

RIVER DON MEADOWHALL TO HILLSBOROUGH

This specific project for the Environment Agency (EA) was de-vegetation works of multiple locations along a 10k stretch of the River Don.

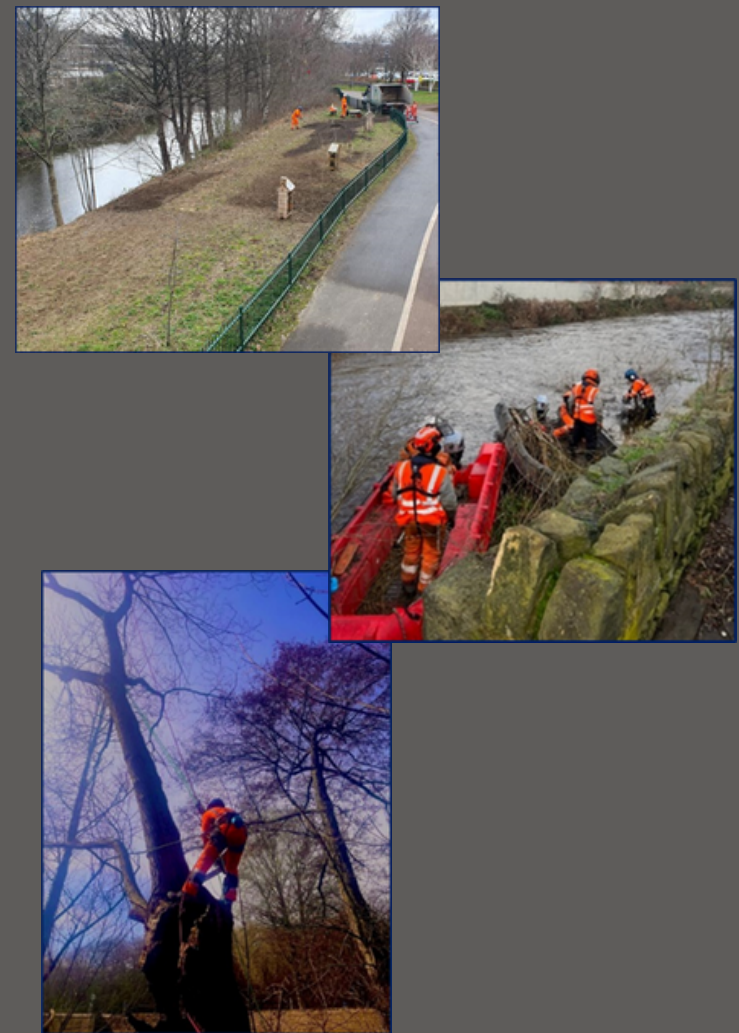
The initial scope from the EA identified that within 2m of watercourse dead, dying or dangerous (DDD) trees were required to be removed. Land & Water employed their approved and experienced subcontractor, VMS Ltd (Vegetation Management Services) to undertake any specialist tree works. As dead tree conditions can change daily this onsite knowledge was vital to ensure safe working procedures.

Crown raising for vegetation protruding into the channel and removal of low, overhanging vegetation where there was potential to cause flood risk was undertaken from the ground where possible, by either mechanical or manual methods. Works along this section relied heavily on third party access. Having worked with many of the property owners along the river over the last four years we already had good relationships with riparian landowners which was key to the overall success of the project.

The scope also indicated the presence of several invasive non-native species; Himalayan Balsam, Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed. Japanese Knotweed, an invasive non-native species was in abundance throughout the work site. Due to the winter months this was cut back and disposed of at a suitable licensed facility.

As works were still being completed at the start of bird nesting season 2023, our ecologist completed and recorded daily checks to ensure no nests were destroyed nor nesting birds were disturbed.

Finally, Land & Water installed insect hotels and planted trees, leaving the site visually and ecologically improved.



Project Particulars

Client: Environment Agency (North Hub)
December 2022 - March 2023



PROJECT
VALUE: £395,000