

Monthly Council Bulletin – Issue 1

Welcome to our first A14 Monthly Council Bulletin.

During the construction of the A14 we intend to provide you with monthly updates on key site activities so you are able to respond to some of the questions you may be asked by your respective Councillors, residents or work colleagues.

In each bulletin we will summarise scheme progress in the previous month, along with a forward look at activity for the next month. To hopefully make it easy for you to pick up the relevant items of interest the latter we will split into three separate geographical areas.

These three areas are listed below, along with the contact details of the respective Stakeholder Manager for that area.

Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line; **Jon Lewell** jon.lewell@thea14.com

East Coast Main Line to Swavesey; **Jade Pettit** jade.pettit@thea14.com

Swavesey to Milton; **Bob Pettipher** bob.pettipher@thea14.com

We also have a 24hr public helpline **0800 270 0114** which will be answered by a team member during site hours 0800-1700 and where messages can be left at other times.

These bulletins will be in addition to the quarterly newsletters published, the project website we update (highways.gov.uk/A14C2H) and our new social media pages, which will launch in early 2017.

Our Facebook page is, www.facebook.com/A14C2H and our twitter account, **@A14C2H**

For any letters you may wish to send our address will be;

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme Project Office
High Street
Boxworth
Cambridgeshire
CB23 4NG

Late 2016 Activities

0300 123 5000
www.highways.gov.uk

Exhibitions and site preparation

During the months of September and October, the stakeholder team and other staff from the project team delivered 11 Public Information Exhibitions spread along the route of the scheme and we welcomed a total of 2845 visitors.

These exhibitions supplied scheme wide information in relation to many subjects and members of the project team with a cross section of specialist knowledge were available at each location to answer questions.

The exhibition panels and plans on display are now on the A14 website.

Since September the A14 project team have been undertaking preparatory works in advance of main construction.

These works have included site clearance, ecology mitigation (for badgers, water vole, great crested newts and bats), boundary fencing and archaeology.

We have also been constructing our site compounds at Alconbury, Brampton, Ermine Street and Swavesey.

Section 1 & 2 - Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line

On the A1 we are installing a new safety barrier along the highway verge. This will allow our staff to safely work behind and will also ensure we keep traffic moving at normal speeds with full lane widths for as long as possible.

One of the original 'Great North Road' milestones has been removed from the A1 verge and has been surveyed and recorded. We are talking to Alconbury Parish Council about storage and relocation in the future.

Recent resurfacing work carried out north of Buckden is not part of the A14 improvement scheme but is part of an ongoing maintenance programme. We are talking to the Highways England contractor undertaking the work to understand and help manage concerns that the local community has raised.

Section 3 - East Coast Main Line to Swavesey

On Ermine Street, following comments from the public, the traffic management and signage has been adjusted and the compound access points upgraded to improve the traffic flow and safety. We are continuing to monitor the situation.

Section 4 & 5 - Swavesey to Milton

Work continued on the construction of the main project compound at Swavesey Junction. Archaeology and site clearance are taking place alongside the A14 between Swavesey and Girton.

Works for January 2017

0300 123 5000
www.highways.gov.uk

Section 1 & 2 - Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line

We will complete the safety barrier on the A1 southbound carriage way south of Alconbury. This will allow us to finish site clearance and start construction of the new carriageway in safe working conditions whilst keeping all A1 lanes flowing.

A review of the site clearance areas on the northbound carriageway, north of Brampton Hut, will be undertaken prior to removal.

Archaeology investigation and mitigation will continue which will allow the main works to progress in 2017.

Section 3 - East Coast Main Line to Swavesey

Preparation of the compound at Ermine street is expected to be completed in late January.

Works will also continue on fencing, archaeology and site clearance.

Section 4 & 5 - Swavesey to Milton

The main compound at Swavesey will be ready for occupation in January 2017, with a new entrance created near to the traffic island at Cambridge services.

Archaeology will continue at Girton Junction and next to the A14 close to the Dry Drayton turn.

Site clearance will continue in preparation for construction works and this will mean a number of lane closures along the A14. These works will be undertaken at night between 8pm and 6am to minimise any disruption. Where necessary the details of necessary traffic management will be forwarded to the appropriate parish councils in advance.

Advanced Notice

To allow safe construction of the new local access road between Dry Drayton & Huntingdon Road, Cambridge it will be necessary to undertake a temporary closure of part of the Avenue in Madingley.

A temporary traffic order is in place that authorises closure of the Avenue from its junction with the A14, to its junction with Dry Drayton Road. This closure will come into effect on **Monday 20th February 2017** and will last until **Thursday 1st March 2018**.

As a consequence of this there will no access either onto the A14 from the Avenue, or from the A14 into the Avenue

Local residents in Madingley have been informed by means of letter.