

Dear Planning Department.

This prior notification for an agricultural access track mirrors the approved Development at Amies Mill Farm (DC/19/1358) using chalk as a sub base.

To protect the nearby Ancient woodland (AW) The proposed track will maintain a 15m buffer zone wherever possible. In the limited areas where the route must pass through the existing woodland track, I will employ a “no-dig” construction method. This involves laying a geotextile membrane directly onto the existing ground level to prevent soil compaction and root damage.

Furthermore, I will use MOT type 1 crushed stone instead of chalk to ensure a durable, permeable surface that prevents silty runoff.

To manage drainage, the track will be constructed with a slight camber, ensuring rainwater run-off is distributed naturally across the adjacent pasture to infiltrate the ground locally, away from the AW and ditch.

Yours faithfully

Ben Richmond