

Haughley New Street to Stowmarket Improvement | A14

Construction News issue 5 – July 2008

Welcome to the 5th Issue of our Construction Newsletter, in which we will be giving you useful information on the forthcoming roadworks and how this will affect you.

Forthcoming road works

Work on the scheme has reached an important stage this month as we approach the beginning of the tie-in works connecting the existing dual carriageway to the new road. Preparation for the road works began on Monday 14 July and will have a significant effect on the travelling public. The last 12 months has caused minimal inconvenience to road users, as the majority of works have been carried out away from the existing A14.

The tie-in works will be carried out over six weekends, beginning Friday evening on 18 July 2008 (but excluding the August bank holiday).

- Contraflows will operate between 8pm on Friday nights and 6am Monday mornings.
- A speed limit of 40mph will be in place for the duration of the works on both the existing and new carriageway of A14.



This is for the safety of both our workforce and the travelling public.

- There will be road closures and restrictions which will cause some inconvenience; advance warning of these closures have been clearly signposted.
- During the works period, access will be maintained to all local businesses and households.

Haughley New Street

Haughley New Street has been closed at its junction with the A14 and we anticipate it will reopen by the end of September. The closure will allow alterations to the existing carriageways to be carried out safely. The existing eastbound carriageway will eventually become a facility for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. The existing westbound carriageway will become a two-way road for local traffic and will connect to the new A14 at Tot Hill Junction.

Diversion signs advising drivers of alternative routes will be in place throughout the duration of the works.

The new dual carriageway and two-level junction at Tot Hill is expected to be open to traffic on Monday 1 September 2008.

For more information on the roadworks, please log onto our website: <http://www.highways.gov.uk/roads/projects/13030.aspx>

What have we done in the last 2 months?

The two bridges on the scheme, at Haughley Road and Tot Hill, have been completed and we have continued to make good progress on road construction. We have recently begun alterations to Bury Road next to the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC). When complete, this section of road will provide a safer queuing lane and access for traffic entering the HWRC. It will also become a two-way road giving local traffic a safer route to and from Stowmarket without the need to use the A14.

Haughley Village Fayre and Scarecrow Festival

We were very grateful to be invited to the recent Village Fayre and Scarecrow festival at Haughley. The Highways Agency and Birse Civils Ltd set up a stand at the Fayre, and staff in attendance were very pleased at the interest shown in the scheme and the many positive comments received.

School Visit – Haughley Primary School

Our contractors Birse Civils Ltd were delighted to host a visit by staff and pupils from Haughley Primary School. All were treated to a minibus tour of the site and a presentation about the scheme. We would like to acknowledge the wonderful thank-you letters the pupils had prepared for our contractors after their visit.

Future Work

Once the new road is open to traffic we will be converting the eastbound carriageway of the existing A14 into a facility for non-motorised users by forming a footpath, cycle track and a bridleway. The existing westbound carriageway will be used as a two-way road for local traffic. This work will be completed by the end of 2008.

If you have any comments or would like further information, you can contact Birse Civils Limited's Public Liaison officer, Alan Jones on 0800 032 9760 or visit our website: www.highways.gov.uk/roads/projects/13030.aspx

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