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From: A14 Cambridge Huntingdon <A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk>
Sent: 07 September 2018 09:39
Subject: Plans for part of A14 upgrade to become a motorway

Dear all,

We have undertaken a preliminary study to explore reclassifying the new A14 between Girton and Ellington as motorway. We are also considering extending the motorway status to include the A1 between Brampton and Alconbury to join with the existing A1(M). This would create an unbroken motorway link between London and Peterborough.

The benefits of a motorway are increased safety and more reliable journeys. To achieve this, motorway regulations prohibit certain road users. The prohibition of pedestrians, cyclists and horse drawn vehicles was already included in the planning for the new A14. Prohibition would be extended to cover vehicles under 50cc and agricultural vehicles. However, as you know, we have already designed-in alternative routes for this traffic and provided alternative means of access to land which do not rely on the new A14.

Please be assured that the design and engineering of the route will not change. We still plan on opening the road by the end of 2020.

The next step in the process of reclassifying the road is completion of a detailed traffic and environmental assessment, later this year. We will then apply to the Planning Inspectorate for an amendment to the scheme's development consent order to allow us to change the road classification from trunk road to motorway. You will have an opportunity to give the Planning Inspectorate your views on the amendments at that point.

For your information I have attached a copy of our press release on the subject, published today, and a plan of the scheme showing the extent of the proposed motorway status. In the coming weeks we will be speaking with farmers and land owners. We will also taking our mobile visitors centre out and about – please let us know whether you'd like it to come to a location near you.

If you have any questions, please speak with your usual project contact or contact us at A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk.

Regards,

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Plans for part of A14 upgrade to become a motorway

Highways England is proposing for an 18-mile section of the A14 in Cambridgeshire to be classified as a motorway once upgrade work is complete, bringing economic and safety benefits, under plans announced by Highways England today (Friday 7 September).

The move will create an unbroken motorway link between London and Peterborough and will increase safety and improve journeys by encouraging local and long-distance traffic onto the most suitable routes.

Highways England is nearly half way through the £1.5bn project to improve 21 miles of the A14 between Cambridge and Huntingdon – the biggest road upgrade currently in construction in the UK.



Caption: an impression of the new road at Swavesey, including a dedicated bridge for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians

That means the main section of the A14 upgrade between the M11 and the A1(M) can have the benefits of a motorway – including variable speed limits which reduce congestion and help traffic move more smoothly. The motorway section of the improved road will be called the A14(M) when it opens in 2020.

Highways England project director David Bray said:

“We want the A14 upgrade to be the safest and best road it can possibly be, and we now have an opportunity to make our already robust plans even better by putting the right traffic onto the right roads when the new A14 opens to traffic.

“Creating a motorway link between the A1(M) and the M11 will mean motorists and hauliers carrying goods across the country will be able to travel more smoothly and safely, while local and slow moving traffic will benefit from the new routes we are introducing.”

Cambridgeshire County Councillor Ian Bates said:

“The A14 was completely off the agenda until we led a charge with local MPs and partner councils to get the much-needed improvements on this congested road. We fully support the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon major upgrade, which is why we contributed financially.

“The A14 becoming a motorway will improve connectivity from the M11 to the A1 at Alconbury and will serve Peterborough. The upgrade of this road is vital to boost the local economy and create jobs. Cambridgeshire’s economy is recognised as being able to help kick start the national economy and unblocking the A14 plays an important part in that.”

Later this year, Highways England will formally ask the Planning Inspectorate to amend the road’s status from trunk road to motorway, in time for the project opening in 2020. The Secretary of State for Transport will then make the final decision next year.

If the change is given the go ahead, motorway status will also be extended to a three-mile section of the A1 from Alconbury to Brampton, which will be re-named as A1(M).

The A14 upgrade already includes new routes for local traffic, which will be usable by non-motorway traffic, as well as improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.

Work on building the £1.5bn upgrade to the A14 between Cambridge and Huntingdon started in November 2016. The project includes widening a total of seven miles of the A14 in each direction (across two sections), a major new bypass south of Huntingdon, widening a three-mile section of the A1 and demolition of a viaduct at Huntingdon, which will support improvements in the town.

For the latest information about the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme, visit <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/a14c2h>, follow [@HighwaysEast](https://twitter.com/HighwaysEast) and [@A14C2H](https://twitter.com/A14C2H) on Twitter and visit the scheme's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/A14C2H/

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1. **Highways England** is the wholly government-owned company responsible for modernising, maintaining and operating England's motorways and major A roads.
2. **About the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme**
Images of the scheme are available to download at:
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The £1.5bn project will upgrade 21 miles of the A14 to three lanes in each direction adding additional capacity, boosting the local and national economy and cutting up to 20 minutes off journeys.

The project will include a major new bypass for Huntingdon, widening the A1 between Brampton and Alconbury, widening the existing A14 between Swavesey and Milton and improving the junctions at Bar Hill, Swavesey, Girton, Histon and Milton. The A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme will also include improvements in Huntingdon town centre, including the demolition of the A14 viaduct and new local access roads.

The new bypass and widened A14 will open to traffic by the end of 2020, although some finishing work such as the removal of the A14 viaduct in Huntingdon will continue beyond that.

The A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme is being delivered on behalf of Highways England by a joint venture of four UK contractors and two design consultants: Balfour Beatty, Carillion, Costain and Skanska and for design, Atkins and CH2M. The delivery team is known as the A14 Integrated Delivery Team.

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