

## **A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme October to November 2017**

On 16<sup>th</sup> November, we will mark the first anniversary of the formal start of construction on the A14 Improvement scheme. The shape of the new road and local access routes is emerging clearly and bridge structures can be seen rising at intervals along the 21mile (34-km) span of the project. We are approximately a quarter of the way through the works. Notable achievements so far include the construction of 10km of haul roads, (which will remove 200,000 lorry movements from the A14), the diversion of 112 km/70 miles of utility services such as gas, water, & broadband and excavation of seven borrow pits, which provide some of the 10million m<sup>3</sup> of material needed to build the road. Construction of the thirty-four new bridges, including the 750m River Great Ouse viaduct, is well underway. The first side-road bridge, near Wood Green Animal Shelter in Godmanchester opened a year ahead of schedule and will eventually carry the A1198 over the new A14 bypass.

### **Sections 1 & 2 - Alconbury to the East Coast Main Line**

### **Section 3 - East Coast Main Line to Swavesey**

### **Sections 4 & 5 - Swavesey to Milton**

#### **Traffic Management:**

**Sections 1 & 2:** The A1 north of Alconbury has some forthcoming night closures. Dates yet to be confirmed, but will be either the week commencing 20/11/17 or 27/11/17. Narrow lanes and a 40mph speed limit is in force on the A1. The northbound off slip road at Brampton Hut will be closed from 21:00 hrs on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November and will re-open at 06:00 hrs on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

**Section 3:** No planned closures in the period.

**Sections 4 & 5:** Narrow lanes and speed restrictions continue on the A14 between Swavesey and the Girton interchange. Speed is limited to 40 mph in this area and speed cameras monitor compliance.

An extension to the traffic management 40 mph section of the eastbound A14 carriageway towards the Girton interchange is underway. Lane closures are in place on the eastbound A428 at the Madingley turn-off and on the northbound A1307 between Girton Road and the A14.

#### **Construction Activities:**

**Sections 1 & 2:** On the east side of the existing A1, the Cock Brook culvert extension, which will go under the realigned A1, is nearing completion. Once finished we will be able to complete the new southbound carriageway and then move all the

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A1 traffic temporarily on to it whilst we reconstruct the existing northbound. We are also preparing for a traffic layout change (or switch) at Brampton Hut to allow work to begin on widening the northbound approaches to the junction and the A1 over the existing A14.

Completion of the new Grafham Road bridge (pictured below), is scheduled for early 2018. More details will follow.



At the Ouse crossing, the columns are almost complete, making the new river crossing clearly visible. The next step will be to lift into place the steel bridge beams, which will start over the winter.

**Section 3:** Our recent focus has been on the new East Coast Mainline crossing. Many of the bridge beams needed have already been delivered to site and the first closure of the railway to allow us to begin to lift them into place will take place in November. A 500t crawler crane will be on site to complete the works during five consecutive weekend possessions. Other structures across this part of the scheme are at varying stages of development, as outlined below:

- Offord Road Bridge – Construction of embankments & piling preparations.
- Corpus Christi – Approach structures under construction.
- Silver Street – Approach structures under construction.
- A1198 - Completed
- Mere Way – Pouring concrete to form bridge deck
- Potton Road – Piling due to commence this month
- Hilton Road – Piling due to commence this month

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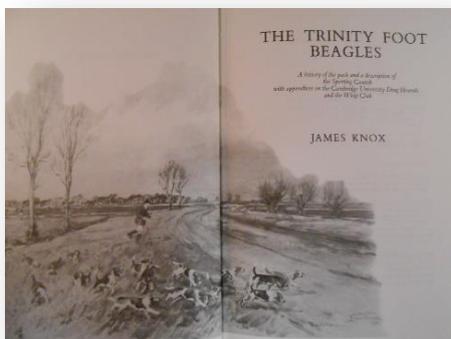
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- Conington Road – Reinforced concrete works started



**Construction of the Girton Interchange Bridge**

**Sections 4 & 5:** Our temporary bailey bridge near Swavesey junction has enabled our trucks to transport 20,000 loads of construction material (160,000 cubic metres) over the A14 to form part of the new Swavesey junction, with no impact to road users. It is due to be removed during the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017, after which time it will be stored for a short period then re-used to perform a similar operation near the Girton junction.



The Trinity Foot pub, derelict for some time, is being removed to make way for the new Swavesey junction. Built in the 1840s as the 'New Inn', it was renamed 'The Trinity Foot' in the 1860's to reflect its connection to the Cambridge University beagle pack.

Work on one of the new bridges near Girton, (which on completion will take the A14 free-flow link over the junction), will progress with the next large concrete pour.

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### **Archaeology**

Our 200+ archaeologists are working hard to uncover all the known archaeological items of interest across the project. Once areas have been cleared of items of interest (finds) we can begin the construction process.

We hope that in the next few months we will be able to share information on the items found and we are aware this is of great interest to quite a number of people.

The archaeology work in some areas will continue well into 2018.

### **Community Engagement**

A team from the project recently helped forestry volunteers remove and store coppiced logs from the ancient woodland at Brampton. The logs will be sold over the winter months to raise funds for future woodland management at this site of special scientific interest (SSSI).



Our Mobile Visitor Centre visited Cambridge Services on 9<sup>th</sup> November and will be at Judith's field in Godmanchester on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

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