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Dear Resident,

We are writing to you with further information regarding the path resurfacing works which will be commencing the week beginning 15th April 2019. These works are being carried out through funding provided by Fairford Town Council, Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group and Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's ERDF Wild Towns project. This is the first part of a wider project which will aim to increase biodiversity within Fairford and create greater access to the community into the town's greenspaces. This will happen through creation of habitat for Water voles, birds, bats and pollinators throughout the town and a new sensory garden within

During the resurfacing works a section of path starting at Dilly's Bridge through to Cutlers Ford will be closed, beginning the 15th April until the end of May. With the machinery on site, we are expecting a certain amount of noise disturbance due to the running of engines and reversing alarms on the vehicles while work commences. We apologise for this in advance.

In terms of the path construction, there will be minimal ground disturbance occurring, with some minor areas having the ground levelled to create a level surface on the finished path. Type 1 stone will then be laid and a self-binding gravel then creating the top layer. The path will be edged with timber to minimise the path and surrounding ground erosion. The finished path will create an accessible route for people with pushchairs or mobility scooters to enjoy this beautiful riverside path.

The contractors working on site will be following a clear methodology and design which has been agreed with Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, Fairford Town Council and the Public Rights of Way officer. They will also be following a method statement provided by a Natural England Water Vole license and a licensed ecologist on site at key points to ensure that Water Voles are not disturbed through the path resurfacing process.

We appreciate your patience while this work is carried out and hope you enjoy using the path after its completion.

Kind Regards

Grove Sykes
ERDF Wild Towns Project Officer

Stephen Boulton
Mayor of Fairford

