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

Where are we now?

Our work to transform the old A14 for local journeys in and around Huntingdon is progressing well. In addition to the viaduct removal, we’re also building more than half a mile of new link roads into the town.

At the end of October, we opened the new Pathfinder link road, which provides a route for people to access Huntingdon from the A1307 (the old A14). Work to remove the 12,000 tonne railway viaduct and build the new Mill Common and Views Common link roads continues.

Work in Huntingdon is expected to complete by spring 2022. We share information on local road closures on our social media pages (which we now share with the upcoming A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvements scheme):

- facebook.com/A428BlackCat
- @A428Cat
As part of the scheme, we are handing responsibility for the old A14 around Huntingdon over to Cambridgeshire County Council (a process known as detrunking) as it moves from being part of the major road network to becoming part of the local road system.

Before we do this, we’ll be carrying out finishing work to make sure that the road is in good condition. Having listened to feedback from drivers following the opening of Pathfinder link road last autumn, we decided to complete this work before opening the new road and handing it over to the council. We’ve postponed the opening of Views Common link road to autumn to allow this work to take place. This will allow us to open the new road with no temporary speed limit providing easier journeys for drivers.

The new walker and cyclist connections between Hinchingbrooke Park Road and the underpass at Stukeley Meadows will open late summer.
Removal of Huntingdon railway viaduct

Work to remove the old A14 viaduct that crosses Brampton Road and the East Coast Main Line continues and we expect work to finish this winter.

We’ve removed the section of the viaduct over the railway line and are now beginning work to remove the two remaining bridge spans on either side.

One of the spans will be demolished using long reach excavators, which take away pieces of concrete from the top down. As the other span is very close to the station building, the safest and least disruptive way to remove this is to install a jacking system (shown above), which will lift the section away from its supporting piers and lower it to the ground to be demolished safely and with minimal closures of the railway line.

During demolition, we may need to close the footpath for safety reasons and will keep you informed about this and any diversion route once confirmed.

We appreciate your ongoing patience while we carry out this work and we’re working hard to minimise its effect on residents by working during the day to avoid overnight noise and by spraying the site with water to reduce dust levels.
New car parks for Huntingdon train station

As part of the work we’re doing around the train station, we’ll be building new car parks to make sure that no parking spaces are lost as a result of connecting the new Mill Common link road.

We’ve looked at a variety of options for the new car park, some of which we have shared in the past. We’ve now agreed an outline design with Network Rail and are progressing to the detailed design stage.

The new car park will include a surface level car park and pedestrian area in front of the station and a single deck car park on the west side. We expect to have the design finalised this summer and will share further detail with you then.