

# What's happening?

## Best practice at:



### Overview:

*Managing vegetation clearance through KPI data*

*BCM Construction captures project and site specific period KPI information on vegetation clearance for:*

- *Trees with a stem diameter in excess of more than 10cm*
- *Shrubs and small trees in m<sup>2</sup>*
- *Ground level vegetation m<sup>2</sup>*

*This provides a control mechanism to ensure vegetation clearance occurs only when absolutely necessary and with restraint.*

*The data gathering over time also helps anticipate and pro-actively manage vegetation clearance on projects or locations with elevated vegetation clearance requirements.*



### Benefits:

- *Provide accurate figures for mitigation through re-planting schemes (Thameslink Programme)*
- *Address unnecessary vegetation clearance by specialist sub-contractors and thus reducing cost*
- *Enables pro-active management using historical data that can be implemented at design stage for reducing vegetation clearance*

### Meeting our objectives & targets:

- *Provides a control function over our conservation responsibilities for the railway as an important ecological and wildlife corridor*
- *Help realise Network Rails Sustainability Policy by protecting trees and vegetation both as a natural resource and visual amenity*



*Photos depicting large screening trees that required removal as part of 'Harpenden Railway Station Bridge Works'. Minimal trees were removed due to strict supervision and accurate measurements.*