

The background of the slide is a photograph of a railway tunnel. The tracks are dark and recede into the distance, creating a strong sense of perspective. The walls of the tunnel are lined with concrete, and the lighting is somewhat dim, with a blueish tint. The overall mood is industrial and focused.

Working in a Protected Site

Environmental Library

What are protected sites?

- Sites that are **legally protected** for their wildlife or geological interest
- These can be designated at a national or international level
- Example include;
 - SSSI, RAMSAR, SAC, SPA, AONB, locally protected sites



What Impact can you have?

- Our work has the potential to damage these sites
- Network Rail and its contractors have **legal obligations not to cause damage** to these sites
- All aspects of project delivery can have an impact; access and egress, site compounds, material storage, vehicle parking and the work itself.



Management Controls

- **Protected sites considered as part of project planning and the risk assessment process**
- **Mitigated out where possible**
 - **Change location/method of work**
- **Consents to work may be required**
 - **Conditions will be attached**
- **Control measures and conditions in the WPP and task briefings**



How do I know if I'm in or near one?

In addition to being briefed as part of the WPP, boundaries of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) that cross operational land are labelled with a sign;



Remember - we only have signs for those SSSI that cross our land, many more maybe in close proximity and we still have the potential to impact upon them...

What do I need to do?

Follow control measures set out in the WPP
and your task briefing

But, if you have any concerns about the
works in relation to the protected site.....

STOP WORK IMMEDIATELY

and tell your supervisor