



## A1 Flyover TL197699 - UPDATE

[One of several sites identified as biological ‘hotspots’ in the 2013/15 project, see the National Biodiversity web site <https://nbn.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/A1-Flyover.pdf>]

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### Brampton Biodiversity Project

#### Location map:



On the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2007, a colony of flowering Bee Orchid (*Ophrys apifera*) appeared on the west side of the A1 on Brampton Road (Main colony). Further inspection revealed plants also scattered along the road verge leading towards Brampton. These colonies appeared to have developed following the realignment of the A1 in the late 1970s.

Now that the new A14/A1 roads have been completed it seems appropriate to review the fate of this colony. The map shows the location of the new road, which has destroyed 50% of the colonies. The remaining ‘Main colony’ was fenced off and given ‘protection’ during the construction of the road but as the photographs below show this has not been very successful.

