

# A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme May to June 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 remain in force on the A1.

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

Similar arrangements are now in place between junctions 32 and 34, to facilitate the removal of the existing central reservation. Cameras have been installed beside the carriageway to monitor the temporarily narrowed lanes and compliance with the 40-mph speed limit. Free recovery will be provided.

Full details can be found under the 'What's next' section: [www.highways.gov.uk/A14C2H](http://www.highways.gov.uk/A14C2H)



## Construction Activities:

**Sections 1 and 2:** Construction of the A1 south bound slip roads at the junction with the B1514 is progressing towards the switch in June. This will, take all traffic between Brampton Hut and Brampton onto the new A1 alignment, allowing work to commence on reconfiguring and widening the old A1 (which partly becomes the new A14) and the construction of new embankments which will take the A14 over the new A1.

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Just west of Buckden Road, the formation of two parallel concrete walls can be seen. These will support the underpass that will take the local Brampton / Buckden Road traffic under the new A14 as it heads towards the Great River Ouse.

The strange looking contraption close to the old RAF base at Brampton (pictured above) is our new processing plant that will grade material dug from the ground on site to ensure it is usable in the construction process. A total of one million tonnes of sand and gravel will be washed and screened. This will be used to produce aggregates for the whole scheme and means fewer trucks will need to travel on the roads, as most of the material movements will be confined within the footprint of the project.

**Section 3:** With the improving weather, you may have seen the huge 45 tonne dumper trucks carrying earth along the alignment of the new carriageway. We have recently been able to remove the utility services from the verge of the old A1198, which means start excavations to the west of the road can begin, greatly improving the efficiency of our earth moving equipment, we have made great progress over the last six months with bridge construction. For the slightly more technical amongst you, this has included the following: 54 pre-cast concrete W-beams weighing between 55 and 110 tonnes, landed by a 750t crane; 24 10 tonne TE-beams, landed by a 500-tonne crane and five pairs of 100 tonne steel beams installed over the East Coast Mainline. This leaves just the structure at New Barnes Lane to be lifted, which will take place next year.

The bridges across this section of the scheme will be opened in sequence as follows;

- St Ives Road (B1040) – June
- Silver Street – June
- Hilton Road – mid-summer
- Mere Way – late summer
- Conington road – late summer
- Offord Road – late summer/early autumn

### Sections 4 & 5:



The temporary junction at Bar Hill (shown left) was completed and opened to traffic a day early just after Easter. Moving this junction has allowed us to begin reconfiguring the layout of the new junction, which is quite complex.

The temporary bailey bridge, which was originally near Swavesey, has been relaunched across the carriageway between Dry Dayton and Girton. As the carriageway is wider in this location the bridge length has been extended to 55m. It will enable dumper trucks to carry

materials from a borrow pit on the north side of the A14, across the carriageway to construct part of the new local access road and the embankment which will take the A14 over the A428. The bailey bridge will be in full operation from mid-May.

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The carriageway of the A428 close to the Girton junction will be realigned in early May. Moving traffic at this location allows us to complete work on the final alignment of the eastbound carriageway, which will eventually pass through the span of the new bridge being built at the side of the A428 (pictured above). We expect traffic to be using this new route at the end of July.

### Archaeology



During the first weekend in April, over 400 visitors were welcomed to our compound at Brampton to see the amazing range of artefacts unearthed so far on the project. Saturday included presentations & children's activities, followed by site tours of the digs, giving 300 visitors of all ages the chance to see our archaeology team in action. On Sunday, members of specialist groups,

including the Council for British Archaeology, the National Trust and local archaeology groups had their chance to learn more about the finds.

All expressed astonishment at the scale of the work and were amazed by the quality and significance of the finds.

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Our archaeology team from MOLA Headland will be holding free A14 archaeology discovery days in the next few months. For full details, please go to their website: [www.molaheadland.com/events/A14C2H](http://www.molaheadland.com/events/A14C2H)

Archaeology on the A14 has inspired huge national interest and the project is featured on the front page of 'Current Archaeology', as shown below.



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## Community Engagement

Our mobile visitor centre timetable for May & June is as follows:

Scallywags Day Nursery Girton	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May
Scallywags Day Nursery Oakington	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May
Huntingdon Railway Station	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June
Huntingdon Railway Station	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June
Brampton Fete	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June

We will also be joined by our archaeologists in their 'Time Truck', at the following venues:

Tesco, Bar Hill	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Huntingdon Riverside Gala	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June

To date, we have kept you informed about the works in sections 1 to 4 of the scheme. Sections 5 & 6 are programmed for later dates and we'll be holding Public Information Events with full details of the plans as follow:

### Section 5 – A14 Histon to Milton (widening)

Milton Community Hall, Coles Road, CB24 6BL	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May, 14:15 – 18:45
Histon & Impington Pavilion, Rec. Ground, CB24 9LU	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May, 15:00 – 19:00
Kings Hedges Road (Location TBC)	W/C 21 <sup>st</sup> May, time tbc

### Section 6 Huntingdon Works:

Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, Huntingdon	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> May,	18:00 - 22:00
Civic Suite, Pathfinder House, Huntingdon	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June,	18:00 - 22:00
Mobile Visitor Centre, Huntingdon Station	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June,	14:00 - 20:00
Huntingdon Town Hall	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> June,	10:00 - 16:00
Mobile Visitor Centre, Huntingdon Station	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June,	14:00 - 20:00
Godmanchester College of Animal Welfare	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June,	12:00 - 20:00
Brampton Memorial Hall	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June,	10:00 - 16:00

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