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## **Changes to responsibility for the Farm Woodland Premium Scheme (FWPS) and the Farm Woodland Scheme (FWS)**

Dear Sir or Madam

This letter is regarding some changes to the administration of your Farm Woodland Premium Scheme or Farm Woodland Scheme agreement.

As from 26<sup>th</sup> March 2007 responsibility for administering both schemes will pass from Natural England to the Forestry Commission (FC). The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is authorising the FC to perform these functions in an agreement made under Part 8 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006. A copy of this agreement will be placed on the Defra and FC websites at [www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-countryside/rddteam/forestry.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/wildlife-countryside/rddteam/forestry.htm) and [www.forestry.gov.uk/england-farmwoods](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/england-farmwoods).

From 26<sup>th</sup> March the FC will be responsible for holding and handling any data regarding your agreement and will act in accordance with the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Acts. They will also be responsible for handling any claims for payment including all 2007 claims due for payment from October 2007. The FC will also be taking over responsibility from the Rural Payments Agency for physically making these payments to agreement holders.

All records are in the process of being transferred from Natural England, who will continue to administer the schemes up to the formal date of transfer. This will be completed by Saturday 24 March 2007. From this date, should you wish to submit a claim, please do so to the FC at the address above – schemes in the West Midlands Region will be dealt with in Worcester all others will be dealt with in Cambridge. Should you wish to contact someone about any aspect of your agreement after the 24<sup>th</sup> March please either write to the Forestry Commission at the address above, email [westmidlands.fce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:westmidlands.fce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk) or telephone 01905 362852.

Signed

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