



### A sustainable Thameslink Programme

The Network Rail (NR) Thameslink Programme (TLP) will transform travel north to south through London. When Thameslink completes in 2018 journeys and connections will be improved giving customers better travel options to more destinations than ever before and modern track and trains will make journeys more reliable.

Sustainability is right at the heart of the TLP and our vision is to *'deliver transport benefits to budget that represents value for money and creates an overall positive impact on the community and the environment'*. To do this we're working to ensure that not only do we achieve the highest standards in sustainability, but we uphold these principles on all fronts.

As part of our sustainability strategy the TLP committed to *'engage with communities around TLP to minimise negative impact and to work in partnership to maximise our social contribution'*. To help meet this commitment all our sites (over 3 months works duration) are registered under the Considerate Constructors Scheme. We pledged to achieve an 'excellent' as a minimum standard across all our registered sites and to aim for 'exceptional' standards.

Our commitment also supports the Network Rail Sustainable Development Strategy (2013-2024) and the Network Rail Infrastructure Projects Control Period 5 business plan objectives and Sustainability Charter to *'register sites in excess of 12 months under the Considerate Constructors Scheme'*.

### The Considerate Constructors Scheme

The Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) is a non-profit-making, independent organisation founded in 1997 by the construction industry to improve its image.

The construction industry has a huge impact on all our lives, with most construction work taking place in sensitive locations. If all construction sites and companies presented an image of competent management, efficiency, awareness of environmental issues and above all neighbourliness, then they would become a positive advertisement, not just for themselves but for the industry as a whole.

The scheme commits registered sites, companies and suppliers to care about appearance, respect the community, protect the environment, secure everyone's safety and value their workforce.

The benefits of being part of the Considerate Constructors Scheme include;

- ✓ Being part of a nationally recognised membership recommended by local authorities, government, industry clients and contractors.
- ✓ Provides a competitive edge by demonstrating a commitment to high standards.
- ✓ Independent assessment by experienced industry professionals.
- ✓ Assess and benchmark performance and strive for development and improvement.
- ✓ Viewed positively by local authorities demonstrating a commitment to community engagement and minimising negative impact.
- ✓ Opportunity to enter and win the CCS National Awards

## The value of being a considerate constructor

The TLP undertakes works in a variety of sensitive locations from Bedford to Brighton through central London locations such as London Bridge. It is important to our sustainable development vision that we employ high standards of environmental protection and engage and respect our communities to minimise any negative impacts from our works.

In 2016 the TLP was awarded two Gold and one Silver Award under the Considerate Constructors Scheme recognising the outstanding efforts of our teams and suppliers in employing best practice and improving the image of the construction industry. The awards went to our London Bridge Station redevelopment project (Costain), our Bermondsey Dive Under project (Skanska) and our New Cross Gate project (Balfour Beatty Rail).

Our London Bridge and Track project teams were also awarded 'exceptional' scores under the Considerate Constructors Scheme demonstrating their commitment to the highest level of achievement.



Track project team – Silver 2016 CCS winners



London Bridge project team – Gold 2016 CCS winners!

*An **astonishing commitment** to learning, training and community support is **exemplary** benefitting all stakeholders, national charities including smaller local groups. I **doubt anyone could do more** to mitigate the community impact of this massive programme'.*

*'Full **sustainability programme** carefully sources material for its recycled content with new initiatives sought for energy saving programmes...'*

*The **highest safety standards**.....prevail and the support of the workforce in every sphere of life in turns generates their **kind support for colleagues and their families**. Support of **training and apprentices** are notably **exceptional**.*

*'....this is **truly exceptional** and a **role model for the entire industry**. A pleasure to visit and report on'.*

*"The site team continue to maintain their **exceptionally high standards** on site."*

*"A great deal of respect is shown for environmental issues and the company continues to explore **latest best practises**."*

## With thanks

The Thameslink Programme would like to thank the following Network Rail project teams and suppliers

- London Bridge project team and Costain
- Track project team and Balfour Beatty Rail
- Bermondsey Dive Under project team and Skanska

## Further information

For further information on the Thameslink programme and the Considerate Constructors Scheme please see below

Thameslink Programme <http://www.thameslinkprogramme.co.uk/>

Thameslink Sustainable Development Policy <http://www.thameslinkprogramme.co.uk/approach>

Considerate Constructors Scheme <https://www.ccscheme.org.uk/>