

## Melton Mowbray Distributor Road – Update 3 (Jan 2018)

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

### **Purpose of the scheme**

The scheme objectives are to relieve traffic congestion through Melton Mowbray town centre; reduce delay to journeys; improve road safety; and to support housing and economic growth. We are also seeking to minimise adverse landowner, community and environmental impacts through sympathetic design and environmental mitigation measures. Further details of the scheme including the recommended route can be found at [www.leicestershire.gov.uk/mmdr](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/mmdr).

### **Public Consultation**

A wide-scale public consultation over the recommended route of the MMDR was held from 2<sup>nd</sup> September to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017. This included brochures/flyers being distributed, articles in the local press, and public exhibitions held in and around Melton Mowbray. These were all very well attended by the local community and stakeholders, with lots of valuable feedback provided.

The results of the consultation were detailed and analysed in a report which is available at the website above (or directly at [LINK](#)). The majority of respondents agreed with the recommended route and 34% disagreed.

### **Political Process and Submission of Outline Business Case**

Following the public consultation a number of design changes in light of comments received have been made to the proposed route. These

include reducing the impact of the route on the environment, local landowners/residents, and ensuring that it best supports future development and growth. As part of the next phase there will be continued discussions with landowners regarding the route design and access arrangements.

A report summarising the work to date on the scheme, together with key issues arising from consultations, was submitted to Cabinet on 12 December 2017 (Available online at the website above or at [LINK](#)). This report was subsequently approved, giving authority for submission of an Outline Business Case to the Department for Transport (DfT) seeking funding. This was successfully submitted on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 and is available at the website above (or directly at [LINK](#)).

### **Next Steps**

We expect to hear back from the DfT regarding funding for the scheme around May 2018. In the meantime, we are working to prepare the scheme for submission of a planning application.

We will provide you with a further update on progress once we hear back from the DfT. It is likely that the next bulletin will be issued late spring 2018. This will include the decision from the DfT and timescales for the next phase of the scheme as it progresses to planning.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please contact us at [mmdr@leics.gov.uk](mailto:mmdr@leics.gov.uk) or [0116 305 0001](tel:01163050001)

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