

# Press release: Innovative technique to install two bridges in one weekend on A14 upgrade

How do you build two 1,000 tonne bridges over a very busy road while (nearly) keeping the road open throughout? You build them at the side of the road and wheel them into place at the end!

This is exactly what the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon upgrade team has been doing over the past few months. They have built four abutments to support the new bridges as well as two bridge decks at the side of the live carriageway, and are now ready to wheel the bridges decks, each measuring 44 metres, into place on top of the abutments.

Now the team has released an engineering video to show exactly how they plan to tackle the challenge – and it involves a very big, remote controlled platform on wheels.

## [Animation – Bar Hill junction bridge replacement September 2018](#)

The new bridges, which are being built as part of the £1.5 billion major improvement scheme and will be located at Bar Hill, will be installed during the weekend of 14 September. They will form a new, improved Bar Hill junction which will connect the A14 to the future local access road between Cambridge and Huntingdon, as well as to the existing local road between Bar Hill and Longstanton (B1050).

David Bray, project director for the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon upgrade at Highways England, said:

Redesigning and building the Bar Hill junction was identified from the start of the project as one of the main challenges we would have to tackle. I am delighted that we've found a way to build the two bridges while keeping the A14 open as much as possible and disruption for people locally and road users to a minimum. And I am also excited that we're using such an innovative solution to our challenge – that's what makes my job so interesting.

The abutments for the two new bridges can be seen just south of the existing bridge and further down on the right of the road, the bridge decks are under construction

To carry out the bridge deck installation work safely, the A14 will need to be closed between Friday 14 September, 9pm, and Monday 17 September, 6am.

During the closure, clearly signed diversions will be in place as traffic not needing to enter or exit the A14 at Bar Hill will not be able to travel

through the junction along the A14 in either direction.

Through traffic travelling eastbound toward Cambridge will be diverted to leave the A14 at Godmanchester (junction 24), follow the diversion via the A1198, and A428. Through traffic travelling westbound toward Huntingdon will follow the same diversion in reverse.

The team will also need to make some temporary changes to the slip road during the closure.

Traffic wishing to travel westbound from Bar Hill will be able to access the A14 towards Huntingdon but it won't be possible to travel eastbound on the A14 from Bar Hill. Traffic wishing to travel eastbound will be diverted via the westbound A14 to Godmanchester and join the through traffic diversion towards Cambridge.

The new bridges will ultimately replace the old bridge which will be demolished in 2019.

To help people find out more about this work and the closures, the A14 upgrade team will be available with their Mobile Visitor Centre at Tesco Bar Hill on Monday 3 September, 4pm to 8pm and Thursday 6 September, 4pm to 8pm.

There is no space to safely watch the work taking place, during the weekend but people can find out more about the work and closure details, and watch the work via a live stream online by visiting the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon social media channels and website.

Highways England is upgrading a 21-mile stretch of the A14 between Cambridge and Huntingdon to three lanes in each direction including a brand new 17-mile bypass south of Huntingdon, with four lanes in each direction between Bar Hill and Girton. The project, which includes 34 bridges and main structures, will add additional capacity, boost the local and national economy and cut up to 20 minutes off journeys.

To check the latest traffic information for the A14 and other roads, listen to traffic bulletins on local and national radio stations, visit <http://www.trafficengland.com/> and follow Highways England on Twitter via @HighwaysEAST.

For the latest information about the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme, visit <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/A14C2H> follow @A14C2H on Twitter and like the scheme Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/A14C2H/>.

## **General enquiries**

Members of the public should contact the Highways England customer contact centre on 0300 123 5000.

## **Media enquiries**

Journalists should contact the Highways England press office on 0844 693 1448 and use the menu to speak to the most appropriate press officer.

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## **World news story: Why would I like to meet my neighbours in the Falkland Islands?**

This regional competition offers winners the chance to visit the Falklands for a week with all the costs covered. To participate, contestants should send a one minute video answering the question: "Why would I like to meet my neighbours from the Falkland Islands?" in English.

Winners will be staying with a local family, to experience first-hand the life in the Falkland Islands.

The ideal winner should be active in social media and willing to share his/her experience about the Falkland Islands through these channels.

The contest is meant to promote the cultural exchange between the Falklands and the region, and to spread the knowledge about the Falkland Island and its people.

Find out more about the competition here:

[Regional Student Competition regulations](#)

(PDF, 108KB, 4 pages)

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## **Notice: NR9 5LB, Green Label Poultry Limited: environmental permit issued**

The Environment Agency publish permits and surrenders that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Green Label Poultry Limited
  - Installation name: Weston Poultry Unit
  - Permit number: EPR/HP3931YF/S002 and EPR/HP3931YF/V003
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# **News story: Civil news: 2018 standard civil contracts start 1 September**

Organisations which have accepted one of the new 2018 civil contracts will be able to start providing services from 1 September 2018.

This means that the provision of face-to-face legal services will be delivered under one umbrella contract – the 2018 Standard Civil Contract.

## **CWA and verification**

The majority of organisations bidding in the main tender process have now had their contracts uploaded. These can be accepted through the Contracted Work and Administration (CWA) system.

It is important for providers to go into CWA and accept their contracts if they wish to carry out work from 1 September.

Organisations will not have had contracts uploaded where they have not yet:

Contracts are being uploaded into CWA once outstanding information has been provided and processed.

## **Organisations late with verification**

Providers completing verification late are being dealt with on a case-by-case basis and will be contacted individually through the message boards.

## **Update on further tender process**

Where verification information was provided with the tender and was compliant the LAA is making every effort to upload contracts for 1 September 2018.

Where:

- verification information was not provided
- verification information provided was non-compliant
- the LAA has outstanding queries about bids made through previous tender processes or assigning account numbers for new offices

we will seek to upload contracts for 1 October.

## **Guidance and training**

You can find out more about the 2018 Standard Civil Contract on GOV.UK where

a training file is available for download.

## **Further information**

[2018 Standard Civil Contract](#) – to download training slides and view contract documentation

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## **News story: State of the art greenhouse unveiled in Cheshire**

Environment Minister Thérèse Coffey has today opened a £5 million cutting-edge glasshouse at Delamere Nursery in Cheshire.

The state-of-the-art growing facility covers a hectare and is set to boost timber production, with its tight environmental controls creating better growing conditions for the four million seedlings it will house.

It boasts computerised environmental controls, rainwater harvesting from the glasshouse roof into a 15 million-litre capacity lagoon and a boom irrigation system, which allows accurate watering and can apply fertiliser and chemicals.

The glasshouse will play a vital role in the maintenance and expansion of the Public Forest Estate throughout the UK, with the seedlings helping timber production and improving biosecurity.

Environment Minister Thérèse Coffey said at the opening:

It is wonderful to be here to officially open this impressive new structure which will help ensure our forests are stocked with trees in a more sustainable and productive fashion.

The forests and woodlands that these trees will go on to be a part of are vital for providing timber, protecting wildlife, and helping us improve our environment for the next generation.

Simon Hodgson, Forestry Commission England, Chief Executive said:

I'm delighted our minister, Thérèse Coffey, officially opened our new forestry glasshouse today. This significant investment demonstrates how committed we are to the nation's forests.

The largest glasshouse dedicated to forest trees in the UK means that Forestry Commission England will be able to plant around five

million of the very best trees every year in the nation's forests for timber, recreation and wildlife as well as supplying trees to Scotland and Wales. We are increasing the diversity of tree species we plant so the nation's forests are resilient; protecting them from pests, diseases and the effects of a changing climate.

I would like to thank everyone involved for their hard work in making this project a reality.

The glasshouse was completed in December 2017, with the first seeds sown in March 2018. It is anticipated that it will be fully stocked with a mix of species and ages by 2020.