

High Speed One Rail Link (HS1), UK

Location

N/A

Client

Kent County Council/Amec

Budget

Confidential

Period

1990 - 2000

Services

- Landscape Planning
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Ecology and Heritage Advice
- Public/Select Committee Inquiry Support

Website

www.cbastudios.com

The HS1 is a 67 mile high speed railway line running from London through Kent to the British end of the Channel Tunnel. The line was opened in 2007 as the Channel Tunnel Rail Link (CTRL) for Eurostar trains following a long process of planning, design, approval by Government Select Committee, and construction. Much of the route runs through a variety of sensitive landscapes and townscapes in Kent. CBA was appointed by Kent Council to audit the CTRL proposals and assess the capability of the Kent landscape corridor to absorb the rail development. CBA worked closely with CTRL and their consultants to consider and design alternative routes and mitigation solutions. The engineering and environmental benefits of some of the proposed changes and improvements at key 'hotspots' and sensitive landscape locations were accepted and incorporated into the final design. CBA represented Kent at the hearings for the House of Commons Select Committee. During the construction phase CBA was appointed by on site contractors Amec to provide on-site landscape mitigation and ecology support to some of the construction teams for the route between Waterloo and the Medway Valley.



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