

MADINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL –RESPONSE TO THE HIGHWAYS AGENCY  
REGARDING THE PROPOSED A14 ROAD UPGRADE  
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The village warmly welcomes that at long last it is proposed to improve the A14.

ISSUES WITH THE CURRENT PROPOSALS

1. NOISE - The Council are very concerned that the noise level will be raised by the construction and later use of the upgraded A14. In particular the high embankment at the Girton Interchange will greatly exacerbate the noise level for the whole village. The Inspector will wish to note that a considerable length of the existing northern bypass was put in a cutting close to Madingley to cut down on the road noise level, this was requested by the University of Cambridge research team that works in Madingley which is the Sub-Department of Animal Behaviour of the Department of Zoology. The proposed embankment flies in the face of the previous sensible road design.
- 2 CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC – The Council is asking for a complete ban on construction traffic passing through Madingley, Dry Drayton and Coton villages.
- 3 The Avenue – The road in Madingley called the Avenue is to be cut off alongside the A14 as part of the scheme. The Highways Agency suggested to the village that the junction between the Avenue and the new link road could provide an on off junction or it could be closed to traffic. The Highways Agency suggested that the village should consult on this matter and then hold a referendum. This has now been done and the County Council is ignoring that the village voted by a two thirds majority to have the Avenue closed to traffic at the link Road junction. While we appreciate this is a decision for Cambridgeshire County Council, the village is very aggrieved that the democratic process that has taken place is being ignored.
- 4 PATH AND CYCLE PATHS – Madingley questions the positioning and the need for some of the proposed paths in the scheme. Paths which are unlit and go deep into rural country will not be used at night by the more vulnerable members of society and do pose a safety issue. A much better route has long been promoted between Bar Hill and the Coton junction with the A1303 by the parishes of Bar Hill, Dry Drayton, Madingley and Coton.
- 5 TRAFFIC CALMING and TRAFFIC NUMBERS – All the village wish to see a reduction in traffic numbers and volume and we understand the scheme allows for financial help with this for local communities close to the A14 like Madingley village. This help is requested.
- 6 GIRTON INTERCHANGE – The scheme currently does NOT include any access to the A14 for
  - traffic travelling East on the A428
  - Traffic exiting Cambridge on the Huntingdon Road

Traffic travelling towards Cambridge on the link road

With a full interchange which we suggest could be achieved with a large roundabout the traffic travelling East would be able to avoid using the A1303 /Madingley Hill which is very congested every weekday morning. Also this link would be a huge advantage to traffic exiting Cambridge from The NIAB and NW Cambridge sites and Cambridge itself.

- 7 Madingley Parish Council would like the Highways Agency to look carefully at the feasibility of abandoning the link road from the Dry Drayton bridge to Huntingdon Road, and replace this by continuing the link road from Bar Hill on the EAST side of the A14 which can easily merge with the existing A14 link to Huntingdon road. In addition a short link road only will be required on the West side from the Dry Drayton bridge to allow access to the County Crematorium. We suggest this will entail far less road construction and cost and it will achieve the same object. Part of this revised link road would still have the currently planned footpath and cycle path to Girton.