

# HAVE YOUR SAY NEW FORESTRY TRACK



Example access track



Trash screen in normal use



Screen blocked during flood

The Environment Agency intends to create a forestry track so we can maintain a major flood defence on the Brislington Brook in the centre of the Nightingale Valley woodland. A trash screen prevents debris from entering a flood relief tunnel and it needs to be cleared regularly. If the screen blocks, water cannot escape down the flood channel and it will flood properties downstream. 25 properties and the adjacent railway line are at risk. Our vehicle access to maintain this has previously been via a private road and is no longer passable.

We propose to widen/strengthen an existing path through the woodland to provide access for Environment Agency vehicles – for use on a weekly basis or during a flood. The track would remain open to the public for pedestrian access. It will be of similar nature to the gravel path shown above.

A number of non-native and small trees will need to be removed. These will be replaced with native trees. We are also looking at other woodland improvements, including invasive species management, owl, bat and bird boxes, and educational signs on wildlife and local history.

We will submit a planning application to Bristol City Council in the coming months. Subject to approval the work will then take place in late 2018/early 2019.

## CONTACT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

We would like to hear your views on the proposal and are interested to receive any suggestions for other improvements to the woodland. Please contact **Mark Goldingay** on 03708 506 506 or by email: [NightingaleValleyTrack@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:NightingaleValleyTrack@environment-agency.gov.uk)



Planned route for new forestry track