

DRAFT A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon
Relevant Representation to the Planning Inspectorate

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The A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon project is entirely within the county of Cambridgeshire. The Cambridgeshire County Council is therefore a statutory consultee as provided for in S56 of the Planning Act 2008, as amended by the Localism Act 2011.

Cambridgeshire County Council supports the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon project and wishes it to be delivered as soon as is practicable, but with due regard to the impact of the scheme on local infrastructure and communities. The existing road is blighted by congestion and accidents, and is a key transport artery in Cambridgeshire. It is also an important local transport link, connecting the A1, the market towns of Huntingdon and St. Ives, numerous villages on the corridor, and the city of Peterborough, to Cambridge. A significant number of local commuting trips are made using the A14 as a result.

The Cambridge Sub-Region has a strong economy, and is a national hub for technology and life sciences. An efficient and effective transport network is vital to its continued success. It is essential that infrastructure is provided to support and grow the economy, helping to provide much needed new jobs and homes in the area. The Greater Cambridge area is an economic success story that links to the national economy and is a driver for growth elsewhere.

The County Council will be making a written representation on the need for this project of significant strategic and local importance. The County Council seeks a legacy of this enormous project in the county of Cambridgeshire that makes a positive contribution to transport and the environment, and does not place risks of future unfunded improvement or maintenance works on the Council.

The County Council has worked closely with the Highways Agency in developing the proposals and is satisfied with the proposals in general. However, the County Council anticipates that it will be making written representations to Examination in respect of the following matters, unless agreement on a number of outstanding matters is obtained with the Highways Agency prior to Examination:

- Impact of the scheme on the local road network
- Design of local road elements of the scheme
- Road drainage and surface water flooding
- Minerals and waste
- Cultural heritage
- Rights of way and access
- Ecology and nature conservation
- Highways asset definition and Traffic Regulation Orders
- De-trunking and transfer of former Highways Agency assets to the County Council

The County Council intends to submit a joint Local Impact Report with South Cambridgeshire District Council and Huntingdonshire District Council. A Statement of Common Ground is being agreed with the Highways Agency.

Regarding the timetable for Examination, the County Council will make representations to the Inspectorate on the need for its response to the DCO application to go through the democratic process before deposition with the Inspectorate. This will constrain the Rule 8 date by which the County Council can deposit its representations and the Local Impact Report. The size of this project

is a significant burden on County Council resources and budget in a time when local authority finances are under extreme pressure.

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