

**COUNCILLORS' BULLETIN
WEDNESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER
2018**



South
Cambridgeshire
District Council

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1. Meetings and events from Thursday 19 September to Friday 4 October 2018

Date	Time	Name	Venue	Contact
Thu 20 Sep	2pm	Climate and Environmental Advisory Committee	Swansley Room	Patrick Adams
	2pm	Greater Cambridge Partnership Joint Assembly	Council Chamber	Democratic Services
Fri 21 Sep				
Mon 24 Sep	9:30am	Special Meeting of Cabinet	Council Chamber	Ian Senior
Tue 25 Sep	9:30am	Audit & Corporate Governance Committee	Swansley Room	Patrick Adams
Wed 26 Sep				
Thu 27 Sep	2pm	Council	Council Chamber	Kathrin John
Fri 28 Sep	10am	Grants Advisory Committee	Monkfield Room	Ian Senior
Mon 1 Oct				
Tue 2 Oct				
Wed 3 Oct	9:30am	Cabinet	Swansley Room	Ian Senior
Thu 4 Oct				
Fri 5 Oct				

INFORMATION FOR DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

2. A14 Weekly Road Closures

Please find attached road closures information for the week commencing 17 September, in relation to the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme.

Please note, there is a contingency booking in place for Friday 21st – Monday 24th if further work is required to complete the Bar Hill bridge decks installation. (Further details in attached).

To contact your A14 sections stakeholder manager, please use the email addresses below or the A14 helpline.

Section 1 & 2: Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line
Jon Lewell - jon.lewell@thea14.com

Section 3: East Coast Main Line to Swavesey
John Birchall - John.Birchall@theA14.com

Section 4 & 5: Swavesey to Milton
Bob Pettipher - bob.pettipher@thea14.com

A14 helpline **0800 270 0114** - This will be answered by a team member during site hours 8am - 5pm and messages can be left at other times. Further updates as the scheme progresses can be found on the [website](#).

3. **Plans for Part of A14 to Become a Motorway**

Please see below a message from Mike Evans of Highways England:

We have undertaken a preliminary study to explore reclassifying the new A14 between Girton and Ellington as motorway. We are also considering extending the motorway status to include the A1 between Brampton and Alconbury to join with the existing A1(M). This would create an unbroken motorway link between London and Peterborough.

The benefits of a motorway are increased safety and more reliable journeys. To achieve this, motorway regulations prohibit certain road users. The prohibition of pedestrians, cyclists and horse drawn vehicles was already included in the planning for the new A14. Prohibition would be extended to cover vehicles under 50cc and agricultural vehicles. However, as you know, we have already designed-in alternative routes for this traffic and provided alternative means of access to land which do not rely on the new A14.

Please be assured that the design and engineering of the route will not change. We still plan on opening the road by the end of 2020.

The next step in the process of reclassifying the road is completion of a detailed traffic and environmental assessment, later this year. We will then apply to the Planning Inspectorate for an amendment to the scheme's development consent order to allow us to change the road classification from trunk road to motorway. You will have an opportunity to give the Planning Inspectorate your views on the amendments at that point.

For your information I have attached a copy of our press release on the subject, published today, and a plan of the scheme showing the extent of the proposed motorway status. In the coming weeks we will be speaking with farmers and land owners. We will also taking our mobile visitors centre out and about – please let us know whether you'd like it to come to a location near you.

If you have any questions, please speak with your usual project contact or contact us at A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk.

Regards,

Mike Evans
A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme
Highways England

4. **A14 Diversions and Traffic Management**

At times it is necessary for Highways England to close the A14 to allow the roadworks to be undertaken at night and/or over a weekend. Although signed diversions are put in place drivers are using alternative routes on local roads through villages which is impacting on a number of communities along the length of the A14.

Highways England and Cambridgeshire County Council (as the local highway authority) are working together to try to minimise these impacts. Extensive consideration has been given to this issue - the attached note outlines various measures that have been undertaken to date, and those that have been considered but are not possible to do.

If local communities would like to propose other measures which have not already been considered please forward suggestions to pam.hobson@thea14.com at Highways England.

5. Preferred Route for Oxford to Cambridge Expressway Between Oxford and Milton Keynes Announced

An announcement from the Government appears to be about the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway, and the chosen area for route options development between Milton Keynes and Oxford.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/route-announced-to-unlock-full-potential-of-englands-economic-heartland>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/oxford-to-cambridge-expressway-road-scheme-update>

6. Community Right to Bid: Assets of Community Value

In Swavesey - The White Horse Inn,

The Council has approved the listing of The White Horse Inn as an Asset of Community Value until 17 September 2023

The Council will update the asset register accordingly.

Further information about the Community Right to Bid and Assets of Community Value can be found on our webpage:

<http://www.scams.gov.uk/community/community/community-rights/assets-of-community-value/>

UPCOMING DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Unless otherwise specified, please confirm your availability to attend any of the following briefing or training events by contacting [Patrick Adams](#) on 01954 713408. This will ensure your training records are kept up to date and suitable venue and catering booking can be made. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

7. Police Briefing: Thu 27 September at 10am

District Councillors and County Councillors who serve in the District's area are invited to attend a briefing from Cambridgeshire Constabulary on Thursday 27 September at 10am in the Council Chamber.

8. Greater Cambridge Partnership Briefing: Thu 11 October at 2pm

The Greater Cambridge Partnership team will be giving a briefing for District Councillors at 2pm in the Swansley Room on Thursday 11 October at 2pm. It is expected last for just over an hour.

GENERAL INFORMATION

9. Media Monitoring



Arising from the results of the Member Communication Needs Survey, many members highlighted the fact that residents found out about SCDC matters through the media.

The Council's Communications Team will produce a weekly summary of recent news items to be published in the Bulletin to help keep members informed of recent coverage of SCDC.

Contact the [Communications Team](#) for further information.

Date	Publication	Details		
12/09/2018	Cambridge News	3,500 homes could be built on airfield site	P7	Mentions submission of Bourn Airfield planning application
12/09/2018	Cambridge News	Health and pollution risks are the burning questions over plans	P11	Mentions SCDC concerns about energy from waste proposal at Waterbeach
12/09/2018	Cambridge News online	A whopping 3,500 homes are closer to being built on Bourn Airfield	Link	Mentions submission of Bourn Airfield planning application
12/09/2018	Cambridge News online	Trenches built on Cambourne site to keep Travellers from pitching up	Link	CLr Ruth Betson quoted
12/09/2018	Cambridge Independent	New Park & Ride to tackle medical campus growth	P6	GCP article
12/09/2018	Cambridge Independent	Sticking by 'insane' metro	P6	CA article
12/09/2018	Cambridge Independent	Plans submitted for 3,500-home development at airfield	P8	Mentions submission of Bourn Airfield planning application
12/09/2018	Cambridge Independent	Have your say on new town	P8	Waterbeach SPD consultation
12/09/2018	Cambridge Independent	Station move to be discussed	P8	Preview of Waterbeach Station planning application
12/09/2018	Cambridge Independent	Council in £17m loan bid to help build 149 homes	P18	
13/09/2018	Cambridge News	Trenches to keep out Travellers	P5	CLr Ruth Betson quoted
13/09/2018	Cambridge Independent online	Waterbeach railway station move is approved	Link	
14/09/2018	Cambridge News	Have your say on £16m work to improve Milton Road	P13	GCP article
14/09/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	CLr Bunty Waters interviewed about A14 Bar Hill bridge works	Scroll to 15m in	
14/09/2018	Cambridge Network online	Greater Cambridge is pivotal to deliver economic growth, says independent report	Link	
15/09/2018	Cambridge news online	Waste incinerator will dominate landscape and ruin views of Ely Cathedral say villagers (SCDC response to consultation included)	Link	
16/09/2018	Express Online	TRAVELLER HOUSING SCAM: Illegal green belt sites 'rented to homeless and EU migrants'	Link	
16/09/2018	Ely Standard online	S Cambs Lib Dem leader questions devolution model for Cambridgeshire for putting 'too much power in one pair of, usually white, male hands'	Link	
17/09/2018	Cambridge News	Get smart if you want to beat the city traffic (GCP)	P22	
17/09/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	CLr Bunty Waters interviewed about early completion of A14 bridge works	Scroll to 27m in	
17/09/2018	Cambridge Network Online	Have your say on vision for new town north of Waterbeach	Link	

17/09/2018	Cambs Times Online	County Council rejects £200m energy from waste plant at Waterbeach	Link	Cllr Peter Topping Tweet quoted
18/09/2018	Eastern Echo	Bid to unlock 149 affordable homes	Link	
19/09/2018	Ely Standard Online	Cambridge and South Cambs Council leaders demand Mayor Palmer 'comes clean' over speedy exit of £150,000 a year CA Chief Executive	Link	Motion to CA meeting tabled by Cllr Bridget Smith and Cllr Lewis Herbert is focus of article
19/09/2018	Peterborough Telegraph	Peterborough's metro mayor comes under fire from own cabinet members who demand answers over shock chief executive departure	Link	Motion to CA meeting tabled by Cllr Bridget Smith and Cllr Lewis Herbert is focus of article
19/09/2018	BBC Radio Cambridgeshire	Report into ice rink progress flagging SCDC funding: Reporter package and bulletins	N/A	

10. Items of Interest from the Local Government Association (LGA)



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The Local Government Association provides a list of news headlines relevant to its members. Please click the headlines below for more details.

Thursday 13 September: *Independent*: [Welby urges Universal Credit to be scrapped](#)

The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said the introduction of Universal Credit should be scrapped as it emerged that one in six new claimants are not being paid on time.

Wednesday 19 September: *Telegraph*: [PM pledges £2 billion for housing associations](#)

Theresa May will announce an extra £2 billion in funding over the next 10 years to help housing associations build more affordable homes and tackle the housing crisis.

Wednesday 19 September: *Guardian*: [Opinion: Local government funding](#)

Cllr Jon Collins, Leader of Nottingham City Council, and former Lincolnshire County Councillor John Marriot discusses local government funding in separate letters.

11. View Planning Applications



To view the list of planning applications that have recently been submitted to the Council, please visit the authority's on-line [Planning Application Search](#). Once the page has loaded, you can use the [Search option](#) to set your own criteria of parish, area and date range.

The system will provide a range of information on current and decided applications since 1948, including a brief description of the development, reference number, decision and the date of decision. More recent applications show the name and telephone number of the council officer who is dealing with the application.

Search results are presented in a collection of pages, the number of which depends on the



number of results your search produces. There are navigation tools to allow you to browse your results.

DECISIONS MADE BY OFFICERS AND REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

Please click on the link below to find details of decisions made by officers under delegated authority:

<https://www.scams.gov.uk/content/access-information>

OTHER INFORMATION

12. Newly-Published Items on modern.gov



Agendas

- [Climate and Environment Advisory Committee 20 September](#)
- [Cabinet 24 September](#)

Decisions

- [Planning Committee 12 September](#)

13. SCDC Starters and Leavers



New Employees at the Council

Name: Russel Fletcher
Post title: Refuse Loader
Date started: 27 August 2018

Name: Tony Gray
Post title: Planning Officer
Date started: 4 September 2018

Name: Fiona Lightfoot
Post title: Planning Officer
Date started: 3 September 2018

Name: Stephanie Lucas
Job title: Land Charges Officer
Date started: 10 September 2018



Name: Sumaya Nakamya
Job title: Planning Officer
Date started: 10 September 2018

Name: Chloe Smith
Post title: HR Advisor
Date started: 3 September 2018



Staff who have left/will be leaving

Name: Christopher Harding
Job title: Driver
Date left: 18 September 2018

Name: Juliette Wilson
Job title: Historic Building Consultancy Officer
Date leaving: 30 September 2018



Name: Lizzie Wood
Job title: Planning Policy Officer
Date leaving: 18 September 2018

Name: Matthew Wood
Job title: Accountancy Assistant
Date leaving: 30 September 2018

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Agenda Item 2

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire: major improvements

Construction work on the new A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon scheme is underway. We are currently carrying out a variety of tasks for which we need to close lanes or carriageways on the A1, A14 and some local roads at times, usually overnight between 8pm and 6am, unless otherwise stated. A clearly signed diversion route will always be in place for closures.

For this week, the planned closures are:

Full closures

Monday 17 (one night)

- A14 westbound Brampton Hut junction 21 to Ellington junction 20

A signed diversion will be in place. Vehicles will follow the A14 link road at junction 23 to travel north on the A1(M) then travel west on the A605 to re-join the A14 at junction 13

Non motorway traffic west at Wooley Road, south on Ellington Road and west at Wooley Hill to re-join the A14

Monday 17 to Thursday 20 (four nights)

- A14 eastbound Ellington junction 20 to Brampton Hut junction 21

A signed diversion will be in place. Vehicles will travel east on the A605 then south on the A1(M) to the A605 to re-join the A14 at junction 22. Non motorway traffic will be diverted east at Wooley Hill, then north on Ellington Road and Wooley Road to re-join the A14.

- A428 eastbound Madingley to A14 eastbound junction 33

Motorway traffic will travel south on the M11, east on A505 and north on A11 to re-join the A14. Non motorway traffic will be diverted on local roads through Cambridge.

- M11 junction 14 exit slip

- A14 westbound between junctions 36 and 31

A signed diversion will be in place. Motorway traffic will travel south on the A11, west on the A505 and then north on the M11.

Non motorway traffic will be diverted on local roads through Cambridge

Friday 21 9pm to Monday 24 6am

- A14 westbound Brampton Hut junction 21 to Ellington junction 20

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- Hilton Road

****CONTINGENCY BOOKING** - to complete Bar Hill bridge decks installation if needed**

Friday 21 9pm to Monday 24 6am

No access to through-traffic on the A14 at junction 29 both eastbound and westbound due to Bar Hill bridge decks installation. Strategic traffic will be diverted at junctions 24 and 31. Local access will be maintained between the strategic diversion and the hard closure.

- A14 eastbound between junction 29 and junction 30

Vehicles leaving junction 29 wishing to head towards Cambridge will be diverted west to junction 24, south on the A1198 at Godmanchester then east on the A428 to re-join the A14 at Girton

- A14 westbound junction 31 exit (westbound to westbound loop)

Vehicles will be diverted west on the A428 then north on the A1198 to re-join the A14 at Godmanchester

For more information about this scheme, visit <http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/a14-cambridge-to-huntingdon/>, or stay updated by following us on <https://twitter.com/a14c2h> and <https://en-gb.facebook.com/A14C2H/>.

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Agenda Item 4

Night Time Diversion Problems – Full List of Actions Taken / Considered

Need for night work

- A commitment was given by Highways England that the available day-time lanes of traffic would not be reduced during the construction of the A14 scheme.
- Where operations would need to close a lane or carriageway to ensure the safety of the road users and the workforce this has to be carried out at night under a full or partial closure of the affected road (A1 / A14 / A428)

Area Logistical Problems

- Some of the villages adjacent to the A14 have very limited access (Lolworth & Bar Hill)
- In this area of Cambridgeshire the options of routes suitable for trunk road traffic means that in some cases the diversion are lengthy.

Minimal Requirements

- Diversion routes to be used are agreed with the highway authority responsible for the roads to be used; in this case Cambridgeshire County Council.
 - Where we affect the Girton junction and M11 access we have permission to divert non-motorway traffic along Kings Hedges Road
 - Diversions primarily use A428 / A1198 / A14 to A1 spur.
- Black & yellow signs are put out on the carriageway 2 weeks in advance of the closure to notify drivers of the planned dates.
- On the night of closures black & yellow diversion signs, (using the strategic symbols on the existing permanent street signs) to direct traffic onto the approved diversion.

Press / social media notifications used on A14

- Weekly media round-up issued to a wide range of regional media.
- Weekly & daily updates on A14 Facebook & Twitter channels

Initial Additional Steps Taken (2017)

- Up to 43 black and yellow “Road closed” advisory and diversion ahead signs used with various wording to alert drivers of the closure; including some “Turn off Sat Nav Follow Diversion” signs with a cone and a flashing light on it to highlight the sign
- Up to 13 Mobile VMS signs in use, displaying messages such as



- When diversions are lengthy, rather than just expecting drivers to follow a strategic diversion symbol, some of the temporary diversion signs also include “A14 W”, “A14 E” etc. on them to confirm to drivers they are on the correct route.

Night Time Diversion Problems – Full List of Actions Taken / Considered

- Paid for Police crews to be in attendance at the closure point side roads to try to ensure vehicles did not divert onto local weight restricted roads. Due to this resulting in shift pattern problems this may not always be possible as frequently in the future.
- Our traffic management crews have been stationed at the closure points to speak with confused drivers to encourage them to follow the signed diversions.
- Support from CCC with the use of their message boards to warn drivers of the closures.
- Weekly update of closures sent to Parish Councils / businesses / interested residents by email.
- The weekly information is shared with Road Haulage Association and Freight Transport Association for sharing with their membership.

Further steps taken (2018)

Jan to June

- Support from HE strategic signage team to use as many of the appropriate full network gantry signs to alert drivers of the closures; including some on the M25.
- Support from CCC to get the closures and diversions uploaded onto roadworks.org, a system which feeds into some satnav systems.
- Request to RHA, FTA and Felixtow port contacts to please remind members to follow the signed diversion.
- Agreement from RHA that they will use our weekly traffic closure information onto their new “Roadway” app that was launched in May.
- Agreement from RHA that they will share our traffic closure information with the International Roads Union (the European equivalent of RHA)
- Huntingdon Rd, Cambridge – Installed an HGV counter to assess the actual numbers of HGV’s using the road with or without the A14 being closed.
- Huntingdon Rd, Cambridge – Installed speed activated signs to alert drivers if they are speeding (smiley / sad faces)
- Buckden / Ellington / Fenstanton / Fen Drayton / Swavesey area – offered to speak with companies who are repeat offenders of the no HGV restricted routes.
 - This could lead to asking them to sign the County Council HGV covenant
- A14 IDT have taken video footage of the diversion routes and reviewed with people not familiar with the routes to check if they are clear.
- Police have recently added a number of sensitive routes onto their night time tasking list, to request that if crews have any spare time that they driver these routes to check for any non-compliance of the speed or weight restrictions.
 - Grafham & Ellington – 18 tonne limits
 - Histon – Night time HGV ban
 - Histon Road – Speeding traffic
 - Huntingdon Road – Speeding traffic
 - Victoria Road – Night time 7.5 tonne ban
 - High Steet, Boxworth – Weight Limit
- Whilst mid-week closures will be in place from 9pm on a Friday night closures will be delayed until 10pm to try to allow more traffic through the region before the road is closed.

Night Time Diversion Problems – Full List of Actions Taken / Considered

- In the near future we will be able to use the support of the Highways England Traffic Officers when we close the roads, as more are in the process of being employed.

July onwards

- Discussions with TomTom satellite navigation company to understand if anything can be done to assist. They advised that unless people have “Live traffic” satnav systems that have been updated by the user to reflect current maps there is not.
- Further work with Highways England strategic signage teams to improve consistency of messaging when closures are in place; assuming no other strategic incident has to take priority.
- Weekly meetings with other regional contractors / teams to try to mitigate potential for conflicting diversions.
- Two traffic counters and four speed signs have been purchased and locations for use will be agreed with Cambridgeshire County Council and will be rotated across the project. (August onwards). Data will be gathered to inform CCC decision on the need for a weight restriction or further TRO weight limit.
 - Rotation Counter 1 (during and after night time works)
 - ♣ Huntingdon Road
 - ♣ Histon Road
 - ♣ Kings Hedges Road
 - Rotations Counter 2
 - ♣ Grafham
 - ♣ Swavesey
 - ♣ Fen Drayton / Fenstanton
- Possible use of additional night time Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders being considered with CCC & Police. In addition to the cost to put in place these will take some time to progress and it.
- Additional “Unsuitable for HGV” signs to be used where applicable.
- New “Police speed check area” signs being purchased (as below), with locations for use being agreed with the Police.



- Signs with “Turn off sat nav” on to be amended to a strike through satellite symbol, to try to emphasise the point to foreign drivers.
- If time permits the night time floating TM crew will drive the local routes to see if they can spot any non-compliance with the diversion.

Night Time Diversion Problems – Full List of Actions Taken / Considered

- Use of HE Traffic Officer teams, when available, at key junctions to try to dissuade drivers from using village roads.
- All diversion signs which use the strategic symbols have been changed to A14 E or W and A1 N or S as applicable (August)
- HW Martin will be producing short video clips of the diversion routes and signage that we can put on social media (should all be done by mid/end August)
- Full review of locations of scheme mobile message boards to ensure they are being used to the best effect.
- A member of the County Council traffic team is physically based in the A14 office for at least one day a week to aid joined up working.

Considered but not possible to do

- Lorry Watch – A number of the locations across the scheme have a 18 tonne weight limits in place and many members of the public will not be able to differentiate between a permitted or non-permitted vehicle. In addition the Police are not like to be able to follow up on any data gathered due to resource limits.
- ANPR cameras – These would only gather registration numbers and would not identify legitimate weight / use vehicles. As above the Police resource to follow up is not likely to be available.
- Additional temporary traffic orders (weight restriction) – Whilst arranging to have TTRO's put onto some local roads during construction is possible the enforcement would not be a priority for the Police. This might still be done in exceptional cases.
- Night time speed watch – This is not permitted.
- Closures between Bar Hill and Swavesey
 - Escort residents from Bar Hall & Lolworth through the closure if put in place back at the A428. As there are over 2000 properties, plus a number of businesses who would need access this is difficult to do and keep our night time staff safe.
 - Install the physical closure point at A1198 & Girton Interchange so no traffic can get along the A14, reducing the potential for rat running via Fenstanton, Fen Drayton and Swavesey – this would prevent access into Lolworth residents access to and from all the villages either side of the A14 would be significantly affected. This would also need a significant length of lane closure on the western approach to the closure due to the need for the correct length of taper.
- Closures on Cambridge Northern By-pass
 - Possible relaxation of motorway regulations to allow non-motorway traffic to use the strategic diversion, removing the need for secondary signage for “Non-motorway traffic”.
- Take A14 EB down to one lane in advance of A1198 to make it look as though the A14 is closed at that point. (Ian Jobson suggestion)
 - This would require 8km of single lane running TM, as taper sign lines would mean the lane drop would have to go back to 400m prior to Spittle's Interchange.
 - Cost to do this each night would be addition £10,000.