

A14 J52 (Claydon) to J55 (Copdock) concrete overlay scheme

Scheme Delivery

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Introductions

If you would like to ask a question, please use the chat function within Teams and these will be addressed at the end of the presentation.

There is also an option to raise a virtual hand during this discussion.

Introductions:

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What we will cover

- Update you on our planned closures of the A14 between Junction 52 & Junction 55.
- Share how we plan to manage traffic during the works.
- Listen to your feedback and mitigate any concerns where possible.
- Outline our communication and engagement approach.
- Questions and Answers segment

A14 Concrete Overlay – what are we doing?

- The concrete sections of our network in the East region are coming to the end of their life and a major programme of works is underway to replace them.
- As you will be aware we have just completed a full reconstruction of the concrete sections of the A14 around Haughley – Similar schemes are currently taking place on the A12 at Marks Tey and Margaretting
- In 2021 repairs were made to the concrete bays between Claydon and Copdock as a temporary holding measure. This work was undertaken using contraflow whilst there were low traffic counts due to the pandemic
- To delay the need for more extensive maintenance on this section we plan to surface over 261km of concrete with a 25mm asphalt surface course.
- The work includes having to saw cut in between the estimated 5,000 concrete bays
- The programme of works is currently expected to be 8 weeks with 4 weeks on the eastbound carriageway and 4 weeks on the westbound. Start date is currently planned for 27 August but programme is still being confirmed.
- The work will be done under full overnight closures of the A14 between 20:00 and 06:00
- Once completed it will ensure there is a smoother quieter surface with less frequent repairs required
- We will incorporate other planned maintenance work required for this section in these closures

Previous examples of concrete sections overlaid with asphalt

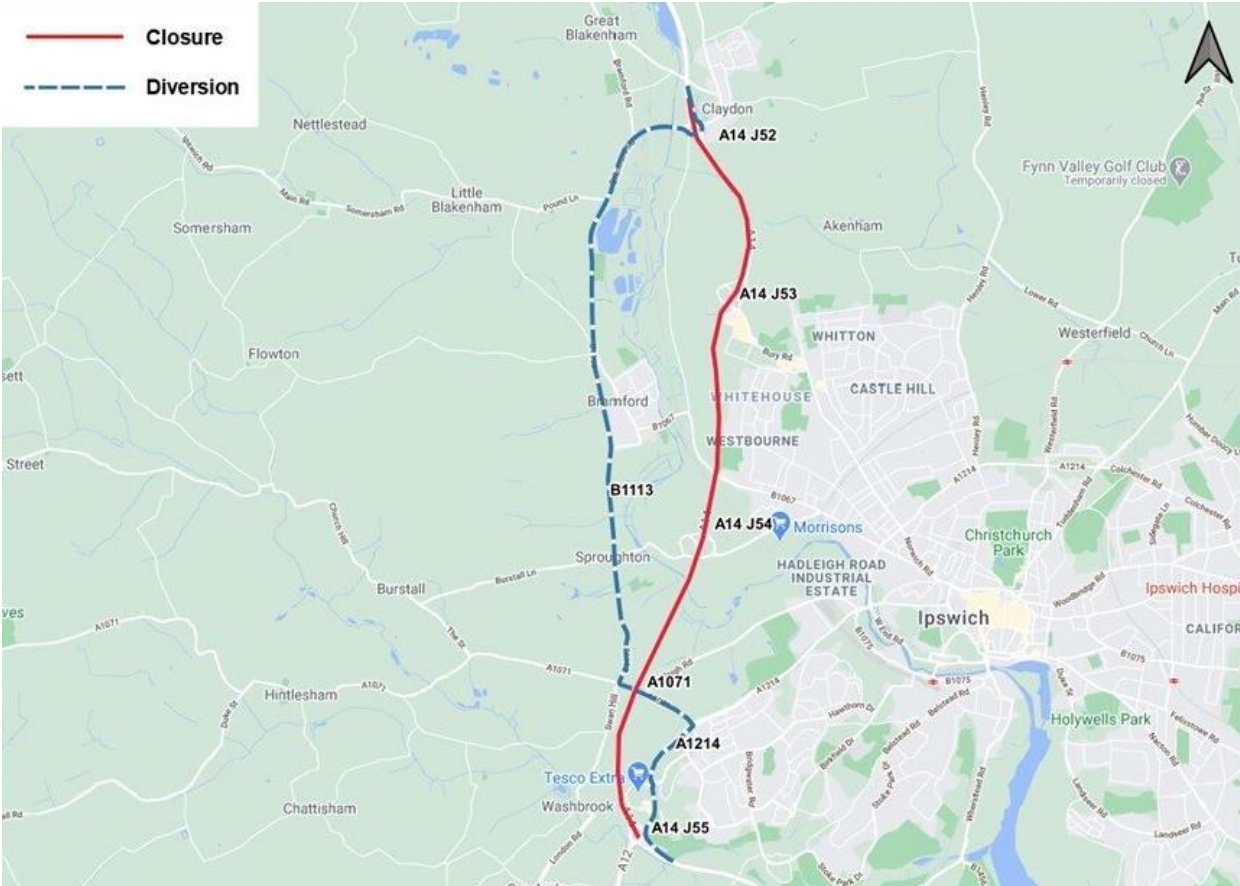


A47 Dereham



A14 Levington

Diversion route for vehicles – A14 EB J52 and J55



For eastbound closures traffic will be diverted off the A14 at junction 52 onto the B1113 and onto the A1071 and then the A1214 before rejoining the A14 at J55.

For westbound closures the diversion will be the same in reverse

Traffic management

- We plan to use temporary traffic signals in Sproughton to regulate traffic through the narrow High Street. Traffic lights will be located away from houses.
- Additional road signs will be placed at J52 at the top end of Paper Mill Lane to advise and deter drivers from using this road as a diversion
- The mobile safety camera van will be in use every night on the B1113 between Bramford and Sproughton.
- Additional signs on Lower Street to deter drivers away from weak bridge.

How we are mitigating issues

- Throughout the works we will continue to collaborate and liaise with Suffolk Highways, local councillors and the Parish councils to provide regular updates of our work.
- Additional signage will be out to deter motorists from coming off the diversion routes and using local roads as "rat-runs". We will use signs to inform drivers they are approaching residential areas.
- In addition to resident's letters and stakeholder emails, we will have a dedicated web page to inform our customers of our work as well as using social media.
- We will encourage local parishes, businesses and the wider public to sign up to the website and stakeholder emails for updates and alerts throughout our A14 signage works.
- We will work with our County, District, and Parish Council members to help us identify key hotspots on the network to place additional TM signage to encourage traffic to stay on the designated diversion routes.
- We have given advance notice of closures to Felixstowe Port.

Useful links

[East - National Highways](#)

[East - Road maintenance work - National Highways](#)

Link to dedicated A14 scheme web page:

<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/east/a14-ipswich-junction-52-claydon-to-junction-55-copdock-interchange/>

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Any questions?