

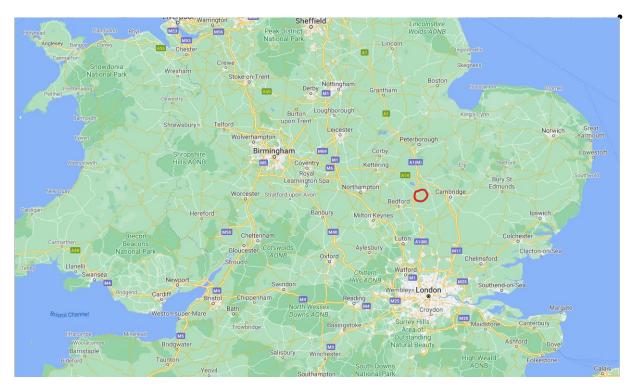






## **A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet**

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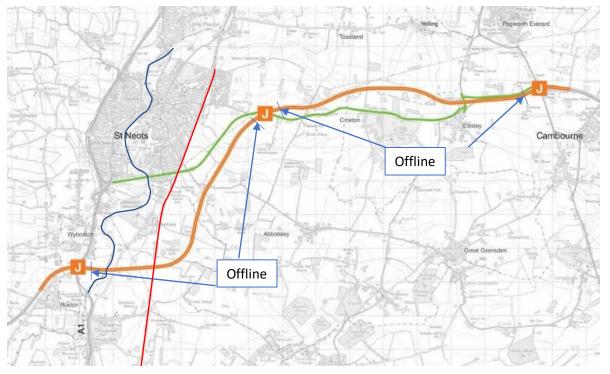
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- 18 new structures
  - 8 steel composite
  - 10 pre-stressed concrete beams
  - 1 structure to remove
- Demolition of existing services area by A1
- 3.8million m3 of earthworks including 4no borrow pits
- 18km of new dual carriageway.
- 55 new culverts and wildlife crossings.
- 57,100m of drainage.
- 83,000m wildlife proof fencing.
- 3 new badger setts.
- 1no mammal crossing for Barbastelle bats.





## **Objectives**

- Replace the only remaining section of single carriageway between Milton Keynes and Cambridge.
- Remove traffic constrictors of Black Cat and Caxton Gibbet roundabouts
- Transform one of the busiest road links in the East of England and save up to 1 ½ hours a week for regular users of the current route.
- Create better routes for walkers, cyclists and horse riders and improve connections to St Neots and its train station
- Encourage economic growth by providing additional junction capacity and making journey times more reliable, enabling proposed economic growth and development to come forward at key regional locations.
- Improve air and noise quality for communities.
- Leave a positive legacy for the local community.





# **Outline Programme**







# 2022 / 2023 Key procurement activities

#### **2022**

- Site compounds construction (Q2/3)
- Compound Buildings (Q3)
- Traffic Management (Q3)
- Vehicle Recovery (Q3)
- Heritage Building Relocation (Q3)
- Ecological Mitigation (Q4)
- Materials Frameworks Aggregates, Concrete, Drainage Products (Q4)
- Site clearance Vegetation & Demolition (Q3/4)
- Earthworks (Q3/4)
- Piling (Q4)
- Pavement (Q4)

#### **2023**

- Fencing (Q1)
- Parapet (Q2)
- VRS Steel (Q1)
- Drainage (Q1)
- Structures Bridge Beams steel (Q2) & precast concrete (Q2), FRC (Q1), Bridge Bearings (Q2) and Expansion Joints (Q3)







# What's already been procured

- Archaeological Mitgiation
- Site Investigation works
- Pre DCO Earthworks







#### **Current Procurement Activities?**

- Preparation for majority of procurement is to take place during late 2022 and early 2023.
- Market Testing for scheme Notice to Proceed Governance.
- Compound related procurement.
- Developing and introducing digital procurement tools for the scheme.
- Project procurement strategy is currently being developed to align with A428 Vision & Values:





