



MELTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Melton Road Crossings Consultation

A public consultation was carried out regarding the Melton Road Crossings from mid Feb to the 15th March 2021. Printed flyers were distributed to all residences along Melton Road and adjacent roads, eg Fayrefield, Turnpike Lane, Dock Lane, Daines Lane, Old Maltings etc. In addition, information was placed on the MPC website, sent out via e-News, posted on NextDoor and placed in the March editions of In Touch and Melton Messenger. Maps of the proposed locations can be seen in the Appendix. The crossings were proposed as they were believed to provide the optimum balance of natural crossing points with the least loss of parking.

Details of the responses received and the office's response can be found in the Member Area of the website. The salient points are:

- 47 responses were received – a combination of emails, letters, phone calls and social media responses
- 3 outright objections – on the grounds of loss of parking near the playing fields
- Overall 39 supported the principle of crossings
- 17 supported the proposals with no changes
- 22 supported having crossings but with concerns about the location or type of crossing
- 5 responses did not relate directly to the crossings and were concerned with cycle lanes or double yellow lines
- 10 responses called for double yellow lines at Fayrefield Road
- 10 responses requested that the playing field crossing was nearer to the Spar/playing field pedestrian gate. Some of these were due to concern about the loss of parking near the proposed playing field location.
- There were 6 requests for additional yellow lines at other junctions (other than at Fayrefield Road) with Melton Road: New Quay Lane, Turnpike Lane, Hackney Road, extending double yellow lines opposite the playing field towards the Coach and Horses and outside the playing field entrance
- 1 resident asked if the placement of the island crossing outside their house would prevent them from being able to drop their kerb and park in their front garden. Highways were consulted but cannot confirm if the island would prevent them dropping their kerb. This could have legal ramifications for the council at a later date.
- 5 responses called for the crossings to be pedestrian controlled/zebra crossings rather than island crossings
- 5 responses expressed concerns that island crossings are a risk for cyclists
- A number of responses highlighted that they have concerns with speeding traffic

In terms of taking this project forward Full Council is recommended to review its actions in the light of the responses to the consultation and proceed as follows:

1. Consider whether it wishes to proceed with the principle of two crossings, and if so:
 - Confirm the location of the Melton Hill crossing
 - In the light of the concerns expressed by several respondents consider whether the Melton Road crossing might be more safely located closer to the Spar shop / pedestrian gate to the playing field
2. If the decision is to retain the existing Melton Road location then sound reasons will need to be offered for the decision to head off any risk of legal challenge by affected residents
3. If the decision is to move the location of the Melton Road crossing then agree to ask Highways to produce a detailed plan of the most suitable location between the Spar shop / pedestrian gate (allowing for the need

for clear and safe access to the garage and corresponding safe crossing for pedestrians) for further but strictly limited consultation

4. Subject to decisions on the actions agreed above instruct Highways to produce plans showing:
 - Where it is proposed that yellow line protection along Melton Road will be located
 - Where it is possible under Highways regulations, yellow line protection for the entrance to the playing field and all road junctions with Melton Road / Melton Hill; i.e:
 - Fayrefield Road
 - Turnpike Lane
 - Hackney Road
 - Jenners Close
 - New Quay Lane
 - Old Maltings Approach
 - Smithfield
 - Deben Meadows
 - Daines Lane
 - Dock Lane
5. Highways should also be requested to advise on how mitigations for the safety of cyclists might be incorporated into the final scheme.



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Appendix – Maps showing the proposed crossing points at Melton Road/Melton Hill

