Welcome to this A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme public exhibition.

This exhibition is about the work we are doing in Huntingdon as part of the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme.

Members of the project team are here to answer any questions you might have.

Thank you
The A14 provides an east-west route linking the Midlands with East Anglia. It begins at Catthorpe near Rugby, where it connects with the M1 and M6 motorway, and continues east for approximately 130 miles to the port town of Felixstowe.

It forms one of the UK’s strategic routes and is part of the Trans-European Transport Network.

The A14 between Cambridge and Huntingdon serves an additional purpose, connecting the A1(M) motorway to the North of England with the M11 motorway to London and the South East.

This vital investment will relieve congestion on one of the busiest parts of the strategic network between the Midlands and East Anglia and will support both national and regional economic growth.

The new A14 will open to traffic in 2020, with some finishing work continuing beyond that, such as the removal of the old A14 viaduct in Huntingdon.

**Why is the scheme necessary?**

- 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
- realise the wider benefits of road investment and leave a positive legacy in Cambridgeshire

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The scheme will:
The A14 road and viaduct dominates the centre of Huntingdon.

The removal of the viaduct and construction of link roads are an important part of the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme.

This work will benefit Huntingdon and its residents for the following reasons:

- The traffic that uses the A14 is a major contributor to noise and air quality impacts within Huntingdon
- The viaduct constrains access and development to properties and land nearby
- The viaduct requires ongoing and costly maintenance, which is not an efficient use of public money
- The removal of the viaduct will improve some views of Huntingdon, particularly from the Huntingdon Conservation Area, some listed buildings and public rights of way
Pathfinder and Mill Common link roads

**Pathfinder link road**
A new link road will tie the Huntingdon ring road to the existing A14 in the area west of the Mill Common underpass.

**Mill Common link road**
A new link road will join the Edison Bell Way junction to the new Pathfinder link road. This will follow the line of the A14, but at a lower level.
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Around Huntingdon train station

Huntingdon train station (this work is subject to approval by Network Rail)

We are proposing a new public transport hub and station forecourt area and are discussing this with Network Rail. We will also construct a new access from Mill Common link road to the train station car park.

Removal of the A14 viaduct

The new A14 bypass will open to traffic by the end of 2019. Once the new road is open, we will be able to remove the viaduct that crosses the East Coast Main Line and Brampton Road. The remaining sections of the old A14 will be detrunked (handed over to become part of the Cambridgeshire County Council local road network).
A new link road will connect Hinchingbrooke Park Road to the current A14 (via a roundabout) to the north of the police and fire headquarters and emergency services buildings, where it will connect to Spittals junction.
We’ve prepared traffic forecasts for a opening year of 2020 and 15 years beyond this date (2035), allowing for scenarios without the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme and with the scheme.

Results show that, on the whole, traffic flows are expected to decrease in Huntingdon town centre as a result of the new A14, with a significant reduction in flows through Godmanchester, on the B1514 through Brampton and on the Huntingdon Inner Ring Road. There is a small increase on part of the A141 Huntingdon Northern Bypass.

The removal of the old A14 viaduct and subsequent changes to the road network in Huntingdon will cause some increase in traffic on Brampton Road between the new Views Common Link Road and the new Mill Common Link Road. This is because these new roads will now carry town centre traffic. Elsewhere, traffic will be reduced.
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The removal of the A14 viaduct over the East Coast Main Line and Brampton Road bridge is a complex engineering challenge.

We are working closely with Network Rail, Cambridgeshire County Council and Huntingdonshire District Council to ensure the work is planned as efficiently and safely as possible while minimising disruption.

We expect the removal to follow these steps:

1. Installation of a protection deck under the viaduct to protect the East Coast Main line and Brampton Road
2. Preparation work and installation of the system that will lift and removed sections of the viaduct
3. Removal of first section of the viaduct (over the East Coast Main Line and Brampton Road)
4. Removal of second section of the viaduct (over the Landro car park)
5. Removal of third section of the viaduct (over the Network Rail car park)
The traffic from the A14 contributes to the issues of noise and air pollution within Huntingdon.

Removing the viaduct and building new link roads should provide the following benefits:

- A reduction in noise
- A reduction in air pollution
- An improved town centre
- Improved station facilities
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**Timeline of work**

**Summer 2019**
- Traffic management installed on ring road. Night closures begin.

**Autumn 2019**
- Night closures begin on Brampton Road in preparation for viaduct removal.

**Winter 2019/2020**
- Preparation for and installation of the protection deck underneath the viaduct over Christmas 2019. Huntingdon Southern Bypass opens.
- Dependant on the completion of the new bypass, work will begin on Mill Common Link Road and around Huntingdon Station
- Removal of Huntingdon viaduct begins
- Removal of Huntingdon viaduct continues

**2020**
- Work continues on the Views Common, Pathfinder and Mill Common Link Roads and the new station access road

**2021**
- Work to complete the viaduct, station forecourt and new roads complete
We will do our very best to minimise any impacts while work is carried out and have worked with local authorities to produce a code of construction practice.

Compliance to the code is a requirement of the Development Consent Order and helps ensure that impacts on the local environment and those living close to the scheme are kept to a minimum during construction. It includes how we manage things such as air quality, vibration and drainage.

Where reasonably practical, site operating hours will be:

- 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday
- 8am to 4pm, Saturday

Due to the constraints of working over the East Coast Main Line and Brampton Road, night work will be necessary to remove the viaduct and connect the new roads into the existing road network.

We are working hard to ensure the impact of this work is minimised as far as reasonably practical.
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Who’s who

Responsible for strategic decisions and investment in the country’s national road network

Responsible for managing and maintaining the strategic road network (motorways and trunk roads in England), including detailed design and construction of new road schemes

Due to the size of the scheme, no one company is big enough to deliver the scheme. The scheme will be delivered by three companies, working together as a joint venture, and two design consultancies. Together they are known as the Integrated Delivery Team.
The majority of the £1.5 billion funding will come from central government.

Local authorities and local enterprise partnerships have pledged a combined contribution of £100 million to the scheme, to be invested over a 25 year period following the opening of the improved road.

Our funding partners:

- Department for Transport
- Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority
- Cambridgeshire County Council
- Huntingdonshire District Council
- South Cambridgeshire District Council
- Cambridge City Council
- Fenland District Council
- East Cambridgeshire District Council
- Suffolk County Council
- Peterborough City Council
- Norfolk County Council
- Essex County Council
- Northamptonshire County Council
- LEPs in South East Midlands and East Anglia
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