

A1L2B LNR TREE DONATION, MORGAN SINDALL



BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT OVERVIEW

Upgrade of A1 to motorway standard from Leeming to Barton, junction 51 to 56. As well as widening the existing dual carriageway to a three lane motorway, new Local Access Roads are required to be built to link in local towns and communities.

Translocation of over 250 tree saplings to Foxglove Covert Local Nature Reserve (LNR) near the project to enhance biodiversity in the project surroundings. The saplings were required to be cleared to allow construction of the new road and with no potential for replanting on the project; an opportunity arose to get involved with wider community groups. The species available were all native UK species and were in line with the planting requirements of the LNR. Additionally, the trees could be planted in a suitable time of year to allow the best possible chance of growth. Further visits to the reserve have been undertaken following the translocation and the trees have all continued to grow, with an excellent success rate.

The saplings were planted by reserve volunteers and have contributed to the creation of new hedgerows and broad-leaved woodland areas. As a result of this enhancement works, a good relationship has developed with this local community site and the nature reserve is also going to be used as a future meeting venue and for educational sessions.



Fact box

Company name:
Morgan Sindall (as part of joint venture with Carillion)

Project name:
A1 Leeming to Barton Improvement Scheme LNR Tree Donation

Location:
North Yorkshire

Biodiversity enhancement:
Tree saplings translocation

Size:
250 tree saplings

Cost:
Only minimal costs due to the transportation of the tree saplings from the site to the Local Nature Reserve

Tips:
Materials which may be of low economic value and often surplus to requirements i.e. tree saplings, demolition rubble can often be of high ecological value and should not be wasted.

Year completed:
2014

Categories:

- Small scale permanent
- Pollinator
- Community engagement