

Parish Bulletin
May – June 2017

Six months on from the formal sod-cutting ceremony in a stubble field by the Swavesey compound, the progress of earthworks is clearly visible from the A14. In what was once an arable field, we have stripped the topsoil, installed water pipes and started the embankments to take a cross-carriageway temporary bridge to help form the new Swavesey junction. Our dedicated Stakeholder team has been gathering news of developments in each section and report here the scheme's progress.

Section 1 & 2 - Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line: Section 3 - East Coast Main Line to Swavesey: Section 4 & 5 - Swavesey to Milton

Traffic Management (TM):

Sections 1 & 2: Plant crossings, with traffic light control, will start on Buckden Road and Graffham Road from Monday 12th June. These will be manned continuously to minimise disruption. A one-night full closure of the northbound A1 between the Buckden roundabout and Brampton Hut is planned for mid-July to allow us to safely remove an existing gantry.

Section 3: Traffic lights remain on Offord Road and Hilton Road for plant crossings. New Barnes Lane will be closed on the 12th of June for 10 months. Occasional lane closures will occur on the A1198 between 09.30 and 15:00: we will monitor traffic during these times, removing TM where we can. No further weekend closures are expected during June.

Sections 4 & 5: Narrow lanes and speed restrictions continue on the A14 between Swavesey and the Girton interchange. Speed is limited to 40mph in the narrow lanes and speed cameras are in operation. Lane closures are in place on the A428 eastbound by the Madingley turn-off and on the northbound A1307 between Girton Road and the A14. Boxworth Road will be closed from 20:00 hrs on Friday 9th June until 05:00hrs on Monday 12th June for the installation of a plant crossing.

Construction Activities:

Section 1: The access route from the A1 to site, situated to the west, is now complete and construction is due to begin in this area.

Section 2: The production of pre-cast concrete units continues. These are stored in preparation for use on large structures in the coming weeks and months.

Section 3: Bridge building at Silver Street & Corpus Christi continues with a 1000 tonne crane at the A1198 bridge for lifting the 109 tonne bridge beams. Construction of the Hilton Road bridge is progressing. Piling will commence at Mere Way in June and a bailey bridge is being erected at New Barnes.

Sections 4 & 5: Piling works next to the A428 continue, in preparation for the construction of two new bridge structures. Utility works are ongoing alongside the A14 from Swavesey to Girton, with the installation of water pipes and power cables.

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Environmental

Sections 1 & 2: The site offices are powered by renewable energy, in keeping with the project's commitment to reducing our carbon footprint. Charging points for electric and hybrid cars are in use the compound car park.

Section 3: Charging points for hybrid and electric cars will soon be working in the Ermine Street compound car park.

Sections 4 & 5: A number of False Black Widow spiders have been found in this section of the scheme. These spiders are not aggressive and only bite if threatened, so we do not need to move them. The water voles, which had to be temporarily re-homed away from the scheme, will a little later in the summer be returned to the habitat we have preserved in Longstanton Brook. Charging points for 22 hybrid cars have been installed and are in use daily in the Swavesey compound car parks.

Across the project our site teams have reported seeing several protected bird species, including Ringed Plovers and Corn Buntings; our ecologists are making sure these birds are unharmed by the works.

Archaeology

Sections 1 & 2: While extensive excavations continue, some areas are now clear allowing the movement of materials to start embankment construction.

Section 3: Across the 13km of the section, a total of 104 archaeologists continue their ground investigations near Offord Road, Conington Road, Hilton Road and New Barnes.

Sections 4 & 5: A team of 14 archaeologists continues to working alongside the A14 close to Bar Hill. Another team of 30 continues with excavations at Girton. Details of finds will be made public in due course.

Community Engagement

Sections 1 & 2: We gave a presentation recently to the Brampton Annual Assembly. Cubs from the 1st Southoe & Buckden pack will be visiting the Brampton site offices on 9th June. A14 IDT volunteers are preparing to help Graffham village to repair church paths and to assist Brampton Wood Volunteers to move cut timber from Brampton Woods to Buckden for processing.

Section 3: Regular visits will be made by volunteers to Wood Green Animal Shelter, starting on 21st of June.

Sections 4 & 5: Our Mobile Visitor Centre has been busy, attending Swavesey village fete, Buckingham Business Park and Tesco, Bar Hill. More visits are planned in the area throughout the summer.

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