



The A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme will relieve congestion, unlock growth and help to connect communities.

Proposals include a major new bypass to the south of Huntingdon, widening parts of the existing A14 and A1, and demolition of the A14 viaduct at Huntingdon.

The government has committed up to £1.5 billion investment into upgrading the A14 between Cambridge and Huntingdon. The upgrade is a vital scheme that will relieve congestion, unlock economic growth and result in better connected communities.

Keeping you informed

We recently ran a series of forums to meet with local communities and hear your views. The forums allow us to keep you informed about progress on the scheme, listen to any concerns you have and take action to address them.

The agendas of these meetings are shaped by your input, so that you have an opportunity to hear about the issues that matter to you. In this latest round of forums we took the opportunity to share the developing solutions for the River Great Ouse crossing and the new non-motorised user bridges at Bar Hill and Swavesey.

We also held sessions for landowners directly affected by the scheme and talked about ongoing design

and how this may impact them over the next few months.

We will be running further events early in 2016.

Please email A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk if you are interested in attending one of these.

Alternatively, sign up for email alerts at www.highways.gov.uk/A14C2H



Work continues to maximise local opportunities

Shortly before Christmas, the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon project team attended the Huntingdonshire Careers Fair to meet local teenagers and talk about the wide range of career opportunities available in the infrastructure industry. The event was part sponsored by Highways England and was aimed at 15 to 16 year olds, who are at a critical point in making their career choice.

Over 600 young people attended and met a number of Highways England employees and our contractors, to learn about the breadth of professions and skills involved in developing and constructing a project of this scale.

Chris Taylor, Director of Complex Infrastructure at Highways England said:

“We have a really exciting and challenging programme of work ahead of us over the next few years. The A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme, is not only vital to the local community, but to a successful national economy.

“It’s a really dynamic industry to work in and offers a huge range of interesting career opportunities – from contract and commercial management, to archaeology and ecology, as well as the more obvious construction and engineering paths. The Huntingdonshire Careers

Fair gave us a great opportunity to meet young people and talk to them about some of the fantastic prospects on offer.”

“We are committed to using local workforce and businesses as much as possible. As well as delivering much needed journey improvements, we hope to leave a lasting legacy by improving skills and employment opportunities in the communities we are working for.”

The project aims to recruit 100 apprentices during its lifetime and these apprentices will then be able to use the knowledge and skills gained to help deliver the wide range of infrastructure projects expected across Cambridgeshire in the coming years.

We are currently working with local partners to develop the processes needed to help local people gain the right skills for the project and working to identify contracts that can be delivered by small, local businesses. We will also ensure that we can support those businesses to meet the rigorous standards needed to deliver a project of this significance.

Should the scheme be approved, around 2,000 people will be employed on the A14 project and, by engaging the potential future workforce now, we can mobilise quickly to meet our target completion date.

Examination of the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme Development Consent Order (DCO) application ended on 13 November 2015.

The application can be viewed on the National Infrastructure Planning website <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/>

The Examining Authority, appointed by the Planning Inspectorate, has three months to make its recommendation about the application to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State will then have up to three months to review the recommendation and make a decision by 13 May 2016.

Subject to the outcome of the examination and the Secretary of State’s decision, construction of the scheme could start in late 2016. We are working to deliver the new scheme by 2020, although some finishing work may carry on beyond that (for example removal of the Huntingdon A14 viaduct). It is a very challenging and ambitious timescale, and in order to meet this programme some work needs to be done ahead of the scheme gaining consent.

To help us meet our timelines, we are carrying out topographical, drainage and pavement surveys. These more detailed surveys allow us to map the layout and level of the existing road, drainage network and adjacent land, so that we can fully understand the landscape we will be working in and begin to finalise the design of the new road.

Introducing the project team **Bob Pettipher**



Tell us a bit about yourself

I live in Coventry and am a qualified football referee for the local youth and adult groups, so much of my spare time is spent on the football pitch. Which I’m quite happy about.

What is your role on the project?

I’m part of a team of stakeholder liaison officers working on the A14 project. This project will have a really positive impact on local communities in the long-term, but we know that the closures and

diversions needed to complete a project like this can be inconvenient. This is where we step in to keep people informed, help them plan ahead and hopefully make their lives a little easier.

What is the biggest challenge?

The project covers such a wide area, making sure that everyone has the information they require in good time will definitely keep us busy.

What did your last job involve?

I work for Costain and have had a community relations role on lots of different projects. Prior

to this I spent 32 years in the police force; the last position I held was as Detective Inspector investigating serious crime.

What do you like about your role on the project?

It reminds me of the best bits of being in the police force – getting out into the community, meeting people and trying to make a difference to their lives.

The A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon upgrade is seen as a vital scheme both at a local as well as national level.

Key objectives are to:

- Combat congestion, making the A14 more reliable and providing capacity for future growth
- Unlock economic growth, both regionally and nationally
- Improve local connectivity and improve the local network for all types of road user
- Improve safety for road users and the community
- Recognise the wider benefits of road investment and leave a positive legacy in Cambridgeshire.

Help us help you

Should the Development Consent Order for the scheme be approved, we want to keep you informed in the most useful way possible.

Please visit our website at www.highways.gov.uk/A14C2H and take a few minutes to complete our communications survey.

This will help us understand the best way to communicate with you as the project progresses.

Keep in touch:

Visit our website

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