

PRESS RELEASE

Loseley Park Proposes New Path to Enhance Public Access and Protect Farmland

Following the last press release regarding the closure of the path at Loseley Park, the Estate Manager has received further correspondence from members of the public. Many expressed that they miss the views previously accessible from the path and highlighted the importance of the route for their “mental health and wellbeing”.

Concerns were also raised that the originally proposed viewing areas could become fixed “destinations” rather than part of a natural walking experience, and that such areas may attract antisocial or potentially illegal activity.

On Friday 20 March, the Estate Manager and the owner of Loseley Park met to review all available options, including proposals to fence the former path. After careful consideration, the Estate believes it has identified a solution that balances public access with the needs of the land and tenant farmer.

Loseley Park is committed to ensuring that the magnificent southerly views remain accessible to local residents and visitors, while also protecting agricultural land and livelihoods.

The proposed solution is the creation of a path running from the existing bridleway to the edge of the tenant farmer’s field. This approach will:

- Prevent damage to crops
- Avoid reducing the farmer’s working land
- Remove the need for intrusive fencing
- Allow walkers to continue enjoying the landscape along the field boundary

The Estate also plans to enhance the area by opening up the views and improving the surrounding environment for both current and future generations. The area marked red on the plan denotes the wide path.

Adjacent to the recently installed dead hedge, a traditional living hedge will be planted and carefully managed at a height that preserves the views. This will support local wildlife while showcasing traditional countryside craftsmanship.

In addition, an avenue of 70 beech trees will be planted, running east to west. In honour of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the new route could be called **Elizabeth Avenue**, with one tree representing each year of her reign. The path will be closed annually on 21 April to mark her birthday.

