

## Royston Masterplan Framework consultation

Following concerns expressed by residents over the development proposals adjacent to Lee Lane, the following may be of interest:

Some 12 years ago I looked at the proposals, then part of the Barnsley UDP, on behalf of the Parish Council. Although, in common with others, I haven't been able to access the Royston Masterplan website, from what we've been told I'm not aware of any major changes. The proposal was for housing development to both sides of Lee Lane: on the south there was to be a spine road connecting to the B6132 in Carlton, and also some office and retail spaces.

Work on the north side began 4 years ago, and there has been intermittent disruption to traffic on Lee lane (and thus traffic diverting through Notton) during that time, while the new roundabout was built and some utilities installed and upgraded.

My view 12 years ago was, and still is, that the plans do not materially affect traffic through Notton on George Lane, although there might be a slight increase on Bleakley Lane. Traffic from, or serving the development, will use the A61 and Lee Lane. The traffic impact study also forecast increases in Mapplewell and Havercroft. To me the most important part of the proposals was the off-site highway improvement at the junction of Lee Lane with the A61 at the Turnpike Garage. Delays to westbound traffic at this point will cause an increase in the number of vehicles diverting along George Lane.

No amount of representation at this stage will materially change the form or size of the development. If any resident intends to respond to the consultation I think it's important to press for improvements at this junction. Installation of traffic lights would, I guess, be the usual means of preventing delays to vehicles at this point.