

CASE STUDY

NTS MAR LODGE ESTATE HILL TRACK DESIGN & BUILD



In 2015 Storm Frank hit Upper Deeside causing extensive damage with a section of the main Glen Quoch access route. A new replacement 1.4km hill track section was proposed which would entail re-aligning the new track section along higher ground and away from potential future flood damage.

McGowan Ltd were commissioned by Mar Lodge Estate to Design and Build a new 1.4km hill track section which would travel through one of the UK's most highly designated areas. The area itself forms part of the Eastern Cairngorms SSSI, and the Deeside and Cairngorms Wild Land area.

Utilising an environmentally sensitive approach to the construction, McGowan utilised on-site won materials from opened borrow pits to procure all materials for the new track construction. The newly completed track alignment ensured minimal visual impact to this highly designated area, whilst conserving local bio-diversity through careful reinstatement of track surrounds and borrow pit upon completion of works thus ensuring minimal habitat loss, apart from the track formation itself.



PROJECT TYPE: Estate Road Construction

LOCATION: Braemar

CLIENT: National Trust for Scotland

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