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Dear Madam/Sir

Consultation on Restoring and expanding open habitats from woodland and forests in England

I have read your consultation paper. I am a member of the RSPB and of Norfolk Wildlife Trust. I am pleased to read that you will be restoring some forestry land to open heathland.

I believe there should be mutually compatible woodland and heathland for the benefit of wildlife. Much of the planted forestry is not wildlife-friendly as it consists of single species conifers. Every effort should be made to create corridors to ensure that wildlife has access to the biggest and most varied area possible and these should be in places that will produce the best outcomes for wildlife.

I hope you will develop an ambitious programme of restoration of these forestry areas, especially in areas close to existing reserves and other wildlife areas. This needs to be part of a long-term strategy.

Yours sincerely



Anon 18.05.09