

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme October to November 2018

Sections 1 and 2 - Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line
Section 3 - East Coast Main Line to Swavesey
Sections 4 and 5 - Swavesey to Milton
Section 6 – Huntingdon

Traffic Management:

Sections 1 and 2: Narrow lanes and a 40-mph speed limit remain in force on the A1 and both north and southbound carriageways will continue to be closed at times throughout October for the installation of gantry technology. The recent weekend closures between Ellington and Brampton Hut have enabled traffic to move onto the new temporary alignment so work on the new Ellington junction can commence. (see picture below)



Section 3: A scheduled closure of the A1198, Ermine Street, has been postponed until later in the autumn. We'll provide an update in the next newsletter. Following the opening of the new bridge to traffic, the Hilton Road plant crossing is no longer in use, but a 40mph speed limit remains in force.

Sections 4 & 5:

There are no closures planned in Section 4 during October. In early November there will be a weekend closure for the demolition of the old bridge at Swavesey. Details will follow nearer the time.

The week-night closures of the A14 between the Girton Interchange and Milton will end shortly as the works move into phase two. Limited night works are anticipated to continue until the end of this year.

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Construction Activities:

Section 1: We're on schedule to complete the A1 north of Brampton Hut and open the new carriageway before Christmas. Since the new alignment of Wooley Road is reliant upon the completion of the new Ellington junction, the temporary access from Wooley Road onto the new A1 alignment will remain in place.

Section 2: Thanks to one of the best summers we've had in 20 years, earthworks have progressed very well. We've moved over 2.1 million m³ of material to form the embankments of the new A1 & A14 and with only 0.4 million m³ left to move, we're comfortably ahead of schedule.

Traffic is now diverted from the existing A14, just west of Brampton Hut Services. This allows us to fill the new embankment over the old A14 to form a connection with Wooley Road and the local access towards Alconbury. We'll be completing the work around the new bridges with 100,000 m³ of topsoil. By late summer 2019, approximately 300,000 m³ of sand and gravel will have been extracted from borrow pits west of the A1. These materials are processed and used in cement and asphalt products across the whole project.

Section 3: We have reached two important milestones in this section, with the completion of bulk earthworks and the laying of the first asphalt on the mainline carriageways.

The bulk earthworks have totalled 1.4 million cubic metres of 'cut' material and 1.7 million cubic metres used as 'fill'. All material has been obtained from the line of the road or adjacent borrow pits. The work has been carried out by 18 bulk excavators, 17 compactors (dozers) and 50 articulated haulers (dumper trucks).

The focus has now switched to carriageway construction. So far 20,000 tonnes of cement-bound aggregate have been laid to provide the foundation layers for the 'black top' road surface, and 14,000 tonnes of base and binder asphalt has been laid at a rate of up to 1,500 tonnes a shift.

Hilton Road Bridge opened to traffic as planned at the end of September – despite the final tie-in and surfacing having to take place on a very wet weekend. Conington Road Bridge is on course for completion by the end of the year.

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Sections 4 and 5:



The installation of the decks of the two new bridges at Bar Hill using self-propelled mobile transporters (SPMT) was successfully completed eighteen hours ahead of schedule, by noon on Sunday 16 September. Work continues to complete the bridges and the new junction will be opened next year.



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At Swavesey, the new junction is nearing completion. Once open to live traffic, the current bridge will be demolished during a weekend closure.

Work on the new local access road that will run from Oakington Road to Huntingdon Road and Girton to Dry Drayton is progressing well. It is anticipated that traffic will be using these roads by the end of the year. Construction of the new access road into Cambridge Crematorium is now underway. Westbound traffic will shortly be switched to the temporary alignment we have prepared at Robins Lane.

The night works along the Cambridge Northern Bypass will end soon. During these works we have removed the central safety barrier and resurfaced the road, allowing traffic to move across as we start to widen this section of the A14. During phase two, most of the work will be carried out during the day.

Section 6 Huntingdon Works:

Early preparatory work in this section of the scheme will start later this year, but the removal of the viaduct cannot begin until we have A14 traffic on the new road. The recent information we have shared about our work in Huntingdon can be found via this link:

[A14-Cambridge to Huntingdon- Preview of plans for Huntingdon](#)

Community Engagement

The A14 Mobile Visitor Centre will be at the following events/venues:

Orchard Park, Unwin Square, CB4 2AD - 8 October 14:00 to 19:00
St Ives' Farmers Market – Sheep Market, St Ives - 20 October 09:00 to 14:00
Northstowe Pathfinder School, CB24 3DS - 31 October, 14:00 to 19:00
Alconbury Memorial Hall, School Lane PE28 4EQ - 6 November, 15:00 to 18:30

If you'd like to book the MVC to visit your village or town, please email:

a14cambridgehuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk

Volunteering:

The A14 team is always on the lookout for local volunteering opportunities. If you or your parishioners have any community projects we could help with, please call us on 0800 270 0114 or email Samantha.kedie@thea14.com

A14 Charity Welly Walk

'Brilliant', 'amazing', 'superb', 'fantastic' and 'wonderful' are just some of the words used to describe the A14 charity Welly Walk on Sunday 9 September 2018. After weeks of planning and hard work we opened the 10-kilometre (6.2 mile) section of the new A14 route between Ermine street and Swavesey to the public.

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More than 450 residents joined friends and family of the project to walk in memory of colleagues we have lost to cancer, raising over £5,000 for Cancer Research UK in the process. Thank you to everyone who has donated to our fundraising page.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/a14c2h-wellywalk-giving-page>



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