

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme July to August 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: The A1 southbound will be closed between Alconbury and Brampton Hut from 9pm on Friday 2 August until 5am on Monday 5 August. It will re-open under temporary traffic management, including narrow lanes and will close again overnight on Monday 5. The A1 northbound between Brampton Hut and Alconbury will be closed between 9pm on Friday 9 August and 5am on Monday 12 August, reopening with temporary narrow lanes. Further overnight closures are scheduled for four nights between August 19 and 22.

Overnight closures from 8 pm to 6 am on the eastbound A14 between junction 20, Ellington and junction 21, Brampton Hut, will continue until mid-August. Full details will be publicised nearer the time.

Section 3: The A1198 Ermine Street will be closed during the weekends of August 3-4 and 10-11 from 7am to 7pm. Conington Road will be closed on Saturday 3 August between 7am and 7pm.

Sections 4: Changes have been made to the new alignment of the westbound A14 at junction 28a, Lolworth, to facilitate smoother access from the village onto the main carriageway.

At junction 29, Bar Hill, a new eastbound exit slip is due to open in early August. This will allow Bar Hill/Longstanton-bound traffic to leave the A14 before the new bridge and will be shorter and simpler than the current temporary route. We will provide full details of this and other east and westbound lane realignments, scheduled for later in August, on social media.

Section 5: Lane realignments are taking place to allow access to other work areas.

Construction Activities:

Sections 1 & 2: Work is underway on the A1 at Alconbury to reduce road noise with the installation of a new environmental barrier and the use of a very low noise (VLN) road surface. The barrier beside the northbound carriageway will be completed by the end of August and installation of the southbound barrier will start in September. Resurfacing will begin on the southbound carriageway on the night of Friday 2 August, starting north of Alconbury and continuing south. The old surface will be removed and a paver will lay the new base layers (see picture below of similar work in Section 3).

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This phase of the A14/A1 improvement project will be followed by additional resurfacing (also using VLN layers) by Highways England's maintenance contractors. This will be carried out under weekend and overnight carriageway closures throughout September. Details will be provided nearer the time.

On the A14, both east and westbound traffic can now use the new Ellington junction. This arrangement will continue until the new A14 Huntingdon southern bypass opens later this year, well ahead of schedule.

Work on the new A14 carriageways is progressing well, while on the existing A14 between Brampton Hut and Ellington, preparations for gantry installation are nearing completion.



Section 3: The final layer of road surface is now being laid (see picture above) and white lines and other road marking will begin in the next few weeks. The last bridge over the A14 Huntingdon southern bypass, at New Barns Lane, is now structurally complete, with kerbing underway ahead of surfacing.

Alongside the main carriageways, good progress is being made with boundary fencing and accesses, while verges and environmental areas are being prepared for the main planting season, beginning in September. At the junction with the A1198, further work on verges, paths and accesses will be done under weekend closures (see traffic management above).

Sections 4: In late July the two pylons which will provide support for the new pedestrian/cycle bridge at Swavesey were transported from Bar Hill, where they had been assembled and installed as pictured below.

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Work continues on the new local access road to the north of the existing A14 carriageway, between Swavesey and Bar Hill.

Following the switch of westbound traffic onto the newly-built carriageway in July, the old carriageway is being prepared to become the base of the new eastbound A14. Any materials not reused for the new carriageway will be used for construction elsewhere on the project.

Section 5: Following agreement with the local authority, piling works (pictured below), beside Impington bridge and next to the guided busway, continue during the day to avoid causing disturbance at night. The guided busway and cycle path will be handed back to Cambridge County Council and Stagecoach by the end of August.

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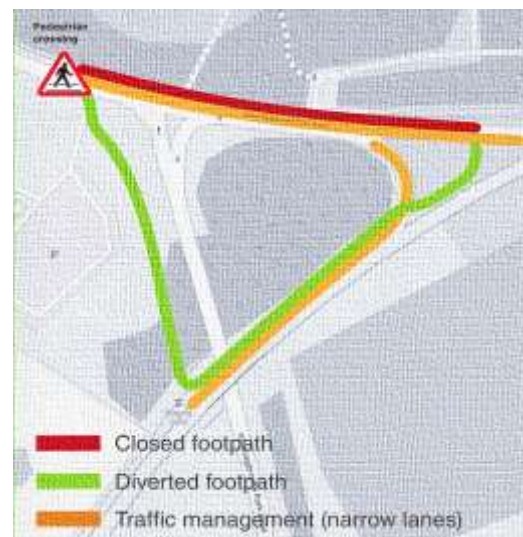


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Section 6: Archaeological investigations on Mill Common have finished and the excavated ground is being prepared for the next phase of construction works. Utilities diversions, drainage works and vegetation clearance continue on Hinchingsbrooke Park road and footpath closures and diversions remain as shown right. Ground investigations (trial holes) are being undertaken in the station car park.

Later this summer, we'll be holding a series of events to talk about the work we're doing in Huntingdon. You can find more detail on those events on our [keep in touch page](#).



Environment

On the A14 project, we take our responsibility to protect and enhance the environment very seriously. Our scheme has been designed carefully to reduce its impact on the surrounding landscape and wildlife. Our aim is to have a positive impact on biodiversity upon completion and to leave a positive environmental legacy. To achieve this, we're protecting the flora and fauna we encounter along the route

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and will have built over 1.05 square miles of new habitat in 18 areas by December 2020.

We're also planting approximately 900,000 trees and shrubs, replacing every tree removed with two more and continue to reduce the environmental footprint of the scheme during construction with the use of solar power and reusing materials from demolition. To find out more about our environmental progress, check out our website by following this link:

[A14 C2H Environmental Work](#)



Mobile Visitor Centre



Our mobile visitor centre attended Buckden Village Fete and Paxfest (Little Paxton Fete) in July and members of the team were on hand to answer questions about the scheme. If you'd like to book a visit to your village or town in the next few months, please email: a14cambridgehuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk

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