

Embankment Stabilisation Scheme

Hessle

An embankment between the Humber Estuary and the Network Rail Hull to Selby line needed strengthening after years of erosion.



The project

The scheme required contiguous wall piles to provide stabilisation and strengthening to the embankment between the Humber Estuary and the Network Rail Hull to Selby line. The toe of the embankment was supported by a precast reinforced concrete L-unit retaining wall and the public footpath was supported by a sheet piled wall between the footpath and the Humber Estuary. As a result of scouring of the foreshore and movement of the overlaying rip-rap due to erosion, contiguous wall piles were proposed to be installed just behind the sheet piled wall. They were tied together via a concrete capping beam to ensure no further movements in the long term.

The challenge

The project presented many major challenges to overcome, these included forming a bored pile big enough to resist high bending moments, in difficult ground conditions, adjacent to a live railway and river estuary, in a long narrow site with limited access.

The solution

Keller worked closely with the engineers Pell Frischmann and main contractor Story Contracting very early in the process to develop a piling solution to meet the challenges. Following laboratory testing of the steel tube reinforcement, the final scheme involved drilling and installing more than 180No x18m deep 610mm permanent steel casings. The tube sections were internally threaded, coupled and welded to provide a full structural capacity connection. The casings were then fully backfilled with ready mixed concrete.

Project facts

Owner(s)

Network Rail

Keller business unit(s)

Keller UK

Main contractor(s)

Story Contracting

Engineer(s)

Pell Frischmann

Solutions

Slope stabilisation

Markets

Infrastructure

Rail

Techniques

Bored piles

Restricted access piles

Email address

foundations.uk@keller.com

Phone number

02476 511266