

The Owner/Occupier

15 January 2020

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Histon Road - Bus, Cycling and Walking Improvements Project**

I am writing to you to let you know that we will be starting work on Histon Road from 27 January 2020. The first part of the road that will be affected by the construction works will be the junction with Victoria Road and Huntingdon Road as well as site clearance, where required, along the rest of Histon Road.

**When are the works happening and Histon Road becoming one-way?**

The works will be carried out in phases with construction and traffic management plans having been developed in consultation with a wide number of stakeholders, including your local councillors, the County Council’s Streetworks Team, Skanska, Stagecoach and the Highways England A14 Project Team.

The table below shows the current planned programme of work (please note timescales are indicative, dependent on a range of factors, such as weather, and therefore may be subject to change):

Phases	Location	Estimated Dates	Traffic Management
Site clearance and set up	Entire length of Histon Road	27 Jan 2020 – Mar 2020	Temporary traffic signal control
Phase A	Victoria/Huntingdon Road Junction	27 Jan 2020 – May 2020	
Phase B	Gilbert Road to Victoria Road	May 2020 – Dec 2020	Partial road closure (inbound)
Phase C	Gilbert/Warwick Road Junction	Aug 2020 – Feb 2021	
Phase D	King’s Hedges Road to Gilbert Road	May 2020 – Apr 2021	

The work at the Histon Road/Victoria Road/Huntington Road junction will involve temporary traffic signals between the hours of 9.30am to 3.30pm.

Once we have finished Phase A and the A14 works between Histon (junction 32) and Milton (junction 33) have been completed, the next phase will require us to close Histon Road to inbound motor traffic for the duration of the construction. This will also allow us to complete the works in a shorter period of time.

The closure point will be just to the south of the King’s Hedges Road junction allowing inbound traffic to access King’s Hedges Road, and also allowing construction and farm traffic to enter the Darwin Green site.

The temporary road closure is planned to start in May 2020 and while it is in place Histon Road will be one-way, outbound only for all motor traffic. Cyclists and pedestrians will still be able to travel both ways on Histon Road throughout the road works period.

Access to properties along Histon Road and its side roads will remain open at all times.

**Diversion routes**

While the road is closed the diversion route will be via the A14, Milton Road and Victoria Road and will be signposted along the route as well as on the wider road network.

### **What is happening to the bus routes that use Histon Road?**

We are working closely with Stagecoach to minimise the disruption to bus users. Once the temporary road closure is in place there will be changes to the buses that currently serve Histon Road while the work is undertaken. Any changes to bus routes will be published widely nearer the time.

### **How do I keep up to date with the project?**

There are four ways that you can keep up to date with the project or raise any concerns you might have:

1. **Sign up to receive regular project updates:** Skanska, our main contractor, will produce regular email updates on the work progress. If you'd like to receive these updates directly, please do register at [www.greatercambridge.org.uk/subscribe](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/subscribe), selecting Histon Road in the Projects section. Directly affected properties will also receive mailings at appropriate stages during construction.
2. **Project web pages:** You can also visit the Histon Road project pages for further details and updates during the construction period: [www.greatercambridge.org.uk/histon-road](http://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/histon-road)
3. **Public drop-in points:** Skanska will be setting up site offices in the road works areas, which will include public drop-in points. This will enable you to speak directly to the contractors about any concerns regarding the works. Opening times of the public drop-in points will be advertised nearer the time.
4. **Contractor's contact details:** If you have any concerns during the construction, please do get in touch with Skanska's project team on [histonroad.contact@skanska.co.uk](mailto:histonroad.contact@skanska.co.uk) or telephone their 24 hour contact centre on 0330 105 1980.

We know that any closure along Histon Road will affect residents and businesses as well as people travelling in the area. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience these works may cause. However, these works will deliver improvement for those who cycle, walk or use public transport on Histon Road and help make travel in Cambridge more sustainable. Temporarily closing the road in one direction will also allow us to complete the works in a shorter period of time.

We are working with our contractors Skanska and Stagecoach to minimise disruption where possible, including ensuring availability of comprehensive travel information for residents, commuters and businesses likely to be affected at each phase of the project.

Yours faithfully,

**Paul van de Bulk**  
**Project Manager**  
**The Greater Cambridge Partnership**