

## Melton Mowbray Distributor Road – Update 7 (August 2019)

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

### **\*\* Land Acquisition and Landowner Meetings—UPDATE\*\***

We met with affected landowners in late 2018 / early 2019 to discuss the likely impacts of the road on their land. As part of this, we also discussed potential accommodation measures in order to mitigate these impacts as far as possible, and provide for access in the future.

Since then, we have been working to incorporate feedback into the scheme design and have progressed the detailed design. Planning consent was given in May 2019 and we are now looking to finalise the land requirements and commence with the legal process for its acquisition.

We have worked hard to reduce the land requirements as far as is safe and practical to do so. These land requirements consist of land that is required permanently for the road, or temporarily during its construction. All land required will be identified in the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO). Temporary land would be reinstated to an appropriate standard and returned to the existing owner following completion of construction.

Before we commence the formal CPO process we may need to meet with landowners again to discuss the final proposals and ensure that we have addressed all issues as far as is practical. It is anticipated that the formal CPO process would commence shortly. (See details in next steps section). During the CPO process discussions and negotiations with landowners will continue.

### **Next Steps**

Our team are making contact to offer meetings with a number of affected landowners and/or their agents.

**If you believe that your land is affected and you have not already been contacted or have any concerns, please get in touch with us using the details overleaf.**

It is anticipated that the formal CPO will commence in late summer/early autumn this year when requisition notices and supporting information will be sent to landowners, occupiers and any person who has an interest in the land. Information will be requested regarding the requisition land and the recipients will have 14 days from the date of this notice to provide the necessary information.

### **Next Steps (cont)**

Once all the information has been collated about the land, the CPO will be made and a notice of making the CPO will be served upon every qualifying person. They will have a period of at least 21 days from the date of service of the notice of making the CPO, to object to the CPO. If you have any questions about this process, please contact us using the details overleaf.

### **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.

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 minimize the impact on the environment, local landowners and residents, and ensure that it best supported 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.

### Planning Consent

Planning consent for the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road was granted on 23rd May 2019 subject to a number of conditions.

These include items such as hours of work, ecology, landscaping, materials, flood risk and protection/enhancement of the River Eye Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

These are available to view in full online by visiting the planning portal and searching for the reference below:

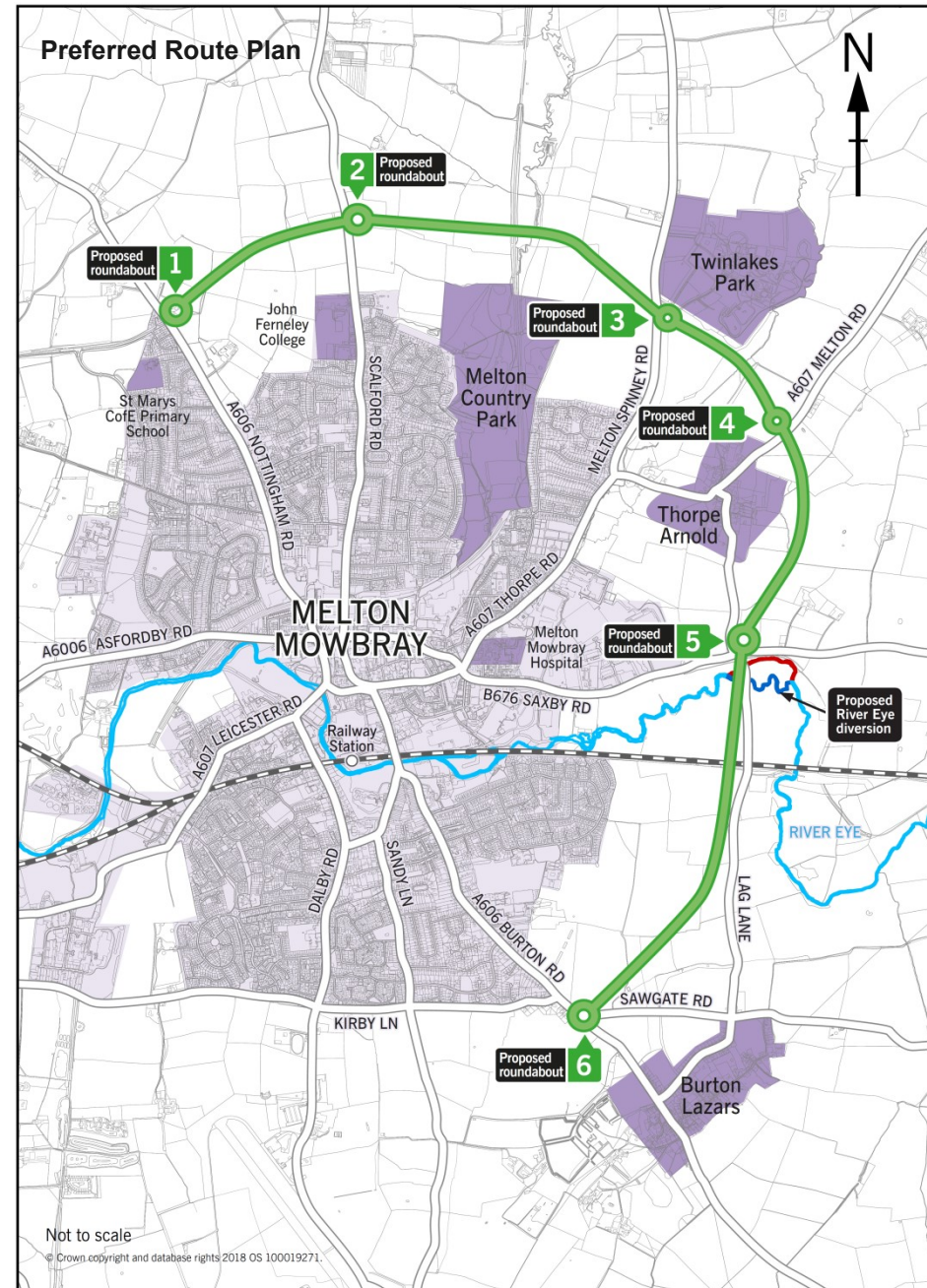
<http://leicestershire.planning-register.co.uk>

Planning reference — **2018/Reg3Ma/0182/LCC**

### Contact information

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\*\*\*If you would like to be removed from the mailing list for this project, please let us know by emailing us on the email above\*\*\*



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<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/road-maintenance/melton-mowbray-distributor-road-scheme>