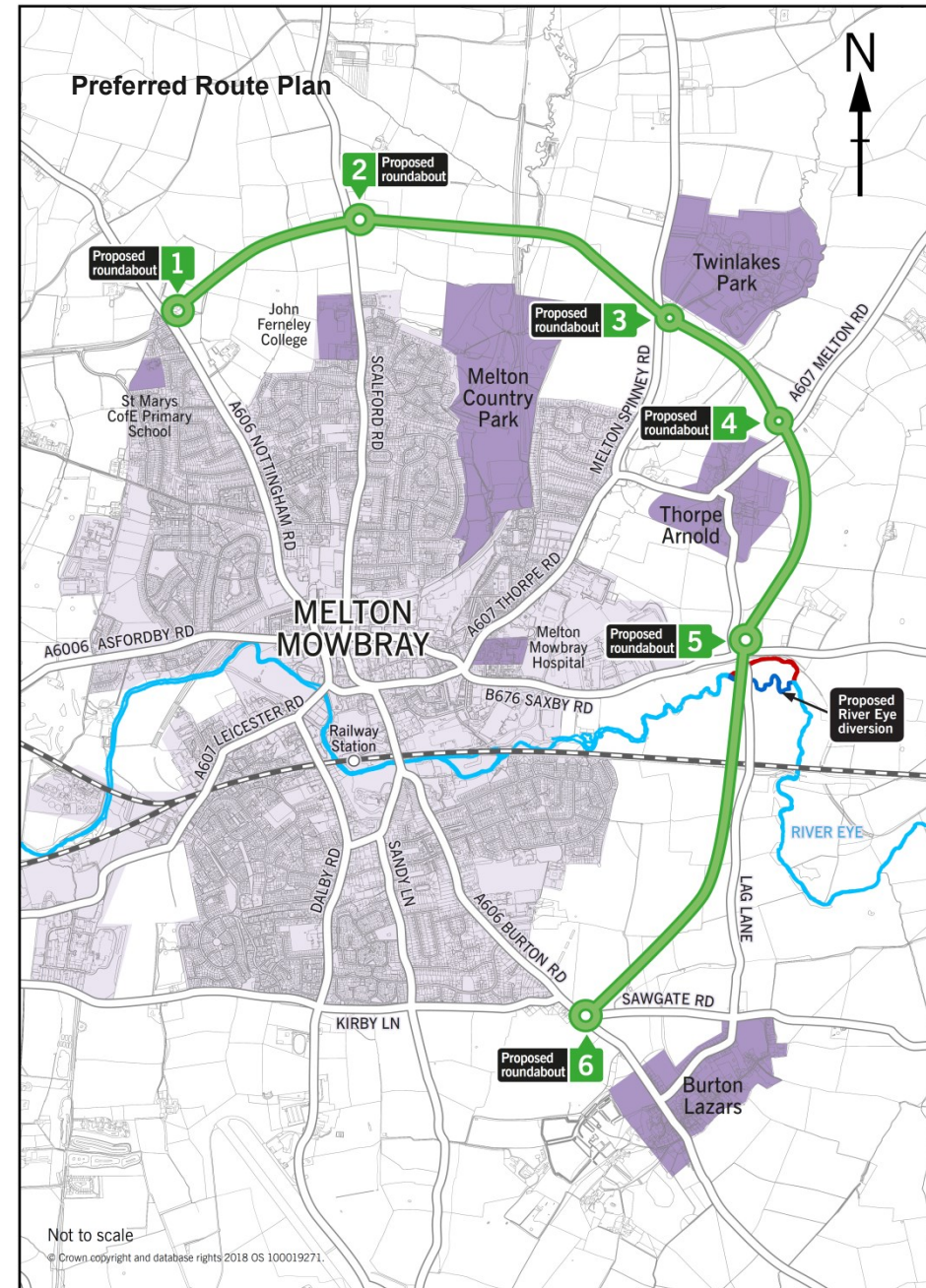
The Preferred Route Plan does not necessarily represent the eventual final scheme design. It is likely that further amendments to the plans will be made as the scheme moves towards a planning application and through the detailed design process (during which there will be further opportunities to comment on the design proposals). Please refer to website for further details.

We have been undertaking various meetings with landowners, agents and statutory consultees to develop the proposals and to agree access and accommodation arrangements, the details of which will be in the revised submission, and subject to ongoing communication as design progresses.

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For further details and updates including links to press releases and simulated 3D flyover please visit:
<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/melton-mowbray-distributor-road-scheme>