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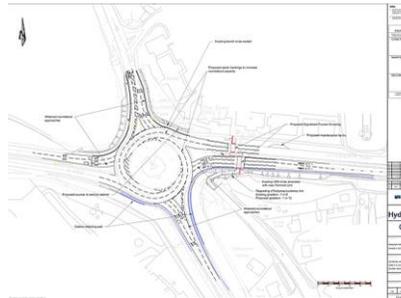
LUTTERWORTH EAST

What next?

Well, Leicestershire County Council has now submitted its application for outline planning consent on the land in question and it should be available to view on Harborough DC's website by early March (ref: 19/00250/OUT). It is pretty much as expected but concerns remain regarding the

Inspector. MWPC has submitted a response, in particular emphasizing the need for a "green wedge" between the new development and Misterton and Walcote.

One point of interest concerns the future of Gilmorton Road. The modifications remove the need



status of the spine road running through the development and whether it will relieve the traffic in the town centre and lead to an improvement in air quality. We are told that LCC is planning an exhibition at the Wycliffe Rooms on Friday 22 March where the public will be able to see the plans and ask questions.

Alongside this, a consultation has just closed into proposed modifications to the draft local plan required as by the Planning

for the road to be closed to vehicles other than buses but LCC has confirmed that this is still its intention.

If you want further information you might find this site interesting: <https://www.stuff-you-need-to-know.com>. The picture above comes from that blog and shows the proposals for the "Whittle" roundabout.

We hope to place a copy of the plan submitted by LCC on the Parish notice board.

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:

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SPEED CAMERAS

Are they working?

Well that was the question posed recently in the local press but Leicestershire County Council has confirmed that they are working, although they are not operational for enforcement 24/7. It seems that the available funds were enough to cover the infrastructure and enough for a number of sites to be on at any one time but not all seven. We are told that for speed cameras to be enforced only part of the time is common place. They do however collect data round the clock and LCC stresses that their purpose is not to fine drivers but to change their behaviour. The PC will continue to argue for their retention at the end of the one-year trial.

THE PLAY AREAS

Following damage to the zip wire, by person or persons unknown, it has now been repaired. In the longer term we are seeking funding to replace the skateboard ramps as the cost of repairs is growing. We'll keep you posted.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

What's happening?

A group of local people has been hard at work and various policies, featuring the environment, housing and the economy and transport, are coming together and will shortly form the basis of a draft plan. You will then be asked for your views before various outside organisations are consulted. Ultimately it will have to pass an independent examination and a public referendum.

PILATES

There are many groups that meet in the Memorial Hall, but few are as good for your health and well-being as the Pilates group which meets on the first and fourth Wednesday of each month (plus the fifth too, if there is one.)

Pilates is a system of exercises which were developed in the twentieth century and will help participants strengthen their core muscles, improve their posture and balance and increase their flexibility. But don't be intimidated: the group is a mixture of all ages and very variable levels of fitness. Nicky, the instructor, tailors the sessions to each individual's needs, accommodating injury or other limitations. Why not try it? If you think you would like to give it a go, contact Nicky on 07769 770776.

EASTER SERVICE OF LIGHT

Saturday 20 April, 6 pm, St Leonard's Church, Misterton. A short service for all ages including soup, fire, water, candles, an Easter garden and (possibly) chocolate eggs. See Five Parishes News for details.