

Tackling Wet Wipe Island: The world's first mass removal of wet wipes from an urban river

Supporting evidence: Project Showcase Video

To complement this nomination, we have produced a short film documenting the Wet Wipe Island remediation works on the River Thames. This video captures the scale, technical delivery and environmental significance of the world's first mass removal of wet wipes from an urban river.

The film showcases the 114-tonne excavation of contaminated sediment from a 250-metre stretch of foreshore near Hammersmith Bridge, where approximately five million wet wipes had accumulated over several years. Through on-site footage, aerial imagery and operational highlights, the video demonstrates the complexity of the works, the care taken to minimise ecological disturbance, and the transformation of the site from a pollution hotspot into a restored habitat.

By bringing the intervention to life, the film provides compelling evidence of delivery, leadership and environmental impact. It highlights how research-led stewardship translated into measurable on-the-ground results.

Watch the Wet Wipe Island Project Film here:

<https://youtu.be/lGW8yDWrO10?si=Yw2AhfA6lL0SidMj>