

Melton Mowbray Distributor Road – Update 6 (May 2019)

This is our sixth 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. As detailed in previous bulletins, extensive consultation has been carried out with members of the public, stakeholders and landowners throughout.

Planning permission was granted on Thursday 23 May 2019 subject to conditions; some of which are listed below:

- The development shall be commenced within 3 years from the date of the permission.
- Operational hours—Apart from some exemptions no operations shall be carried out at the site except between the following times: 0700 hours and 1900 hours Monday to Friday; and 0800 hours and 1300 hours Saturday. There shall be no operations on Sundays or public or bank holidays.
- Ecology—Prior to commencement of construction works, a detailed Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the County Planning Authority.
- Landscaping—The planting of all trees, wildflower grassland, scrub, hedges and marginal aquatic vegetation shall be locally native species. Final landscaping plans shall be submitted to and approved by the County Planning Authority prior to implementation of the landscaping works and provide for a biodiversity net gain.
- River Eye— The scheme shall make provision for compensatory habitat creation including its management and monitoring and shall be implemented as approved. Thereafter, the development shall be implemented in accordance with the approved scheme.
- Materials—The road shall be constructed utilising a low road noise surface material as proposed in the submitted application.

- Flood risk—The development hereby permitted shall not be commenced until such time as a scheme to provide compensatory floodplain storage (as detailed in section 4.2, p36 of the submitted Flood Risk Assessment—see planning application) has been submitted to, and approved in writing by, the County Planning Authority.
- Please visit the planning portal to view the conditions in full. Planning reference 2018/Reg3Ma/0182/LCC.

Next Steps

We will progress the detailed design and land acquisition plans. Following this, it is currently anticipated that main construction works will commence on site in early 2021 and will finish mid 2023. We will continue to keep members of the public, stakeholders and landowners informed throughout this process.

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;
- 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.

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.

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Background (continued)

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.

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.

MMDR Route

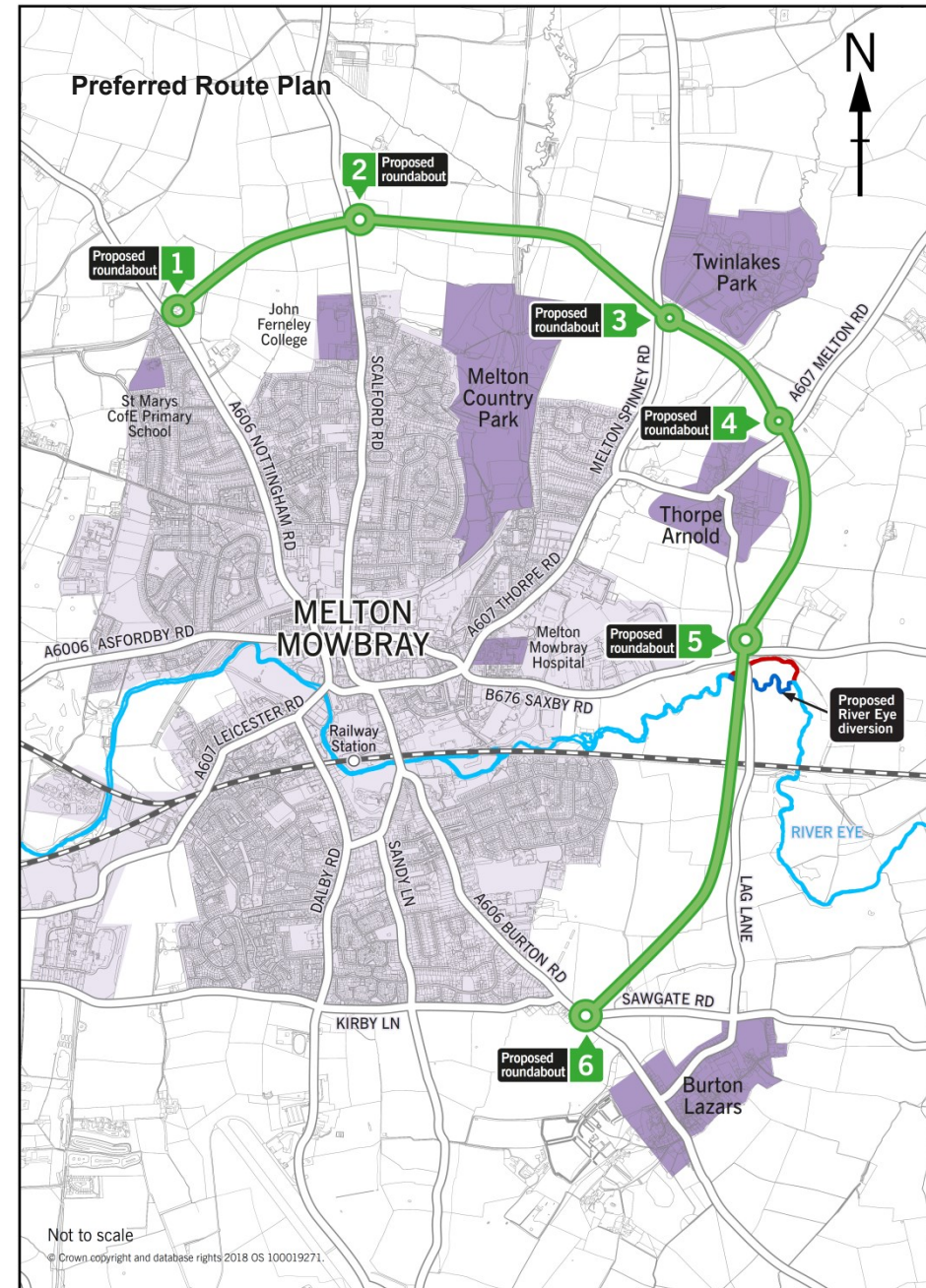
The 'Preferred Route' for the north and east section of the MMDR was agreed by the Director of Environment and Transport on 8 May 2018, following consultation with the Lead Member for Environment and Transport. A plan showing this route is opposite, and you can view the press release and a simulated 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 adopted plan through the Melton Mowbray south sustainable neighborhood. The County Council has recently submitted a bid to Homes England for funding to accelerate the delivery of this section. The outcome of this is expected during Summer 2019. If successful, it is expected that this section will be consulted on, and then incorporated in the wider MMDR scheme for construction.

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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>