

Alston Spade Mill Pipeline

Hedgerow Removal Notices

Background to the project

The objective of the Alston Spade Mil Pipeline project is to provide a new raw water resource to meet future supply and demand needs. The project will provide a new 10km gravity pipeline to transfer raw water from the Alston & Spade Mill reservoirs to Franklaw WTW. Construction of the pipeline will be undertaken by Advance Plus on behalf of United Utilities.

Construction timescales

Commencement of construction is scheduled for 30/03/20 and will have a duration of approximately 12 months.

Hedgerow Removals

Installation of the pipeline will be achieved through a combination of open-cut trenching and directional drilling. An arboricultural assessment has been undertaken to identify tree and hedgerow constraints and requirements for removal. The pipeline route has also been subject to ecological appraisal. Both the arboricultural assessments/tree works plans and the ecological survey information are submitted in support of the application.

The location and length of the hedgerows for proposed removal are identified on the submitted location and site plans. It has not been possible to provide accurate identification of the date of hedgerow planting, however the conclusions of the arboricultural assessment are that the hedgerows are in excess of 30 years old.

Reinstatement

Details of hedgerow reinstatement are provided on the site plans. The construction of the pipeline will be subject to a phased landscape reinstatement plan, which will ensure no net loss of biodiversity.