

THE WALCOTE WORD

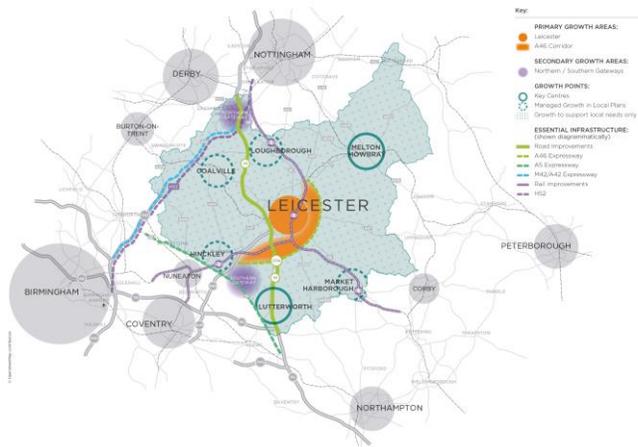
EDITION 5: SPRING 2018

A NEW PLAN FOR LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE?

Consultation now open

The City and County Councils have published a draft strategic growth plan for the period up to 2050. Once in place it will be used as a basis for preparing or reviewing Local, economic and transport plans. It includes proposals such as an A46

envisaged in the current draft local plan. The consultation only lasts until 5 April 2018. The Parish Council will respond as it believes that some proposals are not supported by satisfactory evidence. It is also concerned that the green



corridor around the south of the City, with a new M1 junction, an expressway and the potential to accommodate 40,000 new homes, an A5 expressway and additional growth for Lutterworth beyond that already

wedge between Lutterworth and Misterton should be maintained. If you wish to know more and would like to respond yourselves then visit: <http://www.lstrategicgrowthplan.org.uk/>

WELCOME

Welcome to this edition of The Walcote Word, a quarterly newsletter sent out electronically by the Misterton with Walcote Parish Council. If you have any news or photos that would be of interest to others, want to help or just unsubscribe, please contact: clerk@mistertonwithwalcote.org.uk

Hard copies will be placed on the Parish notice board and in the pub but if you know someone who can't access these or a computer, please let us know.

IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE WOODS TODAY...

You're likely to get very muddy!

It won't surprise you to hear that the County Council's plans for the Misterton Woods have been delayed due to the weather and ground conditions but we are told that it is hoped to start clearing the remaining timber and begin path reinstatement in early March. Drainage works are planned for the summer followed by replanting in the next winter planting season.

OUT AND ABOUT IN WALCOTE

The Triangle

The artwork for the new notice board is almost complete and should be in place shortly. Sadly, the blockwork and bench have been damaged, first by a car at the end of October and then by a delivery truck in January. Both insurance claims have now been agreed and we hope to begin repairs and replace the bench in the next few weeks.

Speed Cameras

Leicestershire County Council tells us that the contract to install the cameras has now been awarded and planning and preparatory works are continuing. It is anticipated that they will be installed in the Spring. When exactly is unclear, but we are told that Walcote is likely to be one of the earlier sites.

The former Tavern car park

Planning permission has been granted to erect two dwellings on the site. The PC did not object in principle but strongly supported the provision of a suitable footpath to improve pedestrian safety on Franks Lane. The eventual permission makes no mention of any such footpath.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Again?

Yes but no apologies. This is important for the Parish. Since the last newsletter a small but dedicated band of volunteers has been working to move the plan on. However, we desperately need more support during the next phase of plan preparation. The good news is that this will be a short-term, limited commitment. If you can offer ANY help, however limited, please come to The Black Horse at 7:00 pm on Monday 5 March to find out more. Alternatively, speak to a Parish Councillor or contact the Parish Clerk who will put you in touch with the team.

Your help is vital to ensure that Misterton and Walcote develop in a sensitive and sustainable way

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: last Sunday of the month – Village Quiz Night

4 to 7 May – Beer Festival – Both at The Black Horse

NEXT TIME: What projects won a wind farm grant?