

# NE MMDR- Melton Mowbray Distributor Road UPDATE May 2023

## Meet the Contractor Event

### NE-MMDR “Meet the Contractor Event” Melton BC Chambers

17th /18th March 2023

The North East Melton Mowbray Distributor Road (NE-MMDR) project has reached a significant milestone and has approval to begin the much-needed scheme.

We engaged with the local community of Melton Mowbray and the general public and shared the good news that the long-awaited scheme is now underway.

We addressed any concerns raised and provided an overview of the project in detail.

We provided assurance that we have considered the impact on the local area during construction and have risk mitigation processes in place.

We were delighted to have over 200 visitors engage with us throughout the two-day event. There were a variety of questions and discussions including what the current timescales are, what issues have we overcome, and the long-term benefits that the scheme will bring to Melton Mowbray.

We were very pleased to see that over 90% of the public who took the time to come and chat to us confirmed their approval for the scheme and indeed look forward to the benefits the scheme will bring.



**We received some very positive feedback from local residents after the event...**

*“Good to meet yesterday. I thought the event was very useful, informative and hosted by people who are clearly committed to making the project a success and appear to have the skills to achieve this. All our questions were dealt with. We are hoping construction will progress smoothly and are looking forward to watching the scheme materialise.”*

*“Firstly, many thanks for the opportunity to review the project details at the Melton Council buildings yesterday. We thought it was a very well planned and informative exhibition and you and your colleagues answered every query and provided very useful information on all aspects of the build Best wishes for a safe and successful programme of works.”*

## Local Charity Engagement

### NE-MMDR “local charity support”



We met with Carole Fielding, founder of Pablo's horse and pony sanctuary whilst setting up the temporary works compound on Nottingham Road.

She explained that one of the fields she uses for the rescued horses and ponies was not safe for use as the fencing had been damaged by falling trees in recent bad weather.

We discussed the concern raised with our local fencing and forestry contractor and agreed we would work together to repair and replace the damaged fencing.



A team of six volunteers made up of Galliford Try and Martin's employees gave their time and expertise to clear the falling trees debris and donate and install over 50 meters of new fencing needed to make the field safe for use.

The horses and ponies were returned to the field and are once again running free and enjoying the spring weather.



Carole Fielding wrote...

*On behalf of all of us at Pablo's Horse Sanctuary may I pass on our sincere thanks to your wonderful team that came to our rescue when part of the fencing where we keep some of our rescued ponies came down. They were brilliant not only supplying labour but fencing materials too and they repaired not only the part that came down but made sure the rest of it was ok too. We are so very grateful for their help. Thank you.*

## Progress and upcoming works

### Summary of work progressed in April 2023

- WPD/National Grid have commenced preparation works for the high voltage overhead cable diversion requirements.
- BT have prepared for cable pulling to facilitate the project diversion requirements.
- STW have commenced diversion works of the 250mm water mains. In preparation for the temporary railway bridge and associated temporary works.
- Site clearance and boundary fencing installation in preparation for commencing main works.



- Archaeology and ecology surveys

### Summary of planned work for May 2023

- WPD/National Grid diversion works continue. To facilitate these works temporary traffic management is required on the A606 Nottingham Road  
There will be a greater presence onsite from early May to start laying cable.



GT will continue to identify existing and unknown services and require temporary mobile traffic light management at the following locations. (Off peak 09:00- 15:30)

• Melton Spinney Rd	• Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May
• A607 Melton Rd	• Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> May
• Scaford Rd	• Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May



### Advanced Closure Notification



To facilitate construction of the project and to secure the safety of public there will be road and footpath closures in place from May 2023 until further notice. All closures apply to both road users and pedestrians.

#### Road Closures

Lag Lane (between Thorpe Arnold and Saxby Road)  
Lag Lane (between Saxby Road and Burton Lazars)  
Sawgate Road (between Burton Road and the junction with Cross Lane)

#### Footpath Closures

Melton Spinney Road (Twinlakes to Thorpe Arnold)  
A607 Waltham Road to Woodfold Lane.  
Cross Lane (Burton Lazars) to Grange Drive – Diversion via the A606 Burton Road

**Clear signage will be in place and access for residents and landowners will be maintained at all times.**

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## Local Archaeology

Numerous archaeological discoveries have been made in recent years at Melton Mowbray, mainly when development works have taken place. Flint artefacts of Mesolithic to Bronze Age date, as well as a Neolithic mortuary enclosure radiocarbon dated between 3790 and 3460 BC and an Early-Middle Bronze Age funerary site on the west/south-western side of Melton Mowbray, indicate occupation by both hunter-gatherer and early farming communities during the 6<sup>th</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> millennium BC.



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There is evidence for farming settlements in the Late Bronze Age and Iron Age on the west and north-east edges of the town. Roman farmsteads and field systems are more numerous than Iron Age sites in the immediate environs, and include agricultural boundaries and enclosures recorded in the course of archaeological evaluation fieldwork undertaken on the route of the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road. Medieval activity is represented by ridge and furrow representing agricultural activity on the periphery of the medieval town of Melton Mowbray.



The Melton Mowbray site is a potentially significant site for Leicestershire as it is the furthest north of those that have been investigated previously. A range of new scientific techniques, including geochemical analysis, will be deployed by ARS Ltd to find out as much as possible about how the site functioned both before and during the Roman period.

We have recently uncovered the remains of a large Roman farmstead complex during topsoil stripping for the new road. Whilst it is still early days, a possible holloway, cultivation rows with planting beds and traces of ditched enclosures have been investigated.



Planting beds of this nature that have previously been found in England are considered to be associated with a Mediterranean style of plantation agriculture such as viticulture, or the production of other fruit bearing trees, and would more likely be a commercial endeavour.



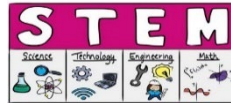
Finds so far include abraded fragments of pottery and a copper alloy brooch dating to the 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> century.

# NEMMDR- Melton Mowbray Distributor Road UPDATE July 2023

## Local primary school wildlife garden restored

Having contacted the MET (Melton Education Trust) we discussed our commitment to support local schools whilst delivering the NEMMDR project.

We shared details of our STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) activities that support pupils and students learning curriculum. These activities also provide an insight into the construction industry.



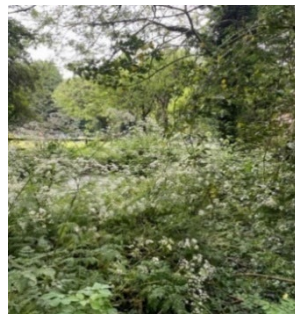
We also offered to provide practical support. We understand that schools have limited budgets and must prioritise their spend appropriately. This often leaves school projects on hold as they are not a priority.

We meet with Andrea Brown, headteacher at Ab Kettleby Primary School who had asked if we could help out with an overgrown and disused outdoor area.



With support from our fencing and forestry sub-contractor, we set about clearing the garden area and repairing the fencing. The work was completed during the half term break, this allowed us to carry out our work safely without any pupils present. It also allowed us full access to the playground for the equipment and materials required to undertake the work.

The area was totally overgrown and the fencing was in desperate need of repair, rendering the space dangerous and unusable.



The transformation has opened up a fantastic outdoor space for the pupils to enjoy the local ecology and wildlife for many years to come.



**Andrea Brown**  
Headteacher  
Ab Kettleby Primary School quoted:



*“The pond area has been disused and overgrown for many years and with us being a small school, we just don’t have the manpower or the finances to be able to make it a useable space.*

*The help we have received from Galliford Try and their sub-contractors has been astounding – the area has been cleared and we can see the pond for the first time! We can’t wait to use it as part of our outdoor learning for pond dipping and bug hunting!*

*You have saved us money, time and manpower.*

*Thank you 🙏”*



## Progress and upcoming works

### Summary of work progressed in June 2023

- Plant crossing points at Scalford Rd & Melton Spinney Rd - Weekend closure & night time closures, completed.



- WPD/NG power diversion works on Nottingham Rd completed.
- Haul road works at sections 1 & 2 completed.
- Overhead power cables and a water main diversion at the railway bridge (Lag Lane) completed.
- Main Site Compound installed and car park surfacing completed.



### Summary of planned work for July 2023

- Completion of both Scalford Rd & Melton Spinney plant crossing points. Once the works are completed the crossing points will have traffic light systems in place to allow traffic flow and provide safe construction traffic crossings.
- Pre-earthworks drainage & ponds to be installed at sections 1&2. This work is offline and runs between A606 Nottingham Rd (sec 1) and Scalford Rd (sec2)
- Bulk earthworks to begin in section 1.
- Installation of culverts in section 1.
- Archaeological works across scheme on going.

### Temporary Traffic Lights



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The temporary traffic lights on the A606 Nottingham Rd at the junction of St Bartholomews Way will remain in place for a further few weeks in July. This will allow us to complete essential works to assist with large vehicle access into site. Existing road markings will be amended to improve traffic flow and provide dedicated junction turning points. **The traffic light system will only be in use between 9:30am - 3:30pm to minimise peak time traffic congestion.**

### Sawgate Rd Closure Notification



**Sawgate Rd will be closed from July 3rd until safe to reopen.** The Lag Lane diversion route accommodates this closure. Clear diversion signage will be in place and access for residents and landowners will be maintained at all times.

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## Progress and upcoming works

### Summary of work progressed in May 2023

- Work began for the temporary rail bridge crossing.
- Access provision and site clearance works are ongoing in preparation for the project compound and offices installation.
- Archaeological works between B676 and Burton Road have begun.
- Severn Trent Water (STW) diversionary works have also commenced.
- Perimeter and ecology fencing installations underway.



### Summary of planned work for June 2023

Archaeological works and the haul road preparation works will continue throughout June.

Installation of main compound and offices will begin. National Grid and STW diversionary works will continue throughout June.

There will be temporary two way traffic lights on the A606 Nottingham Rd at the junction of St Bartholomews Way. This will be in place from the 19<sup>th</sup> June for a 2 week period. The Traffic light system will only be in use between 9:30am- 3:30pm to minimise peak time traffic congestion.

#### Scalford Rd Closure Notification



A temporary weekend road closure is required on Scalford Rd located at the roundabout adjacent to the Bloor Homes housing development. The closure will be in place from 6:00am Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June and reopen at 6:00am on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

#### Melton Spinney Road Closure Notification



A temporary road closure is required on Melton Spinney Road from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023. To minimise disruption there will be overnight work with a full closure requirement and a daytime partial closure with traffic light system in place to maintain access.

The above traffic management restrictions are required to allow us to install the construction traffic crossing points. The construction traffic crossing points form part of the wider temporary haul road which is designed and installed across the scheme to remove our construction traffic from the existing network and Melton Town Centre. Clear diversion signage will be in place and access for residents and landowners will be maintained at all times.

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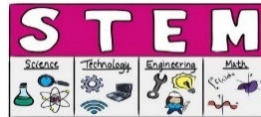
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# NEMMDR- Melton Mowbray Distributor Road UPDATE August 2023

## Local students work experience week

Supporting local schools whilst delivering the NEMMDR project is a high priority for the whole project delivery team.

We shared details of our STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) activities with the Melton Education Trust, and have established key relationships.



Leicestershire County Council's Environment & Transport team arranged a full week of various work experience activities for local students and graduates to explore options for their future career paths.

With support from Galliford Try and design partners Aecom, the team provided an overview of the NEMMDR project from early project conception through transport strategy, planning and design stage. The work experience sessions were interactive providing the students with an opportunity to design their own transport route taking into account the constraints and challenges posed during the design and indeed the construction of the project.



To provide a safe environment for the students to experience working on a construction site, the team provided VR headsets which gave the students a real feel for the day to day construction of the project.



The feedback from the students was very positive and encouraging to see that overall, the work experience week has been successful.

The students commented that the experience was varied, and they had learnt a lot about the role of the Environment and Transport Department and indeed the construction of the project.

### Students' comments about their experience:

*"The thing I enjoyed the most was the virtual reality where we were exploring what the experience would be like if I were to work on a construction site."*

*"I really enjoyed the presentation about the new road in Melton."*

*"The hands on experience on Thursday in which we interacted with a map and looked for constraints whilst making a bridge."*

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## Progress and upcoming works

### Summary of work progressed or completed in July 2023

- The main site compound has been completed and now in use.



- The construction traffic crossing points at both Scalford Road & Melton Spinney Road are now fully operational with traffic light signals in use when required for construction traffic crossings only.
- WPD/NG power diversion works on Nottingham Rd overhead cables fully removed and diverted underground.
- Haul Road works 70% completed.



### Summary of planned and ongoing work for August 2023

- Archaeological works across scheme ongoing.
- Bulk earthworks across scheme ongoing.
- Drainage installation across scheme ongoing.
- Haul Road works across scheme ongoing.
- Installation of culverts in section 1 ( A606 Nottingham Road) ongoing.



Bulk earthworks



Drainage installation works



Archaeological works

### Temporary Traffic Lights



There will be temporary two way traffic lights on A607 Waltham Road and Saxby Road intermediately throughout August.

This will allow us to complete essential works on the final sections of the construction traffic crossing points.

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# NEMMDR- Melton Mowbray Distributor Road UPDATE September 2023

## Our work experience programme continues ....

To support employment within the construction industry we have committed to providing local students expressing interest in construction engineering to spend time with our team delivering the project.

We had the pleasure of welcoming local student Ronnie Collis to our scheme for a 5 day work experience placement. Ronnie spent quality time with our graduate engineers and project delivery team learning about the day to day operations, experiencing firsthand how we deliver our schemes.



### Ronnie Quoted:

*"I'm about to start my last year of sixth form (year 13). I know that I want to do an engineering course at university. Galliford Try and LCC arranged my placement experience during my summer break. I have been shown the ins and outs of everything that goes on during such a large project. So many different people and roles make up the project from the engineers to the project managers and seeing how each role is vital to the whole thing coming together, clearly there are plenty of pathways to get into the industry. I am grateful for the opportunity LCC and GT have provided me with and it will help me a lot, not only to decide what I want to do with my future but it has given me experiences that will improve my life skills and university application."*

## Building Relationships ...

Having a workforce on your doorstep can't be easy, we have a young family living literally at the side of the NE-MMDR project. We have provided regular communications and have taken into account everything we can do to minimise the impact of our works to the family home.

Regular phone calls and face to face discussions helped to understand the needs of the family. Particularly the needs of the owners two young sons who have autism. During a recent house visit we noticed the driveway was waterlogged and needed pothole repairs. We offered to repair the driveway and the family were delighted.

The work was completed with the support of the young man with autism who now is happy to chat to with our team and has expressed his interest in construction.



### Email received from household:

*"We are so lucky to have a construction company working alongside our home that truly cares about people.*

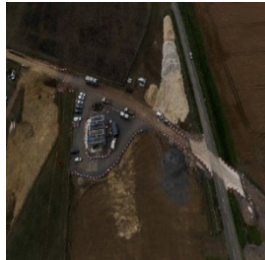
*From day one they have gone above and beyond keeping us informed of everything that's happening and more importantly building a great relationship with us.*

*This has been vital- having two sons with autism who can't cope well to change and who are so anxious of people that they don't know. Because of the time and effort that has been put in to building a relationship one of my sons was even happy enough to go out and help the team today as they kindly offered to repair the potholes in my drive. Just Amazing!"*

## Progress and upcoming works

### Summary of work progressed or completed in August 2023

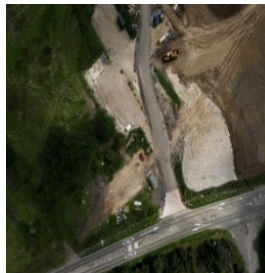
- Satellite compound at Melton Spinney Road installed for bridge construction team at Thorpe Brook.



- First culvert installation completed at A606 Nottingham Road



- Earthworks for new access road underway at Roundabout 1 (A606 Nottingham Rd) towards Scalford Rd.



### Summary of planned and ongoing work for September 2023

- Archaeological works ongoing 80% complete.
- Haul Road works ongoing 80% complete.
- Commence Piling Platform work at River Eye.
- Construction of protection slab for gas main at Melton Spinney Road.
- Severn Trent Water commence work on 450mm main diversion.

If you would like to view the drone footage / scheme photographs please click on link provided:

<https://kuula.co/post/n1/collection/7JVWn>



Haul Road 80% complete



Severn Trent Water diversion



Archaeological works 80% complete

### Temporary Traffic Lights



There will be temporary two way traffic lights on the B676 Saxby Road and the A606 Burton Road intermediately throughout September.

This will allow us to complete essential works on the final sections of the crossing points to complete the construction traffic haul road.

For your own safety and that of our workforce please adhere to the plant crossing traffic signals when operational.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION**

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