

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme June to July 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.

Section 3: There will be a full closure of the B1040 over the weekends of 16th – 17th June and 30th June - 1st July and of Hilton Road the weekend of 23rd & 24th June.

Sections 4 & 5: Traffic management is in place on the A14 Cambridge northern bypass between junctions 32 (Histon) and 33 (Milton). This is to allow for the start of works to widen the carriageway, adding an extra lane in both directions between these junctions. Currently the lanes have been narrowed and a 40-mph speed limit is in place.

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

Construction Activities:

Sections 1: Work continues converting the old southbound carriageway to the new north bound.

Section 2: Pictured below is the installation of the first of four beams which will span the River Great Ouse. Each of the steel girders weighs 70 tonnes and the first was lifted into place on by a 600-tonne crawler crane. The girder acts as the infill piece that completes the longest section of the structure, a 78m span over the river. The 17-span composite steel structure will include a precast deck, fabricated at our on-site pre-cast yard near Brampton. The River Great Ouse Viaduct is the largest structure on the project, totalling 745m in length and will carry six lanes of traffic over the flood plain. We are about halfway through construction, working from the east towards the east coast mainline railway.



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The new northbound section of the A1 is now running from just north of the Buckden roundabout to Brampton Hut. The new south bound section will be open by mid-June. We will then start to upgrade the old sections to align with the A14.

Section 3: With the weather improving, the earthworks and structures teams are making great headway. You may have noticed that Silver Street Bridge is now open – a few weeks ahead of schedule, with Potton Road bridge (B1040) not far behind, due to open in early July.

The plug beneath the A1198 bridge has now been removed, allowing free movement of the earthworks team along the haul road. The material cut from this area has been transported east towards Hilton Road to build embankments.

Our earthworks delivery partners are moving around 10,000m³ per day which involves more than fifty dumpers carrying up to forty-five tonnes per load.

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

- 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 bailey bridge near junction 30 is now in operation, allowing dumper trucks to carry materials from a borrow pit on the north side of the A14 to the south, to construct a new local access road and the embankment which will take the A14 over the A428.

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Further west, the new bridge that will replace the existing bridge at Swavesey, is taking shape. During a full closure of the A14 on the nights of 1st & 2nd June, six concrete beams, each weighing 102 tonnes & the scheme's longest, were lifted into place by a 750-tonne mobile crane to form the north span of the bridge. The beams had been transported as an abnormal load from Liverpool a few days before installation.

There will be further closures of the road for completion of the bridge decking in the first two weeks of June.



Archaeology

Our archaeology team from MOLA Headland welcomed the public to their Time Truck at Tesco, Bar Hill in May and at the recent Huntingdon Riverside Festival. Items found during A14 excavations were on show and children were encouraged to dig for artefacts hidden in sand boxes. Both events proved to be an outstanding success, with between 250-300 visitors at each.

MOLA Headland is now inviting volunteers to take part in a free summer community dig on for 24th July and 25th August 2018. These will be unique opportunities to take part in one of the largest archaeological excavation projects ever undertaken in Britain. Volunteers will work alongside archaeology experts from the team, exploring evidence of to the abandoned medieval village of Houghton, near Huntingdon, as well as Iron Age and Roman remains.

For more information, please follow this link: [Mola Headland A14 Summer Community Dig](#)

To apply for a place please email msearle@molaheadland.com before 25th June 2018, stating your preferred days.

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Community Engagement

We recently took the mobile visitor centre to Scallywags nursery in Westwick, near Girton to entertain the children during 'Construction Month'. Pictured is the captive audience of 4 & 5-year-old nursery children who enjoyed a morning of colouring and watching A14 videos. They coloured in pictures of their favourite type of plant equipment, and we then posted their colourful dozers, diggers and dumpers on the map wall inside the van. Following the visit, Scallywags' teacher Angela reported that the children really enjoyed visiting the mobile centre and had been chatting it all week. On the A14 we believe it's never too early to inspire and motivate even the youngest children by promoting awareness of the construction industry and the exciting work we do every day.



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

Huntingdon Railway Station	Thursday 14 th June
Huntingdon Railway Station	Tuesday 19 th June
Brampton Fete	Saturday 23 rd June
Swavesey Festival	
Bedford River Festival	Saturday 14 th July – Sunday 15 th July

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 be holding Public Information Events with full details of the plans as follow:

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Section 6 Huntingdon Works:

Mobile Visitor Centre, Huntingdon Station	Thursday 14 th June,	14:00 - 20:00
Huntingdon Town Hall	Saturday 16 th June,	10:00 - 16:00
Mobile Visitor Centre, Huntingdon Station	Thursday 19 th June,	14:00 - 20:00
Godmanchester College of Animal Welfare	Thursday 21 st June,	12:00 - 20:00
Brampton Memorial Hall	Saturday 23 rd June,	10:00 - 16:00

More Information is available at:

[A14-Cambridge to Huntingdon- Preview of plans for Huntingdon](#)

Volunteering

Good relationships with the communities around our project is very important to us and vital in the realisation of the positive legacy we aim to leave. We are looking for local volunteering opportunities for our staff. If you or your parishioners have any projects, such as general DIY, or gardening or any other suitable events that we can support, please contact Samantha.kedie@thea14.com.

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