

Dear Sir,

Regarding your Public Consultation paper on the restoration of lowland heathland, woods and forests. my comments are:-

Restoration should be targeted to areas which will ensure the best outcomes for wildlife and sustainable management. Creating large areas for heathland will ease threats to wildlife from disturbance, scrub encroachment and climate change.

Ambitious targets must be set for the restoration of heathland and other habitats lost to plantation forestry. Short term plans should be set in line with UK Biodiversity plans, but there also needs to be long-term plans for heathland restoration before the remaining heathland conditions are lost.

As well as providing essential conditions for wildlife open habitat also provides valued areas for relaxation and enjoyment for the public.

Yours faithfully,

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(Anon 01.06.09)