

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme March to April 2019

Section 1 and 2 – Alconbury & Ellington to 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: The new A1 between Alconbury and Buckden is now open to traffic, and the speed limit reinstated at 70-mph. Some overnight closures will be required for completion works, including commissioning the overhead gantries.

There will be some night closures between 8 pm to 6 am on the eastbound A14 at Ellington for the next eight weeks for gantry construction.

Section 3: Following the weekend closure of Conington Road from Friday, 29 March to Monday 1 April, it will reopen to traffic on the new alignment which includes a new bridge.

Sections 4 & 5: The east and west bound A14 between junction 28, Swavesey and junction 29, Bar Hill, will be closed from 9pm to 6am for seven nights between Monday 1 April to Sunday 7 April. These closures are to facilitate the construction of the new Lolworth bridge.

Narrow lanes and the 40-mph speed limit on the A14 between the M11 junction at Girton and Dry Drayton remain in place in preparation for construction works.

Construction Activities:



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Sections 1 & 2: On Monday 25 March, as pictured above, we opened the new section of the A1 between Brampton and Alconbury, restoring the 70-mph speed limit. The seven miles of extra lanes will benefit the 31,000 drivers who use it daily.

Following completion of major works on the A1, we are focussing on constructing the new A14 junction at Ellington, aiming to transfer traffic on to the permanent alignment later in the spring. At this junction, the A14 Huntingdon southern bypass will re-join the original A14 alignment, providing links to the A1 for eastbound A14 traffic via Brampton Hut junction. The new junction is due to be completed later in the summer.

Work to complete the A14 over the old line of the B1514 Buckden Road is now well advanced. This will link the new road west of Brampton with the river Great Ouse crossing and the Huntingdon southern bypass.

Section 3: The reopening of Conington Road, mentioned above, will be followed by completion works, including farms accesses and emergency-only slip roads on to the new A14.

Work is progressing well on New Barns Lane bridge, with the beams due for installation in April. This is the last bridge in Section 3 and will provide farm access over the new A14.

The bridge over the East Coast Mainline is almost complete. On the mainline A14 in this section, installation of roadside ducting for communications and overhead gantries is well underway. Earthworks are nearing completion and the carriageways will then be surfaced. Fencing, landscaping and access-track works continue.

Sections 4 and 5: The new bridge at Lolworth, which, when completed, will give the village both west and eastbound access to the road network, is progressing well. Works will be undertaken on this bridge during night-time closures in the first week of April.

Construction of the new Bar Hill junction is progressing well. One half of the new junction will be opened to traffic this summer, after which time we will demolish the old bridge. Further details will be shared closer to the date.

We recently opened the new local access road between Girton and Dry Drayton, providing a connection with the existing A1307 / Huntingdon Road as it leaves Cambridge. The new local access road to Cambridge crematorium is now open and the old entrance, off the westbound A14 has been closed.

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Carriageway widening continues on the Cambridge Northern by-pass at Milton. Work is now being undertaken to modify the bridge at Kings Hedges and new beams have been installed to allow widening of this structure.

Construction of the embankments and road widening at the eastbound exit slips roads at junctions 32, Histon and 33, Milton, started in late March. Work at junction 32 will include constructing a retaining wall around the north-west side of the junction, during day-time hours and will take approximately eight weeks. Utility diversion works on the B1049 at its junction with the A14 westbound entry slip continue, as a “Cambridge Water” pipe is re-routed.

Section 6: Preparatory work continues, including archaeological excavations along the route of the Pathfinder Link road into Huntingdon. Tree removal has been completed on a small stretch of Hinchingsbrooke Park Road and on the tree belt to the north of the constabulary. Overnight single lane closures have allowed for traffic management (concrete barriers and fencing) to be installed on Hinchingsbrooke Park Road and the footpath between the traffic lights opposite Hinchingsbrooke school and the crossing near Brampton Road currently remains open but will be closed temporarily when the utility companies begin work in April. This is to allow excavations and diversions of utility cables which are buried under the footpath.

We'll re-route the footpath and the lanes of Hinchingsbrooke Park Road and Brampton Road will be narrowed during this work, which could take up to 12 months to complete. Access to Hinchingsbrooke estate, Hinchingsbrooke School, Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and for emergency services will always be maintained, as traffic light control is being used. Please refer to the diagram below.

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Open Doors 2019

On Saturday 23rd March, the A14 team welcomed 447 members of the public to our three main compounds at Brampton, Ermine street and Swavesey in support of 'Open Doors – Get in to Construction', an annual national event. Numbers were up by 127 on last year's total, with many return visitors relishing the opportunity to tour our construction sites again and see the amazing progress made since Open Doors 2018 and the Welly Walk last summer. Their comments, both overheard, written and posted on social media, were positive and without exception, everyone completing a feedback form ticked 'Very satisfied' in all categories. 'Excellent' was the favoured word many chose to describe what they saw and the welcome they received. The day was a resounding success.



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Archaeology

The A14's team of archaeologists from MOLA Headland (MHI) was recently awarded the prestigious prize for **Rescue Project of the Year 2019**, at the Current Archaeology awards, for their work on our scheme. The awards recognised projects for their archaeological work over the last 12 months, including work to preserve over 1,200 iron cannonballs recovered from the wreck of Henry VIII's flag ship, The Mary Rose and an Anglo-Norman execution cemetery in Andover.

The competition was stiff but the A14 won the public's vote. Pictured below is our Archaeology lead, Dr Steve Sherlock with the award. Thank you to everyone who voted for the A14, following our appeal in previous newsletters.



A14 Mobile Visitor Centre

Our mobile visitor centre will be open for visitors at Truckfest Peterborough on 5-6 May and Street Chilli Fest, Huntingdon on 18 May.

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

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