

# Westonbirt, The National Arboretum

## Future Ready Westonbirt

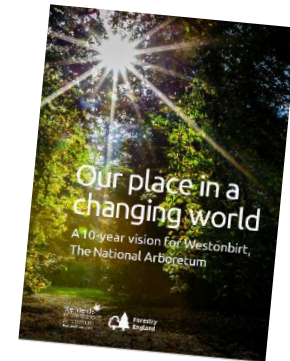
### Our ambition

#### Our Mission

To connect people with trees to improve the quality of life.

#### Our Vision

To be a world leader in trees inspiring people through conservation, education and participation.



#### [10-year vision for Westonbirt Arboretum | Forestry England](#)

Published in 2019 as a 10-year Vision we believe it will remain relevant and should endure long-term. The arboretum will celebrate its Bicentenary in 2029.

### What future ready means

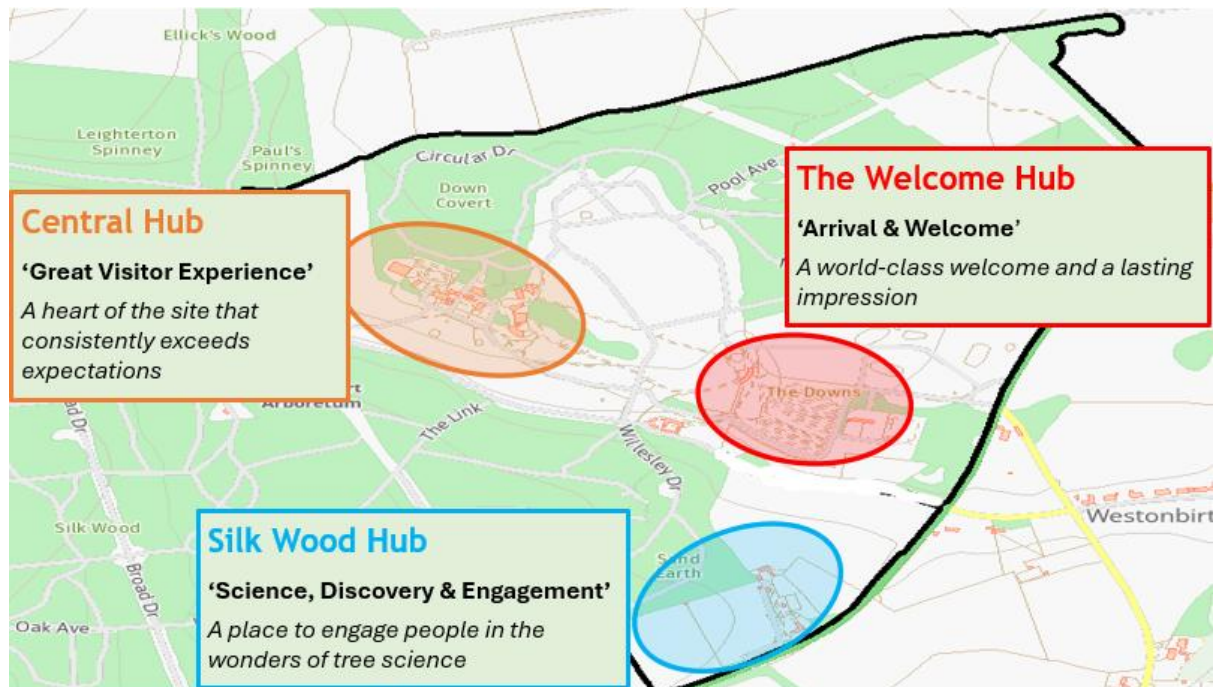
- Ensuring we can deliver our long-term vision to be a world leader in trees, conservation, education and participation.
- Creating spaces that provide: A world-class welcome; high-quality visitor experiences; deeper engagement with our tree collections and science.
- Making decisions that prepare us for: Future growth and new audiences; climate challenges; changing operational needs.
- Investing in the right infrastructure, capacity and expertise to support long-term spatial improvements.
- Avoiding short-term fixes and over investment in ageing facilities that don't meet future ambitions.

### The three-hub concept

We have identified a high-level 'three-hub concept' concept, shown overleaf.

For each hub, we aim to create:

- Appropriately scaled infrastructure for **visitors**.
- Better, purpose designed **welfare spaces** for staff and volunteers.
- Improved **collaboration areas** and modern work environments.
- Spaces that reflect the **professionalism** of our teams.
- **Reduced vehicle movements** across the Downs, creating a safer and more pleasant landscape.



## The way forward

- Ideas remain broad, this is not a plan, timeline or sequence of works.
- Recruitment foreseen for a new, two-year role with a specific mandate to drive development planning.
- As part of our planned stakeholder communication, we have shared our current thinking with our **staff** and **volunteers**. We are not broadcasting more widely apart from updating Westonbirt villagers as **local residents** most affected and our **membership at the AGM (June 10)**.

## What this means for stakeholders

- No immediate changes to operation of the arboretum.
- Any future impacts will be communicated clearly and well in advance and subject to formal planning process where required.
- Updates will be shared at natural milestones.

## Summary

- This is an exciting **opportunity to shape Westonbirt's future**. Even with **more unknowns than knowns at this stage**, this direction of travel is good news for Westonbirt.
- Our site gives us **real potential to evolve and improve** how we work, welcome visitors, and deliver our mission.
- **Stakeholder support and insights are key** to helping shape ways forward that work for all: our teams on the ground, local residents and our visitors.
- Together, we can achieve our ambition to be a world-leading arboretum that inspires, welcomes and thrives for generations to come.