

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme

Removal of the Huntingdon viaduct



Once the new A14 Huntingdon Southern Bypass is complete and open to traffic, the viaduct that carries the A14 through Huntingdon over the East Coast Mainline and Brampton Road Bridge will not be needed and we'll be removing it.

This helps us to achieve the following scheme benefits for Huntingdon's residents:

- The traffic that uses the current A14 impacts on noise and air quality within Huntingdon – removal of the viaduct will help to improve these
- The viaduct constrains access and development to properties and land nearby
- It requires ongoing and costly maintenance, which is not an efficient use of public money
- Removing the viaduct will improve some views of Huntingdon, particularly from the Huntingdon Conservation Area, some listed buildings and public rights of way.

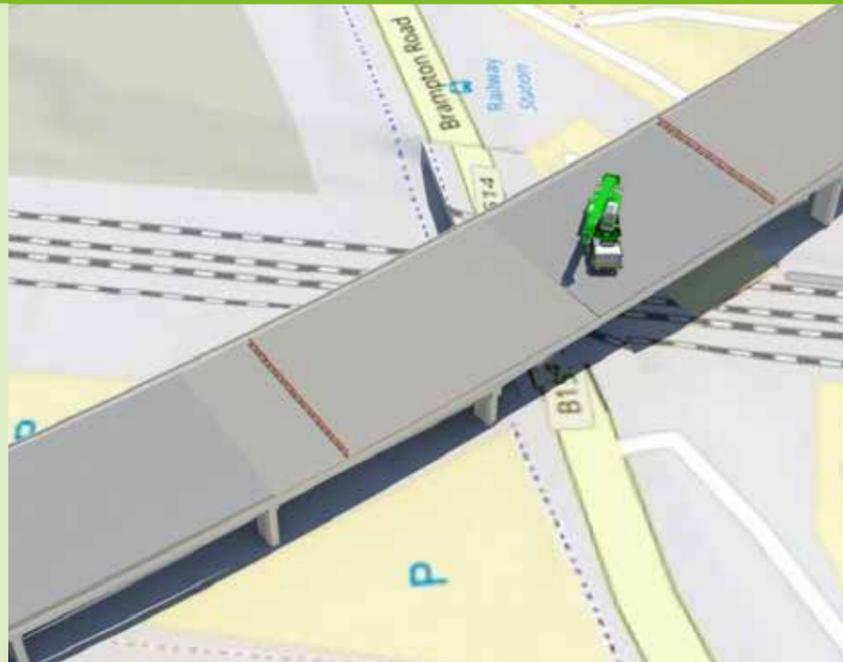
How will we remove the viaduct?

As soon as the A14 traffic is on the new bypass the old A14 between junction 23 at Spittals and junction 24 at Godmanchester will be closed. We'll begin work by removing the span

that crosses over the East Coast Mainline at Huntingdon train station and Brampton Road Bridge. This will be done in stages as follows:

1 September to December 2019

We'll be preparing the viaduct and areas around it for installation of the mobile protection deck.



2 Christmas 2019

We'll install a mobile protection deck under the bridge, which will sit between the existing steel reinforcement above Brampton Road. This will allow us access to the viaduct while keeping Brampton Road and the East Coast main line open. Doing this over Christmas gives us enough time to carry out this work without impacting train passengers.



3 January 2020 onwards

1. We'll remove the fencing, safety barriers and road pavement from the A14.
2. We'll install lifting equipment, preparing the individual beams that make up the bridge for removal.
3. We'll lift out individual beams over the course of several Saturday nights avoiding, disruption for rail passengers.
4. We'll break up the beams during sociable hours in the working week.



What happens next?

Once the section of the viaduct over the East Coast main line and Brampton Road has been removed, we will move on to the sections either side. The section over the Ringo private car park will be first, followed by the section over the entrance to Huntingdon Station.

We will share more information on the removal of these sections before the work starts.

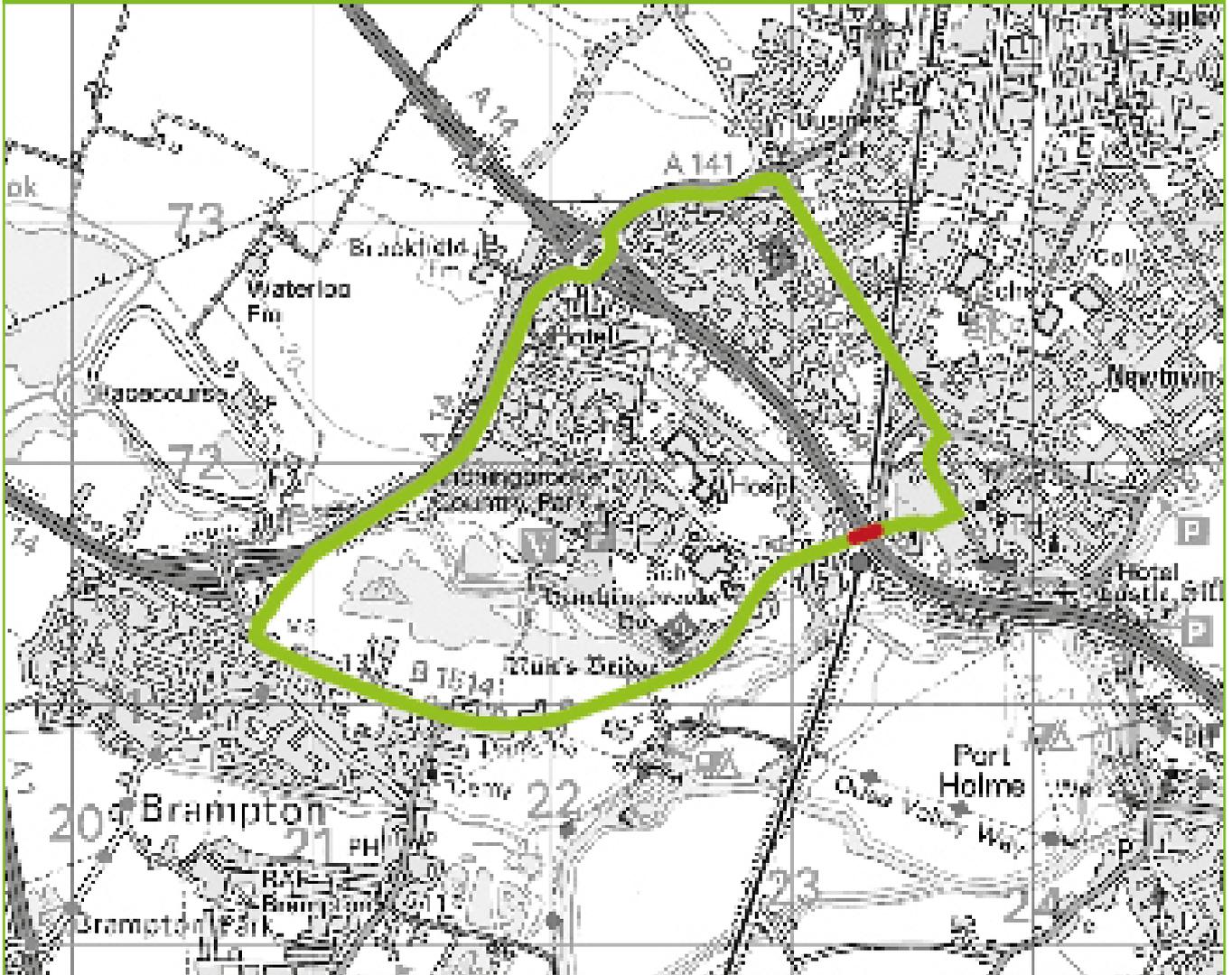
Impact on Huntingdon

We'll carry out as much preparation work as possible during the working week, to minimise closures of Brampton Road.

Work that does require closures of Brampton road and the East Coast Mainline will be carried out on Saturday nights wherever possible.

Occasionally, we may need to close Brampton Road outside of this time.

Diversion route for Brampton road closures



What's happening next?

We'll continue to keep you updated as work progresses.



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