

Blackwell Earthmoving Ltd has been providing earthmoving advice to clients in a professional services capacity since 2012 when we were employed by Atkins to support their Professional Services Consultancy for the Country South section of HS2 as part of the Hybrid Bill submission to Parliament. Since then, BEL have been engaged to provide earthmoving advice on the UK's largest and most complex construction schemes for a diverse range of clients including:

Project: HS2

Client: HS2 Limited

Date: 2012-2020



Date: 2012-2015

Consultant : Atkins

Project: Phase One Country South Hybrid Bill

Our role was to inform the Environmental Statement as part of the Hybrid Bill on all matters relating to earthmoving, particularly materials re-use and mass haul. The benefits of our advice were realised in short order such that our appointment was broadened in 2013 to prepare the route-wide mass haul for the whole of Phase One for the ES. In so doing, our earthmoving experts were subsumed into HS2's teams in their offices in London Victoria and Canary Wharf.

Date: 2016

Consultant : Mott MacDonald

Project: Phase Two (Birmingham to Leeds) Earthworks Appraisal

BEL worked closely with London Bridge Associates to support Mott MacDonald in cost and methodology appraisals of key earthworks elements on the proposed Phase 2 route, including those across former opencast coal sites.

Date: 2017-2018

Consultant : Mott MacDonald

Project: Phase Two (Birmingham to Leeds) Route Selection

BEL's role was to support Mott MacDonald in route selection activities, including high level mass haul planning.

Date: 2018-2019

Consultant : Mott MacDonald

Project: Phase Two (Crewe to Manchester) Hybrid Bill

BEL fulfilled the same role as we had for Atkins on Phase One on this Phase Two section, in support of the Hybrid Bill Environmental Statement.

Date: 2020

Consultant: Atkins

Project: Phase Two (Birmingham to Crewe) Hybrid Bill

Atkins have employed BEL to provide mass haul and materials re-use advice for the Environmental Statement as part of the Phase Two Hybrid Bill process.

Project: Heathrow Expansion Plan

Client: Heathrow Airport Limited

Date: 2016-2020



BEL were engaged by Jacobs to support the master-planning and subsequently the Development Consent Order for the Heathrow Expansion Project. Our role saw BEL's Director, Niall Fraser, appointed to the Earthworks Steering Group (comprising experts from HAL, Mace, Jacobs, Arup, Mott MacDonald, Atkins and Amec Foster Wheeler) which was tasked with setting the earthworks strategy for this, immensely challenging, earthworks project.

Project: Sizewell C Nuclear Power Station

Client: EDF Energy

Date: 2019-2020



The Sizewell C nuclear power station development requires extensive earthworks and BEL were appointed by Atkins to advise principally on transportation methods to support the Development Consent Order.

Our advisory services are provided by our most experienced earthmoving experts, all of whom have spent their careers in operational or commercial roles in UK earthmoving, whether for BEL or our former leading competitors such as John Jones (Excavations) Ltd. The breadth of our experts' specialist knowledge is unrivalled in UK earthmoving and our repeated engagement on the UK's largest and most demanding earthworks programmes, is testament to the benefits that knowledge brings.

BEL's advisory services are distinct from our specialist earthmoving contracting services and strict protocols have been established to prevent conflicts of interest between the two, giving our customers the reassurance that they can benefit from our expertise in the earliest stages of their developments without precluding our subsequent contracting engagement.