

A14 Ellington to Fen Ditton Improvement Newsletter Issue 2 - November 2009

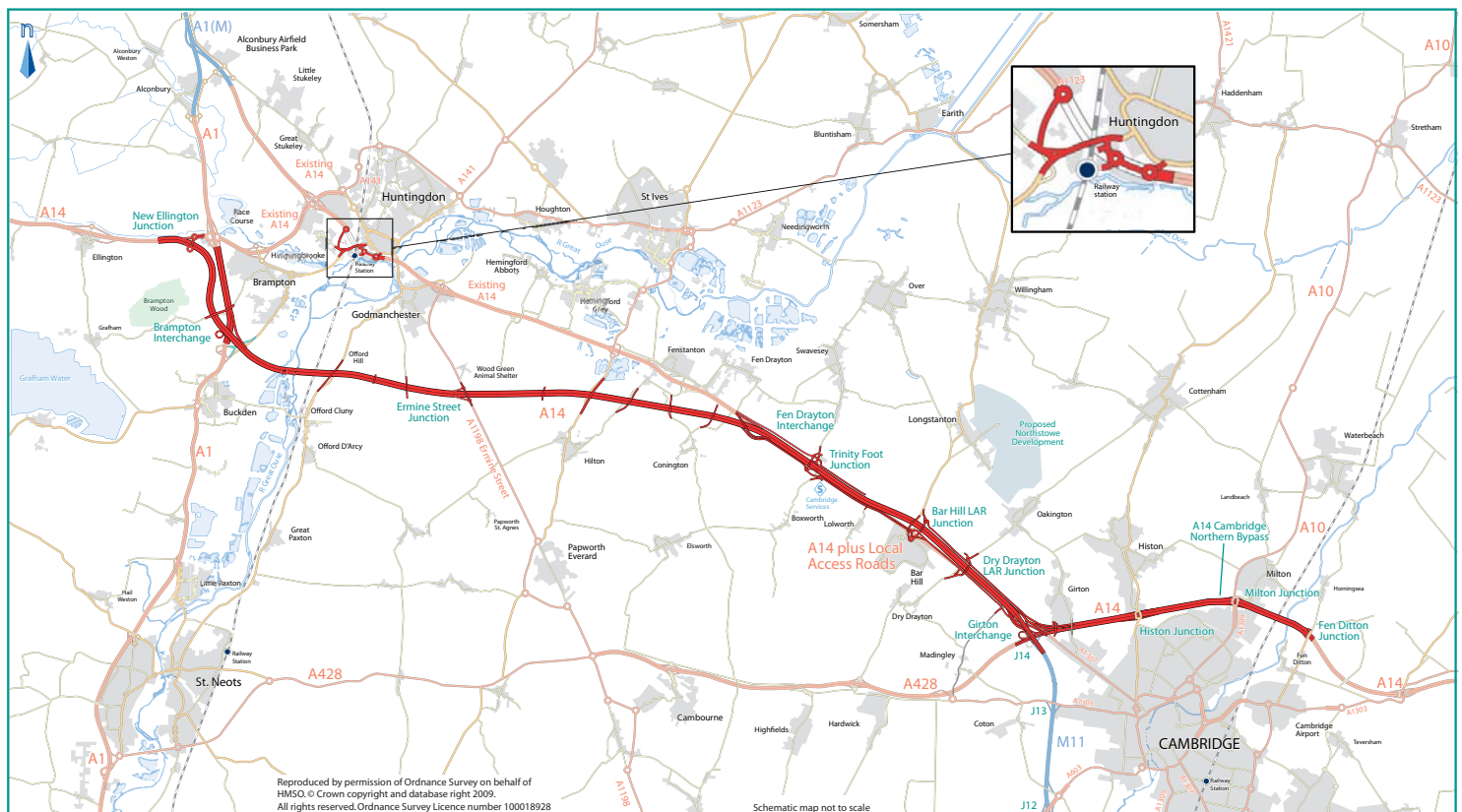
This is the second newsletter about the progress of the A14 Ellington to Fen Ditton improvement. The first newsletter was issued in May 2008 following the appointment of Costain Skanska Joint Venture in January 2008 as contractor to design the scheme in its entirety.

Since our first newsletter we have been developing the design for the scheme based on the Preferred Route and carrying out an Environmental Impact Assessment. This has required the assessments of many issues including future traffic flows, junction layouts, land requirements, drainage and the design of the structures and the road.

We have continued to inform and consult with stakeholders about the development of the

scheme. We identified the owners and occupiers of properties affected by the scheme, to ensure that they were notified when we published the detailed proposals for the scheme as draft Orders on 30 September 2009.

Detailed plans for the scheme were shown at exhibitions held between 9 and 12 October 2009 at Huntingdon Racecourse and between 15 and 18 October 2009 at the University Arms Hotel, Cambridge. The exhibitions provided an opportunity for all stakeholders, including members of the public, to look at the proposals (draft Orders, plans and Environmental Statement) and ask questions about any of the details that they were concerned about.



The publication of draft Orders allows examination of the proposals and the opportunity to make comments in the form of support, objection or representation.

We are currently in the official objection period of 14 weeks, during which time written comments can be made.

Comments should be sent to the Highways Agency by 6 January 2010, at either the following postal or email address:

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Depending on the nature and number of objections received, a Public Inquiry may be held before an independent Inspector. If an Inquiry is to be held, all those who have responded during this period will be notified individually at least six weeks beforehand.

Notices will also appear in the local press. All comments received will be made available to the Inspector, who may decide to make them public. Publicity will be given to any alternative proposals received.

Following any Inquiry, the Secretaries of State will consider the Inspector's Report, together with any objections and representations made, before making a decision on the future of the scheme.

Key Project Dates

30 September 2009	Publish draft Orders
Summer 2010	Public inquiry (if required)
Spring 2012	Start of Works (if Public Inquiry held)
Winter 2015	Strategic route (the new A14) could be open to traffic
Late 2016	Completion of construction

Contacting the Highways Agency

For questions or comments

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