

## KENT & SOUTH LONDON VEG MANAGEMENT

Part of Land & Water Services (LAWS) existing framework agreement with the Environment Agency (EA) was routine vegetation maintenance activities on several watercourses around Kent and South London (KSL).

Hand cutting and mechanical weed cutting machines were deployed to various watercourses along the banks of the Rivers Thames, Cray, Bourne, Shuttle, Wyncham, Darent and on the South Thames Estuary.

Herbicide applications were also used to control undesired Non-Invasive plants using a knapsack sprayer to manage the growth where it was not practicable to carry out management using other techniques. A D1 exemption was in place for spreading the unwanted material to the ditch banks.

Marshland area known as ditch 29 in Erith had been surveyed by the EA and involved hedge flailing and tree works to enable access for machine operatives to carry out silt removal and regrading activities of the watercourse and banks.

Flood reduction along the banks and ditches in Romney Cut were cleared of emergent vegetation. A ride on mower was also used to cut with arisings remaining on site to compost down above the high waterline under our own deployed U13 Exemption.

Due to the transient nature of these operations, there was minimal disturbance to wildlife, and all works were completed prior to bird nesting season under the watching brief of an Ecologist.



### Project Particulars

Client: Environment Agency  
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**PROJECT**  
**VALUE: £329,902**