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Dear David,

APPLICATION NO: P23/00366/F

DESCRIPTION: Construction of a pedestrian path

LOCATION: Land at Dyrham Park, Upper Street, Dyrham, South Gloucestershire, SN14 8HY

Thank you for consulting the Cotswolds National Landscape Board ('the Board')¹ on this proposed development, which would be located within the Cotswolds National Landscape.²

In reaching its planning decision, the local planning authority (LPA) has a statutory duty to have regard to the purpose of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the National Landscape.³ The Board recommends that, in fulfilling this 'duty of regard', the LPA should: (i) ensure that planning decisions are consistent with relevant national and local planning policy and guidance; and (ii) take into account the following Board publications⁴:

- Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plan 2023-2025 ([link](#));
- Cotswolds AONB Landscape Character Assessment ([link](#)) particularly, in this instance, with regards to Landscape Character Types (LCT) 9 High Wold Dip Slope;
- Cotswolds AONB Landscape Strategy and Guidelines ([link](#)) particularly, in this instance, with regards to LCT 9 ([link](#)) including Section 9.18;
- Cotswolds AONB Local Distinctiveness and Landscape Change ([link](#)); and
- Cotswolds Conservation Board Position Statements ([link](#)).

Having reviewed the accompanying plans and documents **we do not object** to this application. The proposed reinforced compacted hoggan path follows the historic route of the tree lined avenue and will enable the protection of the root zones of the avenue's trees and the surrounding grassland habitat whilst allowing all-year round access. In line with the advice outlined at Section 9.18 of the Cotswolds AONB Landscape Strategy and Guidelines, we consider that the path would not damage the extent, features, character or setting of the historic designed landscape at Dyrham Park, but would promote safe and convenient access for visitors.

Cotswolds Conservation Board

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The Cotswolds National Landscape is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), managed and looked after by the Cotswolds Conservation Board.

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Please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this response further.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Joyce', with a small dot at the end.

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NOTES:

- 1) The name used for the organisation associated with the AONB designation is the Cotswolds National Landscape Board. At times this is abbreviated to National Landscape Board or The Board. The legal name of the organisation remains the Cotswolds Conservation Board but this name is no longer used in most circumstances.
- 2) Cotswolds National Landscape is the new name for the Cotswolds Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The new name takes forward one of the proposals of the Government-commissioned 'Landscapes Review' to rename AONBs as 'National Landscapes'. This change reflects the national importance of AONBs and the fact that they are safeguarded, in the national interest, for nature, people, business and culture.