

What's happening?

Best practice at Bedford Sidings

Overview:

The Bedford sidings project will deliver 6 new siding roads adjacent to Bedford maintenance unit for the stabling of First Capital Connect rolling stock. The sidings include the installation of track, drainage, signalling, power, shunter's cabin and train toilet emptying facilities (CET). As part of the cost saving effort the Bedford sidings project team have decided to install previously used sleepers and rail.



Benefits:

- 2186 sleepers reused (217 tonnes)
- 567 metres of rail (32 Tonnes)
- Saving over £65k over new sleepers
- Over £10k saving over new rail
- Total saving is equal to 11% of total materials cost for Bedford Sidings

Meeting our objectives & targets:

- This initiative meets the following objectives from the SDGS:
- Restricting carbon emissions: these have been avoided from new concrete and steel manufacture
- Using sustainable materials in a sustainable way: by reusing long-life sleepers and rail