Case Study: A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon

Status: Completed Summer 2021

Type: Conventional seeding and hydroseeding on the new A14 Cambridge and Huntingdon Bypass and Upgrade



As Britain's biggest road upgrade at the time, CDTS South and East were employed directly by the Integrated Delivery Team as well as Lowther Forestry to undertake the seeding of grass and wildflowers across the entire scheme.





The £1.5 Billion project upgraded a 21-mile section of the A14 from junctions 20 to 33 and included a new 12-mile bypass around Huntingdon, the detrunking of the old road into the A1307, significantly upgraded the A1 from Buckden to Alconbury and widened from J31 Girton to J33 Milton.

The work, amounting to over 100 hectares included verge and embankment seeding works as well as off site remediation to ex agricultural land, newly dug borrow pits, balancing ponds, drainage lagoons and SSSI habitat creation works.



This involved the deployment of several specialist mettrac bank tractors to undertake the seeding to the vast majority of the topsoil screening bunds and off-site planting areas. Four hydroseeding machines to undertake the seeding works to the immediate roadside verges and embankments. Agricultural tractors to undertake the remediation works as well as the reinstatement of the site compounds.

The project has been recognized for its top performance by the Considerate Constructors Scheme and awarded the 2019 Ultra Site of the Year Award. This is the highest level of attainment in consideration and best practice and the pinnacle of excellence across the construction industry – CDTS South and East are very happy to be part of this achievement.



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