

A14 Haughley New Street to Stowmarket Improvement Summer 2007 to Winter 2008

Introduction

Welcome to the Works Exhibition marking the start of construction of the A14 Haughley New Street to Stowmarket Improvement. The aim of the exhibition is to give you the opportunity to come along and ask any questions you may have about how the new road is being built, and how the construction may affect you. We are here to answer any of your questions along with our Agents for this scheme WSP Civils Limited, contractor Birse Civils Limited, and design team from Mouchel Parkman.

Scheme Description

We are building a new length of dual carriageway just south of the existing A14, and a new two-level junction at Tot Hill.

The existing A14 going west will be changed to a two-way local road linking the new junction at Tot Hill to Haughley New Street. The existing carriageway going east between the new junction at Tot Hill and Stowmarket will also be changed to a two-way local road.

The remainder of the existing A14 carriageway going east between Tot Hill and Haughley New Street will be landscaped to make a suitable area for walkers, cyclists and horse riders, (also known as Non-Motorised Users (NMU)). The existing Haughley Road will be diverted under the new section of carriageway and connect to the old A14 carriageway going west.

The Benefits of the Scheme

We will provide a new section of dual carriageway and improve the connecting local roads so that they meet the current safety and engineering standards; this will ensure that the roads are safer and it will help reduce the number of accidents. By removing the current 50mph speed limit and separating local

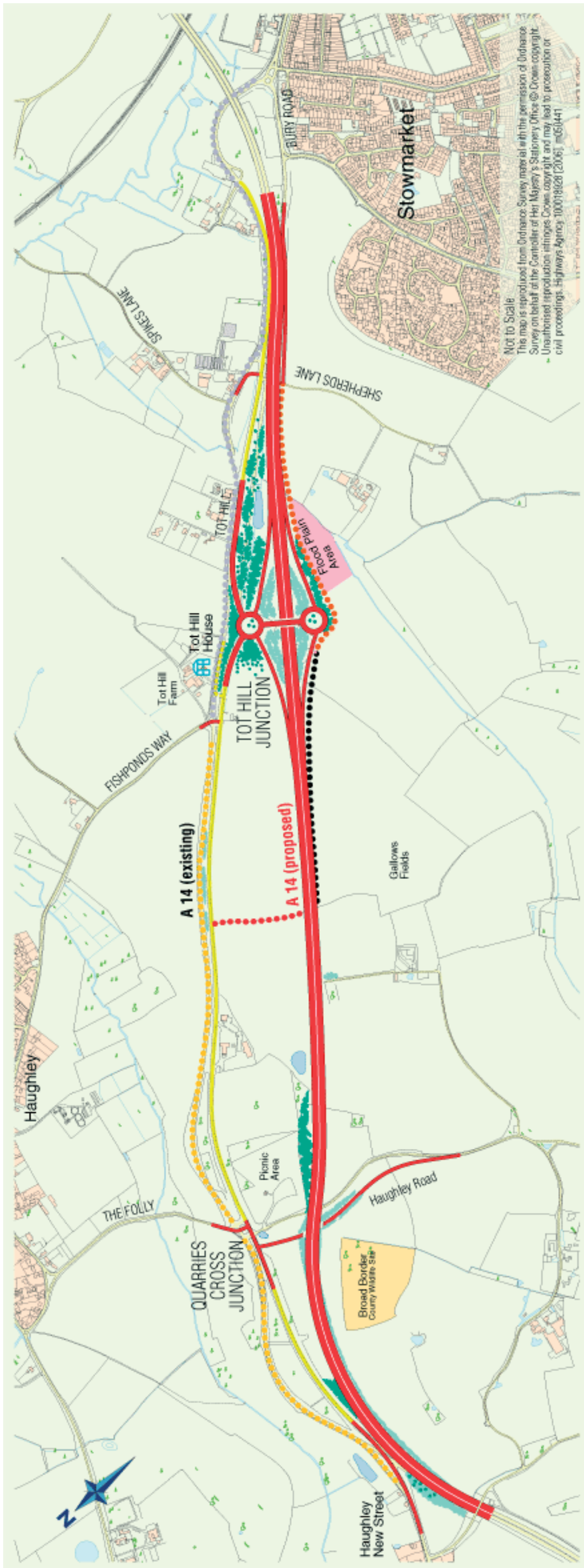


traffic from traffic using the A14 for long distance journeys, local journey times should be reduced. In addition to these benefits we will be removing all the current at-grade crossings on this section of the A14. The new NMU area will provide a safe recreational area for local people.

The Environment

Protecting and improving the environment is an important part of our works. We will be providing purpose made fencing to help prevent animals crossing the new road; we will also be building a culvert under the road and will be designed to help animals cross safely.

We have cleared existing hedgerows of nesting birds in readiness for the removal of the hedges. Reptiles have been caught and they have been moved away from the Tot Hill area to another section of the A14. Environmentally friendly lighting will also be provided to reduce light pollution at the new Tot Hill junction. We will also be planting trees and shrubs in certain locations to help reduce the effect of the new road on nearby properties.



	Original road converted to two way local road
	Road Improvement
	Watercourse
	Balancing Pond
	Restricted Highway for equestrians, cyclists and pedestrians
	Bridleway
	Cycleway/Footpath
	Footpath closed
	Proposed Footpath
	Existing Woodland
	Proposed Woodland Planting
	Proposed Scrubland Planting
	Proposed Tree Planting
	Grade II Listed Building

Construction

We have installed post and rail fencing throughout the whole length of the new road. Strong wire netting will be attached to the fencing to help prevent animals straying onto the new road.

We have removed the topsoil along the length of the scheme and stored it on site so that it may be used again elsewhere. Our intention is for the soil to be used to prepare the new verges on the edge of the road. We have also moved approximately a quarter of a million cubic metres of soil to create the new road.

Work will start late September to build the Tot Hill Bridge and Haughley Road Underpass. We have begun to divert the stream at Tot Hill; once this is done we will be able to extend the existing stream pipe that will run under the new A14.

The remainder of the works to alter the existing A14 to form the NMU area and the new two-way local road are still to be started but we expect all the work to be completed by December 2008.

Road works during Construction

We are currently carrying out works to the south of the existing A14 so disruption to road users will be kept to a minimum. In Summer 2008 the new road will be linked up to the A14. Advanced warning signs will be in place to let you know what is happening along with traffic cones and temporary speed limits. You will be able to use the new road from Summer 2008.

For real time traffic information:

08700 660 115

www.highways.gov.uk/trafficinfo

24 hours a day, 365 days a year

(Calls from BT landlines to 0870 numbers will cost no more than 8p per minute; mobile calls usually cost more)

For general Highways Agency information:

08457 50 40 30

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Safe driving at roadworks

Remember that tiredness can kill. Take regular breaks from driving.



During 2006 two workers were killed and 19 seriously injured in the course of their work on Highways Agency roads.

For the safety of all road users and roadworkers, when you are approaching roadworks:

- Keep within the speed limit – it is there for your safety.
- Get into the correct lane in good time – don't keep switching.
- Concentrate on the road ahead, not the roadworks.
- Be alert for works' traffic leaving or entering roadworks.
- Keep a safe distance – there could be queues in front.
- Observe all signs – they are there to help you.