

**FORESTRY COMMISSION EAST MIDLANDS REGION
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (FORESTRY) (ENGLAND AND WALES)
REGULATIONS 1999**

BLACKBROOK PLANTATION RESTORATION PROJECT

The preparation of an Environmental Statement in connection with an application for consent under the Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999 to carry out deforestation, was advertised in this newspaper on 15 April 2011 in accordance with the Regulations.

The application for consent was made by the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust to the Forestry Commission for a project to restore 14 hectares of conifer woodland located near Leek on the Staffordshire Moorlands of the Peak District National Park to a mosaic of upland heath, blanket bog and semi-natural grassland to be managed for nature conservation.

The Forestry Commission has now considered the application and the information provided by the applicants in an Environmental Statement and has decided to give consent for the proposals subject to the following conditions:

- The deforested parts of the site to be managed as a mosaic of upland heath, blanket bog and semi-natural grassland; and
- The remaining conifer woodland to be either retained or converted to native woodland over a period of 10 to 30 years in order to minimise the impact of the proposals on important woodland fauna.

A summary of the case, a statement of the reasons and considerations on which the decision is based and the detailed conditions that apply to our consent are available during normal office hours from the Forestry Commission, Sherwood Office, Edwinstowe, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire NG21 9JL. Telephone: 01623 821446 or email: neil.riddle@forestry.gsi.gov.uk. Alternatively the statement can be viewed online at www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/inf-d-7bbflv

If you would like to appeal against the granting of this consent, you must make an application to the High Court (England and Wales) with a copy to Forestry Commission Regional Director [address below] within 6 weeks from 24 June 2011, the date that we published our decision.

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