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Dear Sir / Madam

Response to Melbourn Greenway Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this public consultation. We have studied the plans and attended both the online Zoom meeting and the Consultation Display at the Hub on Monday, 17 October.

Please note our response to the proposed Greenway project below.

The plans generally provide for a good shared use path from Melbourn to the site of the proposed bridge over the A505 at Royston.

Links with Meldreth

We note that there is no provision for a link to Meldreth via the Bury Lane Farm Shop complex and the bridleway to the Fieldgate corner on Station Rd. This would require a crossing place just east of the junction of Royston Road and the A10. We believe there is room on the carriageway for a two-stage crossing and we would request that provision for this be included in the plans. We would note that the path beside the A10 needs improving to that of a shared use path and the bridleway need some improvement to provide a better surface for cyclists and other users, including horses.

Safety concerns

We believe that rights of way need to be addressed for the safety of all users. We would suggest that at entrances and minor roads the path should be placed on a raised table with clear marking on the ramps. Sight lines are a major consideration and needed to be considered and any actions need to be defined.

South of the village

It is our view that the crossing arrangements near Back Lane need to be reviewed. There is a suggestion that there will be a Zebra crossing. It is our view that road narrowing would have the effect of slowing traffic entering the village. There is, however, a need to allow cyclists heading north to cross Royston Road safely just before Back Lane.

Centre of the village

We are mindful that proposed changes to the carriageway at The Cross may have a negative impact on traffic flow. We would like there to be further consideration of how this may be mitigated.

North of the village

We note that no changes have been proposed to the existing shared use path north of the Science Park. We believe that improvements are needed at access points to improve sight lines and to send a clear message to vehicles that there is a cycle crossing.

We believe that the road crossing just south of Dobbies needs to be clearly defined with more signposting and road markings.

The A10 crossing at Dunsbridge provides a two-stage crossing but does not have sufficient space for cycles in the central reservation. This is much busier than the proposed signalised crossing at Shepreth Lakes. We believe that signalling this crossing is necessary and would improve safety.

On Cambridge Road the emerging development plans at the Melbourn Science Park will materially affect traffic flows in this location. The Greenway scheme and any speed change proposals should work in harmony to mitigate any impact. A 20mph speed limit would be appropriate in this situation. The Council is encouraged to work directly with the Science Park to ensure the Greenway scheme and attendant speed limits changes are developed alongside this significant business development project.

Speed limit changes on the Cambridge Road between the A10 and village boundary should be strongly considered. Cambridge Road intersects with the A10 which has a speed limit of 50mph. Traffic can then turn off the A10 towards Melbourn and increase speed up to 60mph until it reaches the 30mph sign at the village boundary. This seems illogical and a 40mph buffer zone would seem to be an effective solution. The same can be said of the entry point into Melbourn from the Royston direction.

Yours faithfully

Cllr Graham Clark
Chair – Melbourn Parish Council