

SCDC A14 Cambridge- Huntingdon Upgrade Update March 2020

Dear Councillors,

As you may be aware Highways England have formally announced that they are set to open the A14 more than half a year early to drivers, this Spring.

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/spring-opening-for-britains-biggest-road-project/>

This will mean that the main carriage ways will be open. However, a number of additional activities such as landscaping, installing new technology and other off-road tasks still need to be completed which will still involve overnight and off-peak daytime closures.

South Cambridgeshire District Council anticipate that the works will still be continuing for some months yet till completion.

- Environmental Health will continue to work closely with Highways England and our contracted independent noise consultants under a Section 61 agreement.
- As part of this agreement, Highways England apply for permissions (dispensations) if they need to carry out work out of core hours or above agreed noise thresholds and are required to demonstrate all best practical means are considered.
- Our team, supported by consultants, review and approve these dispensations on a case by case basis, the aim being to fully consider the impact of the roadworks for our residents whilst still allowing Highways England to complete their works.
- In doing so we consider both the direct impact on residents close to the works, and the wider impacts of the ongoing roadworks on other communities.
- In addition, we continue to deal with any complaints from residents and we carry out compliance monitoring of the works to ensure that Highways England and their contractors are adhering to agreed conditions.
- The ongoing costs to South Cambs are being recovered from Highways England wherever possible.

Whilst it is good news that Highways England are nearing the opening date of the main carriageway, we anticipate the ongoing works may mean a continued busy period for us all over the next few months.

If you have any further enquires or concerns, then please contact;

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