The A14 Consortium which commenced in July 2012 is a cross border alliance of all strategic Local Authorities together other key stakeholders including representatives from the Haven ports, the Highways Agency, East of England Transport Information Group and the International Road Transport Union. The aim of the group is to discuss new and emerging issues associated with the A14 and its future development.

By bringing together key stakeholders it creates an opportunity to work together to ensure a co-ordinated, high-level approach to Britain’s major east-west route for international trade, and the wider TEN’s link, and to act as a key driver for the local economies along the route. It is dedicated to activities and interventions which facilitate growth and improve the operation of the A14 and feeder routes.

The main discussion items at the meeting in September included:-

- Collaboration and communication on the future major projects on the A14 in Northamptonshire, Warwickshire and Leicestershire (junction 19 and junction 7-9) and maintenance works on the network which have a wider impact on Cambridge and Suffolk as well as access to the ports.
- Collaborating on a project proposal for Safe, Secure and informed TEN-T road networks which supports a bid for EU funding. The project promotes cargo and driver security through the development of safe rest areas and the development of a Trans-European Information hub for professional drivers. The improvements will be targeted on the A14 and E24 in the UK, Belgium and the Netherlands. In addition to utilising local information and evidence and knowledge from the “Secure lane” Netherlands project, discussions are also being held to try and incorporate some of the best practice and evidence from the East of England Transport Information Group. The intention is for this bid to go forward in the next call for proposals which is expected in the Autumn.

The next meeting of the A14 Consortium is currently planned to take place in early December.