

Dear Cotswold District Council,

I am writing to submit our permitted development application for the resurfacing and upgrading of existing forestry tracks to allow vehicular access for contractors at the coppice compound entrance in Westonbirt, The National Arboretum. This proposal aims to enhance accessibility for forestry machinery while ensuring minimal impact on the environment and heritage of the arboretum.

Our proposed project will upgrade the existing 50m woodchip path leading into the coppice compound. This upgrade will facilitate improved and year-round access for contractors.

The proposed forest track will be resurfaced using compacted stone to match the specification and style used across the Arboretum. The construction method will involve building up the tracks on top of the existing ground soil to aid drainage and reduce the impact of the path on the heritage and habitat at these locations.

Yours sincerely,
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