

LEAD MEMBER (ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT) MEETING

Melton Mowbray Distributor Road Preferred Route



8TH MAY 2018

Background



Decisions taken at the Cabinet Meeting 12 December 2017

- □ The recommended route for the northern and eastern sections of the MMDR was agreed for the purposes of further development and consultation
- □ Further funding was committed by the County Council (subject to agreement with Melton Borough Council in the form of MOU regarding finance) in order to complete all further work necessary to prepare the scheme for construction by spring 2020
- Negotiate land purchase with landowners and prepare Compulsory Purchase Orders
- Make amendments to the recommended route in consultation with relevant parties and delegate authority to the Director and Lead Member for Environment and Transport to agree a Preferred Route.
- Submit the Outline Business Case to DfT

Work post OBC submission (Jan-May 18)



- ☐ Responses to outstanding DfT points of clarification
- Detailed discussions with statutory consultees –
 Environment Agency and Natural England
- Engagement with developers to north of the town
- Continued engagement with landowners and stakeholders
- Detailed environmental surveys
- Further design work

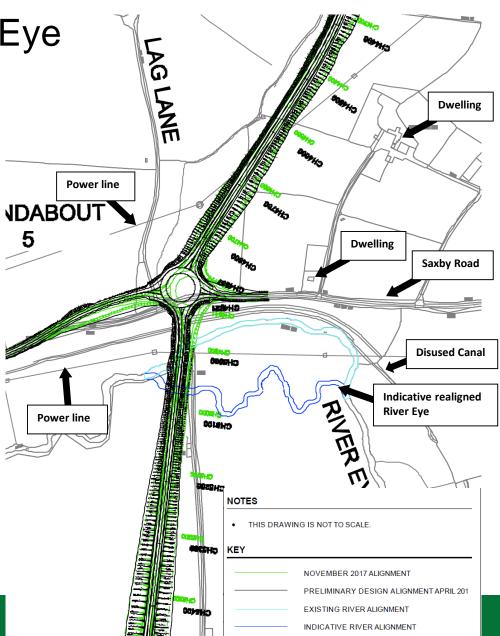


From recommended to Preferred Route



Fig. 1 Crossing the River Eye

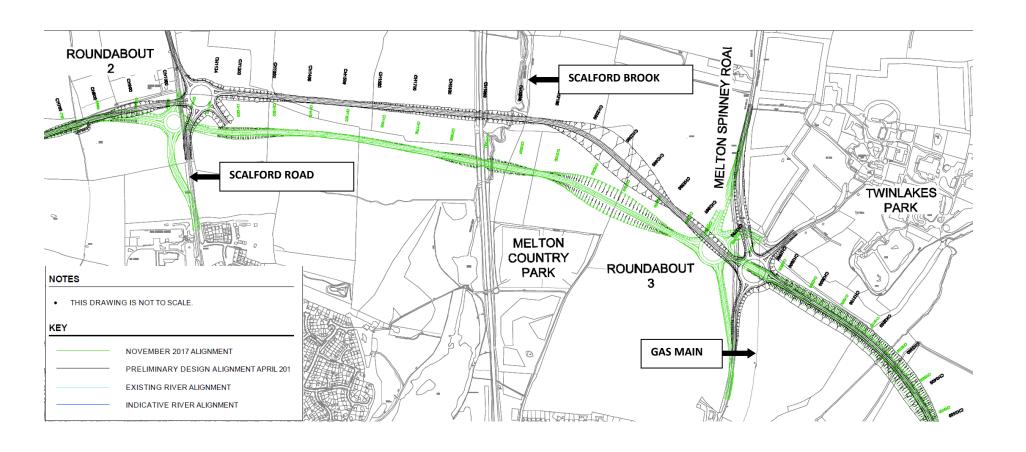
- Power lines
- □ River Eye SSSI
- Canal
- Dwellings



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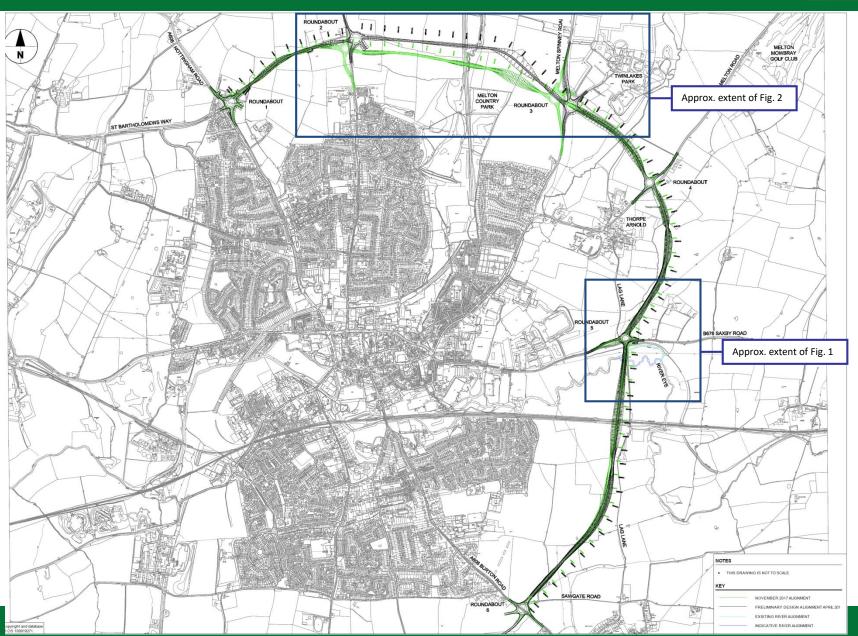


Fig. 2 Land between Scalford Road and Melton Spinney Road



The Preferred Route





Risk



- Development of the River Eye diversion option is still subject to further discussion and agreement with Natural England and relevant landowners.
- Construction cost
 - ➤ The increased length of road (60m) due to changes between Scalford Road and Melton Spinney Road.
 - Current proposal for a reduced River Eye Bridge Span (than costed for OBC)
 - Powerline diversion no longer required
- Northern Sustainable Neighbourhood

Timetable



May 2018

DfT Large Local Majors Fund announcement

SCG May 29th – Planning application

June 2018

Scrutiny June 28th – Planning application

06 July 2018

Cabinet decision on approval of submission of planning application

August 2018

Submission of planning application

(16 wk. determination)

Public exhibition

July – October 2018

Preparation of statutory orders

To July 2020

Detailed design, Making of orders,

Recommendations



- □ Agreement with the Director's recommendation of Preferred Route.
- □ The Preferred Route will be made public via a press release and the scheme webpage
- ☐ Update meetings have already been held with owners of land associated with key change locations but all landowners will be notified concurrently with the press release.