

Location:

South West

Olient:

Highways England

Completion date:

Ongoing

SERVICES



Vegetation Management



Ecology



Landscaping

OVERVIEW

ATM currently delivers works on Lot 7a – Landscape & Ecology on the above contract as a Tier 1 framework contractor. The contracts start date was June 2017

CHALLENGE

On a recent scheme for HE in Area 1 & 2 on the M5 in Gloucester we were contacted by the Route Manager and asked if we could help with an ongoing issue of overgrown trees that were impinging on residents gardens and a build-up of vegetation/scrub that was attracting and providing habitation for vermin. Both issues had become a major concern for local residents, councillors, and the local MP and needed to be resolved quickly. We provided a quotation for extensive tree removal, significant crown reduction works and the removal of scrub and undergrowth previously creating issues as a vermin habitat. Access to the site was problematic and in one part of the site could only be accessed through residential properties. The work had to be started urgently and completed within a tight timeframe to avoid the works being done in the middle of the bird nesting season.





OUR SOLUTION

The original quotation of £80k, included costs for an ecologist to monitor the potential bird nesting sites and a cost for reinstating residents gardens that had been used for access. As we were able to mobilise quickly and the operational teams were able to identify alternative access routes to the site, we were able to avoid the cost for the ecologist and the need to access the site via resident's gardens and the need to reinstate them. We were able to complete the scheme within the tight timeframe and the final cost was less than £70k.

RESULTS/BENEFITS

Following completion of the scheme we received several positive comments from local residents and councillors and were thanked for our efforts by Highways England.

'This is the first work of this nature that ATM have completed for us under the Asset Delivery Contract and they did an excellent job; going over and above our expectations. We have received excellent feedback from residents, councillors and MPs on the work that was undertaken'

Katherine Liddington (HE Stakeholder Relations Manager)