



**Press Release.**

## **Plans for hotel and leisure spa submitted.**

**PLANS** for a prestigious new hotel and leisure spa on the Bowood Estate, near Chippenham, have been submitted to North Wiltshire District Council.

The hotel development already has outline planning permission. A detailed planning application for the first phase of the scheme has now been submitted for approval.

The application is to build a four-star hotel with 43 en-suite bedrooms, including six suites, on land alongside the existing Bowood Golf & Country Club.

There will be an 80 seat restaurant, bar and two lounges with open wood burning fires.

A key element of the development will be its use of a Biomass system to provide hot water and heating for the hotel and the neighbouring Golf & Country Club.

Wood from the Estate will be used to run the environmentally sound wood fuel heating system. The Biomass system converts energy from wood into heat for water and space heating. Wood fuel is a carbon neutral resource and reduces potential damage to the environment as it prevents tonnes of greenhouse gases being emitted into the atmosphere.

The leisure spa will offer an 18 metre by six metre swimming pool; gym; rock saunas with cold drench douches and aromatherapy showers. Membership of the leisure spa will be available and hotel guests will also be able to benefit from a range of beauty and health treatments in their rooms.

All rooms will have plasma screen televisions, internet access and Wi-Fi.

It is anticipated construction work will begin on site in August and will be completed by the autumn of 2008.

Lord Lansdowne, owner of the Bowood Estate, said: "The submission of the detailed planning application for our hotel and spa is the culmination of years of work. The construction of the hotel and spa will add enormously to the range of facilities we are able to offer at Bowood.

"The hotel and spa is the missing piece of our jigsaw and will enable us to offer guests the opportunity to stay in quality accommodation in the beautiful surroundings of Bowood.

"Protecting Bowood's heritage is at the heart of everything we do. The environmentally sound Biomass wood burning heating system is, therefore, in tune with our culture and philosophy to be self sufficient and recycle our own products. The perpetual maintenance of our woodland generates large amounts of wood that we will now be able to recycle."

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