

HIMXX A14 mitigation sites

This policy in a nutshell:

- Recognises the important function that green infrastructure and vegetation in the southern part of the plan area has in mitigating the impact of the A14 on our community
- Seeks to maintain or strengthen this function
- Applies to planning applications on land which has an important role to play in protecting the community from the negative impacts of the A14 (dust, air, noise and vibration).

1.1.1. Context and Reasoned Justification

In the southern part of the plan area, the green infrastructure (hedgerows, water, open land, trees) functions as important buffer zones between the A14 and residential areas, thereby being very important for purpose of maintaining air quality and mitigating noise, dust and vibration impact from busy strategic roads in particular the A14. It is vital to the wellbeing of our community that the contribution these sites have in mitigating the negative impacts is maintained.

Since work on the A14 began early in 2018 Histon & Impington residents have become sensitised to its impact and concerned that inadequate provision of measures to mitigate the adverse impact of what will become an increasingly busy road on their health and well-being. In addition to hard measures such as noise barriers there is much evidence of the benefit from green infrastructure.

The Community is working with the A14 Integrated Delivery Team (IDT) and there is a consensus around the re-instatement of lost green infrastructure. Landowners have also expressed a willingness to work co-operatively to enable this to take place mindful of its broader impact.

However it is recognised that more can be done on sites not affected by IDT clearance work and this policy provides the framework to enable this to happen when development makes it possible.

1.1.2. Policy Intent

To recognise the contribution which green infrastructure and vegetation in the southern part of the plan area have towards mitigating the adverse impact of the A14 on communities (by way of noise, dust, air quality and vibration impacts). Any development proposals affecting these areas of green infrastructure will be expected to undertake or contribute towards environmental enhancement works.

1.1.3. The policy

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The function that green infrastructure in the southern part of the plan area has in mitigating adverse impacts of the A14 on communities (by way of noise, dust, air and vibration impacts) shall be maintained and strengthened. This green infrastructure includes but is not limited to:

- Woodland on Feldsted Farms
- Cawcutts Lake
- The fields north of Cawcutts Lake and the Holiday Inn
- NIAB land west of the B1049 and adjacent to the A14

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Where development proposals come forward affecting this green infrastructure, or which might add to it, proposals will be expected to undertake or contribute towards environmental enhancement works. The purpose of the environmental enhancement works shall be to maintain or strengthen the contribution the site makes towards mitigating the impact of the A14 on our community.

1.1.4. Map

To be provided

1.1.5. Supporting evidence

(body of evidence submitted as a part of the A14 development control order)

1.1.6. Links to local policy

none

1.1.7. Links to national policy

NPPF section 2 (Achieving sustainable development) paragraph 9c et al.

1.1.8. Links to priorities and principles

priorities						principles			
essential character	economic success	vibrant community	getting around	safe, secure and successful	housing for all	digital village	sustainable community	diverse & inclusive	heritage & design

	policy plays a major role in responding to this priority
	policy also responds to this policy or principle