

Abbey Wood Phase Two

Near St Bees

Method statement for Forestry Track

On behalf of:

Millbeck Forestry Ltd



Method Statement

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Background

This application for permitted development is being made to construct a new track on land that is proposed to be planted at Abbey Wood near St Bees. The new track will be used for maintenance of the newly planted crop, as well as allowing better public access in the area by joining the existing tracks and public footpaths into a ring. The new track length will be approx. 650 metres long, from point A to point B on the attached map

Benefits of new road

The new track will provide a range of benefits.

- Better access onto the new planting site for maintenance
- Support future thinning and harvesting work
- The new road will support both forestry and allow public access.

Specification HGV forestry and farm road - approx. 650m (A-B)

- The running surface will have a minimum width of 3.0m and shaped to keep it free of standing water. Occasional grips will be put in place to aid drainage
- The cutting slopes will be free of loose material and overhangs
- Earth will be dug out from the side of hill and compacted
- Any surplus topsoil will be carefully graded on the lower side of the road and spread on fields.
- There is no recorded archaeology along or close to the road lines and LIDAR images show no evidence of features of interest.

Construction

- The track will be constructed with a standard 9 tonne excavator, from only onsite material