

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme January to March 2018

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

Traffic Management:

Sections 1 & 2: Narrow lanes and a 40mph speed limit are in force on the A1. The northbound off slip road at Brampton Hut and its approach is now running on the new A1 alignment. Looking slightly further ahead to the beginning of April, we are planning a southbound closure of the A1 between Alconbury and Brampton Hut from a Saturday Evening to early Monday morning.

Section 3: We have several weekend closures planned over next two months;
Potton Road – 23 to 25 February and 2 to 4 March (Fri 8pm to Sun 7pm)
Hilton Road – 3 to 4 March and 17 to 18 March (Sat 7am to Sun 7pm)
Ermine Street - 16 to 18 March (Sat 8pm to Sun 7pm)

Sections 4 & 5: Narrow lanes and speed restrictions continue on the A14 between Swavesey and the Girton interchange. Speed is limited to 40 mph in this area and speed cameras monitor compliance.



Construction Activities:

Sections 1 and 2: Work on the new southbound carriageway of the A1, north of Brampton Hut continues. This will allow the planned switching of southbound traffic onto the new tarmac of the realigned A1. Work can then start on the old A1.

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The Steel Beams for the Ouse crossing continue to arrive as we work our way gradually towards the river and beyond to meet the east coast mainline railway.

The Grafham Road Bridge linking Grafham and Brampton is complete and now open. The old bridge is due for demolition on the weekend of the 17 February, during a weekend closure of the A1. This is a critical activity to allow work to commence on the new southbound A1.

Section 3: Construction of eleven new bridges in this section continues apace and earthworks will resume shortly as the weather improves. Activity around Potton road will increase as work continues to build the bridges at Hilton Road and Potton Road which will support the new local access roads. Westbrook will be diverted later this month and the new Potton road bridge will be ready to support the reconfigured road before the end of May. The picture below shows this work in progress.



Sections 4 & 5: Work is underway to remove the temporary abutments which supported the bailey bridge at Swavesey junction. Construction of the permanent abutments next to the westbound carriageway at this location has started. This is in preparation for the installation of the first beams of the new bridge which will be built to the west of the current overbridge.

Cambridge Water is installing drainage pipes and utilities at the Bar Hill junction in preparation for construction of temporary slip roads. Once established, traffic will be

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diverted onto these temporary roads while we begin work on the improvements to the junction.

The temporary abutments we're building to support the temporary bailey bridge, which was originally near Swavesey junction, can be seen rising on either side of the road between the crematorium and Girton. The bailey bridge is due to be in place in April.

Drainage and ground improvement work is in underway along the route of the new local access road, in preparation for its opening later this year.

Archaeology

More than two hundred archaeologists continue to uncover items in all the known archaeological areas of interest across the project. Once their investigations are complete, construction in these areas can proceed.

We will be sharing information on the finds in the coming months; we know that this news is eagerly awaited by the public.

Community Engagement

On 24 March we will be taking part in the, 'Open Doors – Get in to Construction' annual event. We are inviting people to book to come along to one of our three compound sites; Swavesey, Brampton and Ermine Street. Each visit consists of a project brief, guided site tour and opportunities to ask questions in a Q&A session. If you would like to book a tour please visit the Open Doors construction website or use one of the three links below:

[Open Doors- Swavesey](#), [Open Doors- Ermine Street](#), [Open Doors – Brampton](#)

Just before Christmas a small team from Section 2 helped the Brampton Events Group set up their new Christmas lights. The lights were placed on trees surrounding the village green. This was a new event for the village and is part of a new initiative to bring the Brampton Community together. The A14 team based at the Brampton site office really feels a part of this community now.

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We want to keep you informed in the most useful way possible, of scheme progress and how construction may affect you. To help us to plan how best to communicate with you, we'd be very grateful if you would complete a quick survey by following this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TBNLTRT>

The closing date for responses is Wednesday 28 February and results will be published on the Highways England website.



And finally...

We're very excited to announce that The A14's environmental sustainability plan has earned us a finalist's place in the 2018 Countryfile Magazine 'Conservation Success of the Year' award. Voting is open to the public, so if you'd like to know more about our environmental protection work and maybe vote for us, please follow this link:

[BBC Countryfile Magazine Awards 2018](#)

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