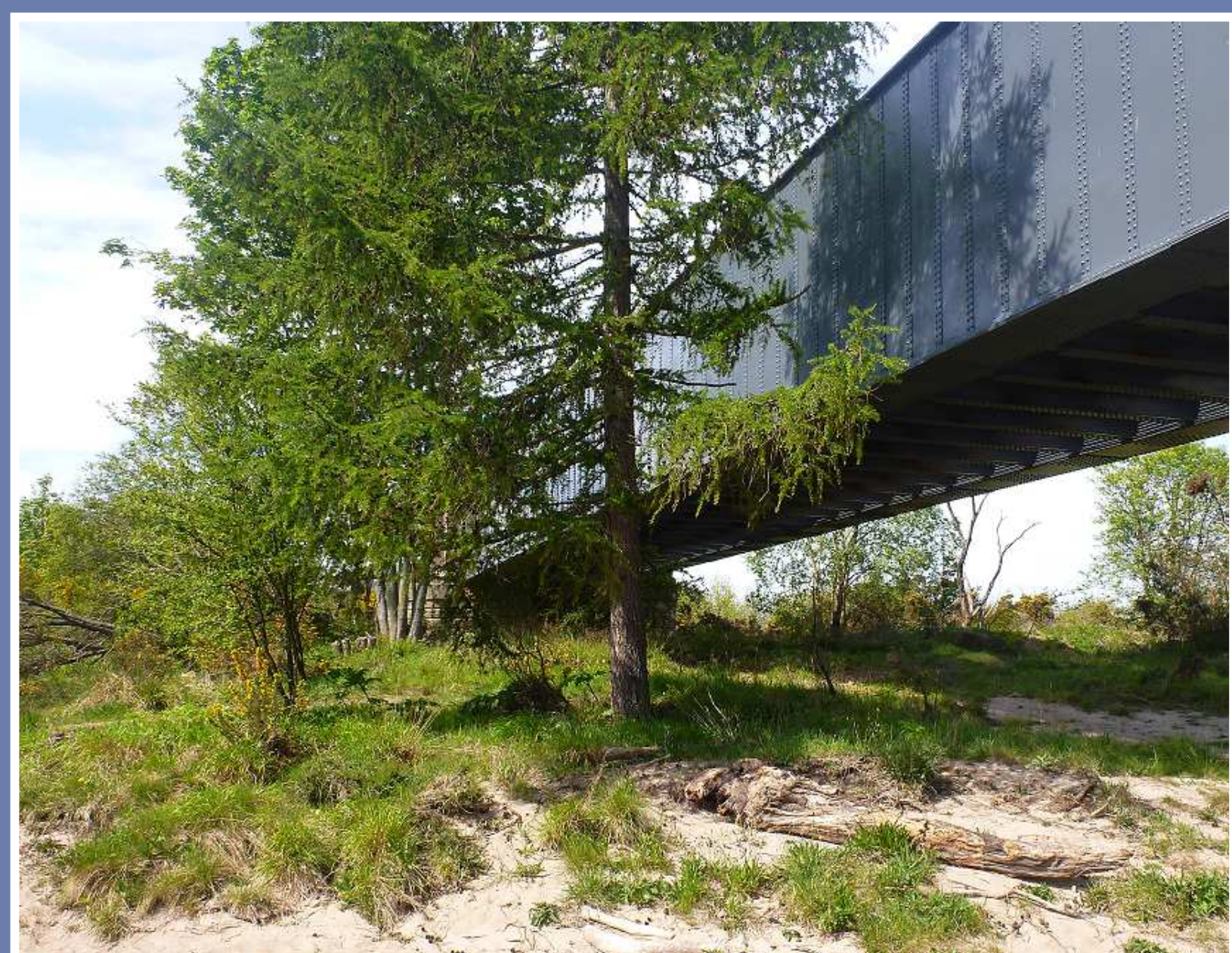


Forres (River Findhorn & Pilmuir) FAS

Preparatory Works

October 2012



Vegetation to be cleared as part of the works on Bend One

Access Tracks

- Tracks are being created to access the three bends and the Back Run for vegetation clearance and earthworks

Vegetation Clearance

- Vegetation clearance allows access to works areas and forms part of the works to increase flood plain capacity on the three river bends
- We aim to complete this clearance by the end of February 2013 to avoid the bird breeding season
- Scrub is to be mulched and spread in wooded areas as compost

Utility Diversions

- We need to divert and protect a number of existing services including water, telecoms and electricity and gas
- A number of these diversions will take place early on in the construction programme

Earthworks

- Earthworks are underway to prepare works areas for construction
- The main site compounds are being created autumn 2012
- Topsoil will be set aside for re-use
- In some places temporary topsoil bunds will help to screen works areas



Top soil removal at the site of the A96 temporary diversion

Fencing and Barriers

- Works areas are fenced off to keep them secure for the safety of the public
- Noise barriers are being erected in some areas to reduce noise impacts