What’s happening in Huntingdon?

The work we’re doing in Huntingdon is an important part of the A14 scheme and includes:

- a new Mill Common link road
- removal of the A14 viaduct and work around the train station
- a new Views Common link road
- a new Pathfinder link road

We’ve started preparation work for the main construction work in Huntingdon, which we expect to start this spring.
What are we doing?

As part of the work we’re doing in Huntingdon, we’ll be building a new road (Views Common link) to connect Hinchingbrooke Park Road to the current A14, via a roundabout. The layout of the new road can be seen below.

Preparation work has already begun, with a site access road being built off Hinchingbrooke Park Road. Further work is planned this year to allow us to start building the road.

Activities you might see include:
- vegetation clearance
- installation of traffic management, such as narrow lanes
- construction of a temporary site for workers and materials
- excavation of material around utilities so that we can move and protect them

Once this work has been completed, we can start permanent work in late spring.

Views Common link Road

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.

Work to protect utilities

The ground below Hinchingbrooke Park Road holds a significant number of utility assets that serve Huntingdon. These include communication cables (telephone and internet lines), drainage for the road, electricity cables, low pressure gas pipes, medium pressure gas pipes and water pipes. These have not been designed to take the load from a road and we need to move or protect them.

Due to the number of different utilities located very close to each other, we need to excavate the entire footpath to ensure that work is carried out as safely and as quickly as possible.

Closure of footpath on Hinchingbrooke Park Road

We’re temporarily closing the footpath from the traffic lights on Hinchingbrooke Park Road (opposite the school) to the crossing on Hinchingbrooke Park Road, near Brampton Road. This will allow us to carry out the work safely. We’ll divert the footpath and install narrow lanes on Hinchingbrooke Park Road and Brampton Road while this work takes place.

While most of the work will take place during the day, some needs to be completed overnight or over weekends under a single lane closure.

We aim to minimise the number of lane closures required. Access to Hinchingbrooke estate, Hinchingbrooke School, Hinchingbrooke Hospital and for emergency services will always be maintained.
Permitted routes for construction vehicles

We need to move heavy construction vehicles (over 7.5 tonnes) through Huntingdon to carry out this work. These vehicles are only permitted to use routes that have been agreed with Cambridgeshire County Council. Movement of these vehicles will be restricted to between the hours of 09.00am – 3.30pm.

What’s happening next?

Once preparation work is complete, we’ll begin building the new roads. We’ll continue to keep you updated as work progresses and will be running some more events this summer.

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