

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme May to June 2019

Section 1 and 2 – Alconbury & Ellington to East Coast Main Line

Section 3 - East Coast Main Line to Swavesey

Sections 4 and 5 - Swavesey to Milton

Section 6 – Huntingdon

Traffic Management:

Sections 1 and 2: There will be further overnight closures, between 8pm and 6am, on the eastbound A14 between junction 20, Ellington and junction 21, Brampton Hut, for the next six weeks to complete gantry works.

After a weekend closure of the eastbound A14 at the end of June, traffic will move from the temporary alignment onto the new Ellington Junction slip roads. Westbound traffic is already using the new slip roads and bridge. A14 traffic will continue to use this route until the A14 Huntingdon southern bypass opens. We will confirm the date as soon as we are able to.

Section 3: The B1043 Offord Road will be closed from Friday 31 May to Monday 3 June for finishing works on the bridge over the A14. Hilton Road will be closed at the new bridge from Friday 7 June to Monday 10 June while bridge work is completed.

Sections 4 & 5: The new westbound off-slip at Junction 28, Cambridge Services/Swavesey, will open in early June.

Changes will be made to the layout of junction 29, Bar Hill on 8 June, moving traffic from the existing bridge onto one of the newly installed bridges. A full closure from Junction 28 to Junction 30 will follow on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June for demolition of the old Bar Hill bridge. More information can be found on our website.

A weekend closure of Dry Drayton bridge is scheduled for the weekend beginning Friday 14 June. Should work be completed we will remove the temporary traffic lights.

Construction Activities:

Sections 1 & 2: On the A14, westbound traffic from Brampton Hut is now going up and over the slip roads and bridge at the new Ellington junction. The switch from the temporary alignment of the A14 was made under a weekend closure and was achieved a day ahead of schedule.

Eastbound traffic will be moved from the temporary alignment on to the junction slip roads under another weekend closure before the end of June. The date will be scheduled to avoid clashes with any other A14 closures scheduled for June.

Work on the new A14 carriageways is progressing well, with the concrete central barrier and slot drain on course for completion by the end of June. Verge seeding is underway, and permanent fencing is being installed. On the existing A14, gantry installation is continuing, along with drainage and kerbing work. This is mainly affecting the eastbound carriageway.

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Section 3: Mainline surfacing of the Huntingdon southern bypass is progressing well and should be completed in late summer. Surfacing on the bridge over the East Coast Mainline railway is complete, allowing site access to Brampton. Highway communications works are well underway with ducting and gantry installation continuing across the section.

We have laid the foundations for safety barriers and traffic signs throughout this section of the scheme and the cultivation and seeding of embankments and verges has been progressing well. Tree, shrub and hedge planting will resume in September.

We've made rapid progress with the installation of access tracks for landowners and farmers. Finishing works will continue on a number of side roads over the next few weeks, ready for the land to be handed over to Cambridgeshire County Council. At the approach to New Barns Lane bridge, the last structure in section 3, earth works are complete and deck construction is underway.

Sections 4 and 5: Access to Bar Hill will be via the new bridge (seen in the foreground of the image below), from the weekend of 8 June and the old Bar Hill bridge will be demolished over the weekend of Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June.

This will allow the earthworks on the second bridge in the new Bar Hill gyratory to be completed. Construction of the new A14 carriageway and local access road between Swavesey and Bar Hill continues apace.

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Preparatory work for the widening of the eastbound off slip at junction 32, Histon has now started, including moving the traffic lane guard. Work at junction 32 roundabout will soon begin on the Bridge Road exit.

Following agreement with the local authority, piling works beside Impington bridge, adjacent to the guided busway will take place during daytime hours rather than at night. This will start soon.



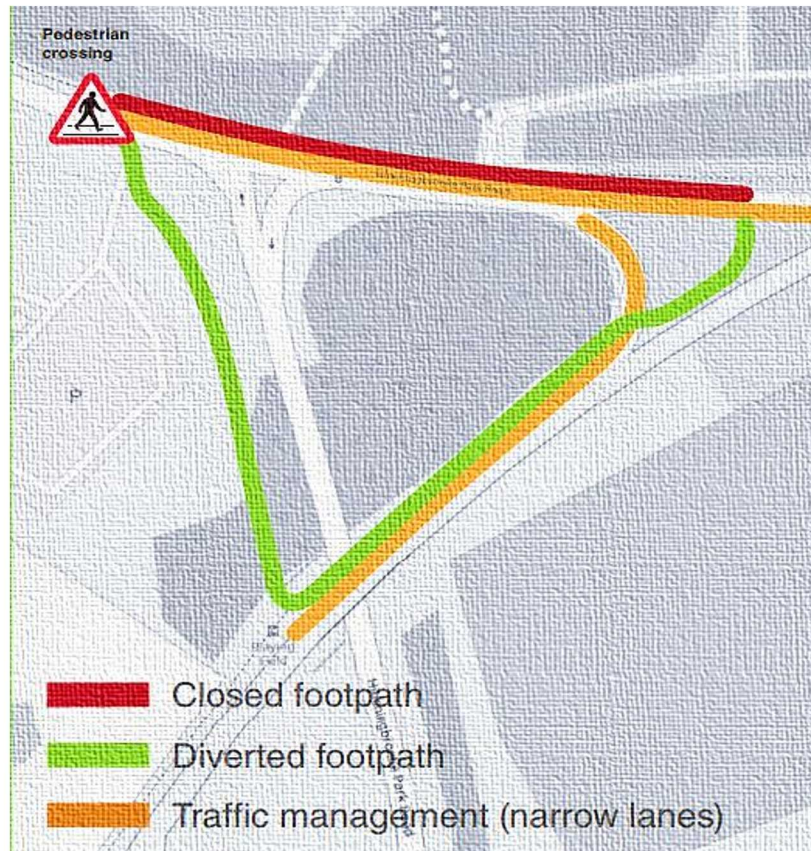
Section 6: Preparatory works continue here. Completion of archaeological investigations on Mill Common has allowed utility companies to start protecting or diverting their assets in this area. On the west side of Huntingdon, top soil stripping has begun and a Virgin Media asset has been installed.

Closures of the footpath between the traffic lights opposite Hinchingsbrooke school and the crossing near Brampton Road will continue, allowing the utility companies to excavate and divert cables buried beneath the footpath. The footpath will be re-routed and the lanes of Hinchingsbrooke Park Road and Brampton Road will be narrowed during this work, which should be completed within twelve months. Access to Hinchingsbrooke estate, Hinchingsbrooke School, Hinchingsbrooke Hospital and for emergency services will always be maintained, by traffic light control. Please refer to the diagram below.

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Archaeology

Mill Common Open Day & An Ill-Fated Roman Emperor

As news broke nationally of the "incredibly rare" Roman coin unearthed on the project, more than 120 visitors gathered at Mill Common in Huntingdon in the hope of seeing similar treasures at our live dig. Despite the wet weather they clearly appreciated the work undertaken by our archaeologists..

The captivating story of the third century AD coin depicting the Roman Emperor Ulpus Cornelius Laelianus, reached the eyes and ears of an estimated 3.89 million people. Evidence of Laelianus' rule is rare and little is known about him. Believed to have reigned for just 2 months in 269AD, he was allegedly executed by his own soldiers. It is thought the coin, shown below, arrived in Britain well after his reign had ended.

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Speaking of the find, our lead archaeologist, Dr Steve Sherlock, said: "Discoveries of this kind are incredibly rare; there are only two known from excavations in this country that portray this particular emperor, so ours is really quite significant." We can only wonder how it came to rest for over 1,700 years in Cambridgeshire before our road improvements brought it to light.

The site at Mill Common has yielded its own Roman artefacts, including the complete Roman pot pictured below and the visitors were fascinated by the extent of local history unearthed by our archaeologists. The ongoing analysis of A14 finds will undoubtedly enrich our knowledge of not only local, but our national heritage.

Mobile Visitor Centre

Our mobile visitor centre will be at Huntingdon Riverside Gala on 8 June.

If you'd like to book a visit to your village or town, please email:

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