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Statutory orders update—Public Inquiry

The Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and Side Roads Order (SRO) notices were submitted to the Secretary of State for confirmation on 21 October 2020. A number of objections to the CPO and SRO were received and the Secretary of State gave notice on 15 January 2021 of his intention to call a Public Inquiry to consider the objections. In light of the impact and restrictions associated with COVID-19, an extension to serving of the Statement of Case was granted by the Secretary of State. The Council therefore served the Statement of Case on the 19th March 2021 (available online at www.leics.gov.uk).

The Department for Transport have confirmed that a Public Inquiry will take place, the date of which will be communicated in due course. Details of the location of the Public Inquiry (and associated arrangements) will also be confirmed in due course.

Access to view NEMMDR statutory order documents, the Statement of Case, and other associated documentation (by arrangement) at Leicestershire County Council offices (County Hall, Glenfield) and Melton Borough Council offices will not be possible over the restricted periods. However, they [can still be viewed online](#). Those unable to access the documents online can telephone 0116 305 0001 or email mmdr@leics.gov.uk to seek advice from the project manager or from a member of the team.

Next Steps

LCC will be discussing matters with the relevant parties with the aim of agreeing the withdrawal of the remaining objections. The Secretary of State will decide, following the Public Inquiry, whether to confirm the orders. Should the orders be confirmed, LCC will focus on putting in place the necessary processes to enable the scheme to be delivered.

It is expected that construction of the road will commence in Spring 2022 and conclude in Summer 2024. Various preparatory work on site may start before this commencement date, such as preparing construction compounds, utility diversions, fencing etc.

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 center.

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 secured £49.5m of Government funding** following a bid to the Department for Transport (DfT) Local Major Schemes Fund.

NEMMDR Route

The 'Preferred Route' for the North & 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.

Planning Consent

Planning consent for the North & East Melton Mowbray Distributor Road was granted on 23rd May 2019 subject to a number of conditions. Work is ongoing to discharge the conditions applied.

Some of 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**

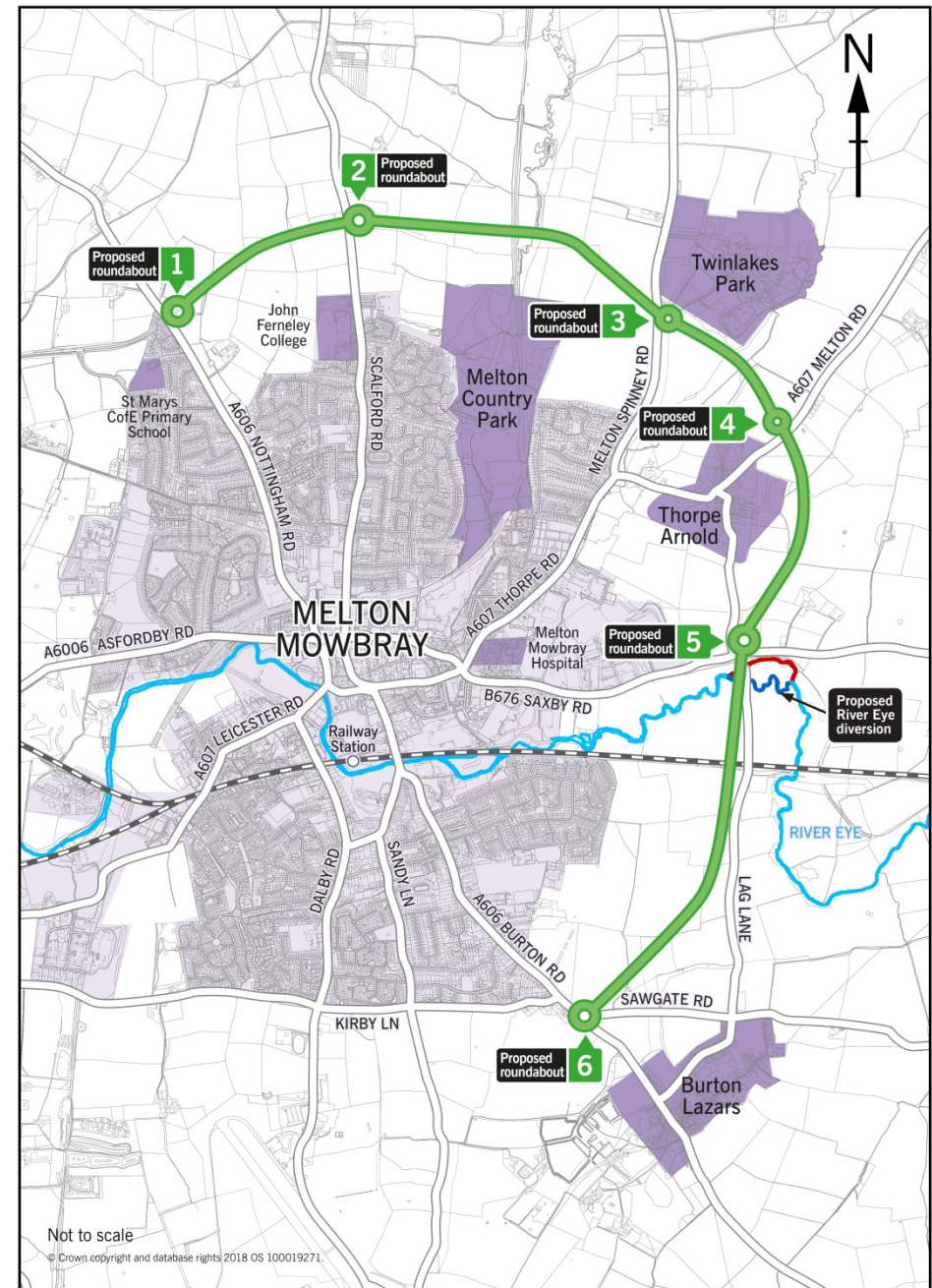
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For further details and updates including links to press releases and simulated 3D flyover please visit:

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



North and East Melton Mowbray distributor road Preferred Route Plan