

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme December 2018 to January 2019



Sections 1 and 2 - Alconbury to the 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: Narrow lanes and a 40-mph speed limit remain in force on the A1 and both north and southbound carriageways will continue to be closed intermittently for the installation of gantry technology.

Section 3: Weekend closures on Offord Road continue in December and it will be closed during the day on 8 and 9 December, followed by a full weekend closure from the evening of Friday 14 to early on Monday 17 December, after which traffic is scheduled to move on to the new Offord Road Bridge.

Sections 4 & 5: Night closures have been required on the Cambridge Northern bypass to allow for hydro demolition work on the guided busway bridge. There will be further night closures associated with this work during December. To alleviate congestion at junction 33, Milton, we've re-sequenced our works temporarily, so that the westbound off-slip lane closure can be removed for the time being.

Construction Activities:

Section 1: Both A1 carriageways north and south of Brampton Hut are nearing completion. We are currently installing the gantry signs and the complex communication technology which connects them to the central of operations. The new signs will use the latest technology to display the most accurate information possible.

The surfacing of the southbound carriageway is complete and the northbound surface will be finished by the end of 2018. The local access road between Wooley Road and Ellington junction is on schedule for completion in early 2019 and will be connected to the junction later in 2019.

Section 2: The main earthworks at Ellington Junction are nearly complete and the beams of the Ellington Brook bridge are in place. It is now easier to see how the structure link together and the new A14 alignment crossing the A1 south of Brampton Hut. The new Buckden Road alignment and roundabout at Brampton Hut are in use and the adjacent underpass will be connected in early 2019. This will allow for the completion of the earthworks from the old Buckden Road towards the new RGO crossing.

The deck of the Great River Ouse viaduct which will carry the new road over the East Coast Main Line Railway (pictured in October) is now completely in place and ready

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for the first surfacing layers to be applied. All structural works should be finished by end of January 2019, by which time a total of 4,600m³ of concrete will have been set in place.



Section 3: Offord Road Bridge is on course to open to traffic before Christmas. Overnight and weekend closures will be necessary in December to prepare the bridge for traffic, including barrier installation and the final surfacing to connect to the existing road, (please see Traffic Management above). Work on Conington Road Bridge will continue in the New Year, with completion expected in the Spring. Earthworks are underway for the last new bridge at New Barns Lane Bridge for which construction will begin in the New Year.

November saw further progress on the new A14 road surface through this section, with around 16,500 m³ of cement-bound aggregate used on the foundation layers and 18,000 tonnes of asphalt laid.

Sections 4 and 5: The new overbridge at the Swavesey junction was opened to traffic during November. This allowed us to demolish the old bridge during a weekend closure on the 17 and 18 November. The operation was completed successfully several hours ahead of schedule. The removal of the bridge enables us to work on the new eastbound slip road onto the A14. The time-lapse footage of the demolition has been viewed more than 63,000 times. If you'd like to see this impressive feat of engineering, here's the link: [The Demolition of Swavesey Bridge](#)

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At Bar Hill we've constructed a temporary slip road for westbound traffic to access the A14. This will be in use from 10th December, allowing closure of the current slip road so we can continue working on the new Bar Hill junction.

Work on the new local access road running from Oakington Road to Huntingdon Road continues. We anticipate that this will be open to traffic by the end of 2018 and will enable improved access to Cambridge crematorium.

Following work on the central safety barrier and resurfacing on the Cambridge Northern by pass, we've started carriageway-widening activities. This includes hydro demolition work on a bridge that carries traffic over the guided busway. Once this activity is completed, we will modify the bridge to accommodate the two extra lanes of traffic.

Section 6 Huntingdon Works: Preparatory work continues, including archaeological excavations along the route of the Pathfinder Link road into Huntingdon. So far, these have revealed Romano-British and Medieval remains. There will be an open day at the Mill Common site on Saturday 8 December from 10am to 3pm, including free guided tours. A14 archaeologists will be on hand to answer questions about finds throughout the scheme and to show visitors some of the most recent discoveries. You can find out more [here](#).

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Community Engagement: The A14 Mobile Visitor Centre is now in hibernation and will resume visiting duties in the New Year. If you'd like to book a visit for your village or town, please email:

a14cambridgehuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk

Please note – For the safety of our visitor centre staff and visitors, during the winter months we will not be able to offer evening visits.

Volunteering: The A14 team is always on the lookout for local volunteering opportunities. If you or your parishioners have any community projects we could help with, please call us on 0800 270 0114 or email Samantha.kedie@thea14.com

End of Year Summary:

The project's half-way point was reached at the end of November and was covered enthusiastically by regional news teams, with BBC Look East visiting site to report on this milestone.

As a team, the 2,700 members of the A14 Integrated Delivery Team (IDT) and our supply chain partners have worked over 8 million hours to date. Our earthworks teams have moved 8 million cubic metres of earth across the site, equivalent to more than three Great Pyramids of Giza. Nine new bridges will have opened to traffic by the end of the year and we're busy constructing another 25.

Over the last two years our team has delivering extensive protection for the environment and this will continue as the project progresses. Around 866,000 plants from 50 different species will be replanted along the new A14 and we'll be planting two trees for every one felled. We've also used cleared vegetation within the local community for energy production.

We continue to support local charities and good causes. So far 30 local projects have received a total of £330,000 from the A14 Community Fund and we've raised more than £60,000 for local charities.

In partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council, a £3.5 million programme of works has been agreed to build new pedestrian, cyclist and horse rider routes. This is in addition to the 13 miles which are provided as part of the scheme. Funding has also been secured to support four local flood prevention projects. Communities have engaged with the project thanks to the team's mobile visitor exhibition centre attending 70 events, reaching around 5,000 people.

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A14 Archaeology Nominated for 'Rescue Project of the Year' Award:



We're excited to report that the project has been nominated by Current Archaeology Magazine for a prestigious award. The discoveries made on the project, some dating from 130,000 years ago, have captured the interest of the national and international press as well as the communities of Cambridgeshire, with many residents joining our summer digs.

The awards are voted for entirely by the public, so if you've been as excited and amazed by the discoveries as we have, we'd be so pleased to have your vote

The award category in which we've been nominated is 'Rescue Project of the Year'

Here's the link to vote: [A14 - A Landscape Revealed - Mola Headland Infrastructure](#)

Voting closes on 11 February 2019 and winners will be announced at the special awards ceremony on 8 March at Current Archaeology Live! 2019.

A14 Archaeology will be featured on 'The One Show' on BBC1, on Friday 7 December.



Thank you for your continued interest in the project and we look forward to keeping you informed in 2019.

**Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year
from the A14 team.**



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