

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme June to July 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: Overnight closures, between 8 pm and 6 am, are ongoing on the eastbound A14 between Ellington (J20) and Brampton Hut (J21) as gantry installation continues and on the A1 for electronic sign works.

Section 3: The A1198 (Ermine Street) is scheduled to be closed during the weekends of July 13-14 and 27-28 for completion works including drainage, top-soiling and footpaths, as we prepare to return the road to Cambridgeshire County Council. Times will be confirmed a few days before.

Sections 4 and 5: In Section 4, traffic entering and leaving Bar Hill and Longstanton is now using one of the two new bridges across the A14, with eastbound A14 traffic using new temporary slip road arrangements

From 03:00 hrs on 1 July, all westbound traffic travelling from Bar Hill has been using the newly constructed carriageway (highlighted below), travelling under the extended Robin's Lane bridge (Lolworth village access), past the Cambridge Services exit and Swavesey, to re-join the existing A14 just beyond Swavesey.



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Construction Activities:

Sections 1 and 2: All A14 traffic is now using the new Ellington junction slip roads after eastbound traffic was switched from the old alignment during a weekend closure. The volume of traffic at this junction is anticipated to reduce considerably once the A14 Huntingdon southern bypass is open, as most traffic will no longer need to travel via Brampton Hut. Temporary turning restrictions on the two roundabouts have been instigated to maintain the flow of traffic.

Removing traffic from the old alignment allows us to carry out further work on Woolley Road, the local access road that will connect at the new Ellington junction north roundabout. With all the new A14 bridges now structurally complete and 75% of the carriageway surfaced, the new sections of the A14 are on course for planned completion by the end of this year. Earthworks and drainage installation along this section of new A14 are also nearing completion.

Section 3: Good progress has been maintained on new A14 southern bypass surfacing and in mid-July the pavers will move on to final surfacing, which will be followed by road markings. Ducting and gantry sign installations are continuing across the section, along with foundations for traffic signs and the central safety barrier.

We're currently preparing embankments and verges for seeding, which will resume towards the end of summer. This will be followed by tree, shrub and hedge planting. Access track installation is progressing well and fencing is advancing along the boundary of the new road.

The final side road bridge at New Barns Lane is now structurally complete, with kerbing and surfacing of the bridge due to take place over the next few weeks. Finishing works on other side roads continue, as we prepare to hand them over to Cambridgeshire County Council.

Sections 4: The old Bar Hill bridge was demolished successfully and the A14 re-opened to traffic 24 hours ahead of schedule on the weekend of 22 -23 June, (as pictured below). Removal of the 38.7m x 12m bridge started at 3:30am on the Saturday morning and by 4:40am on the Sunday, the road was re-opened to traffic. The approximately 1,000 tonnes of steel and concrete which made up the bridge will be crushed and recycled for use elsewhere on the project.

Work is progressing well on the new local access road to the north of the existing A14 between Swavesey and Dry Drayton; a section between Swavesey & Bar Hill will be ready for traffic by late summer.

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Section 5: Following agreement with the local authority, the piling works beside Impington bridge, adjacent to the guided busway, will continue to take place during daytime hours only. This is to minimise the need for extensive night closures and the impact this would have on the residents living in this area. Buses and cyclists have been diverted along routes devised by Stagecoach and Cambridge C.C. The initial two week closure of the busway will be followed by a second closure during the school holidays.

We've started the preparatory works to widen the eastbound off-slip at junction 32 for Histon, including moving the safety barrier. Work on the Bridge Road exit of the roundabout will start soon.

Section 6: Archaeological works on Mill Common have been completed (see Archaeology section below).

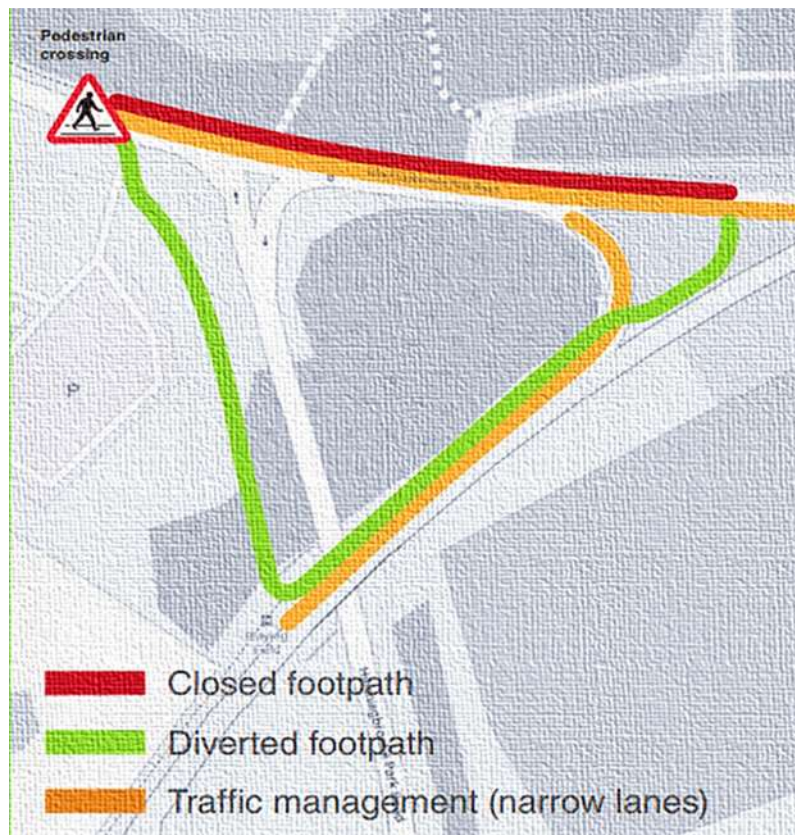
During the weekend of 13-14 July, the footpath between the traffic lights opposite Hinchbrook School and the crossing near Brampton Road will be closed again for on-going utilities works. The diversion route remains as per the diagram below.

Between 1-4 July, night work will start on Brampton Road where we'll be digging trial holes to locate utilities. So that this work can be completed safely, traffic management will be in place, with lanes narrowed and the station entrance footpath closed.

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Archaeology

Our archaeologists from MOLA Headland Infrastructure (MHI) have just finished their excavations on Mill Common, Huntingdon, as part of the programme to construct the pathfinder link road. Their excavations have revealed Roman features including a road, thought to lead to a villa, as well as ditches and boundaries associated with the medieval town. One intriguing feature was a large kiln (pictured below) that contained no finds or objects to determine its function but had been subject to intense heat. A similar kiln was recently found in Exeter and is thought to have been used to manufacture lime – that interpretation is being considered for the Mill Common feature.

Further afield, interest in A14 archaeology has crossed the Atlantic, with an article appearing in the Archaeological Institute of America's monthly magazine. If you're interested in the consideration of our archaeology from the perspective of such a relatively new nation, here's the link to the magazine:

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Mobile Visitor Centre

Our mobile visitor centre will be at the following events:

- Buckden Village Fete – 6 July
- Paxfest (Little Paxton Fete) – 13 July

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