

Forestry Regulation Task Force

Call for Evidence - Questions

About you

Name of respondent:

Name of organisation (if applicable):

Location of respondent/organisation (if applicable):

Organisation/business type (if applicable):

Size of organisation (if applicable):

micro (0-9 employees), small (10 – 50), medium (51-250), or large (250+)

Number of members (if applicable):

Area of woodland managed (ha.):

Does the woodland meet the UKFS?

Do you receive funding through the EWGS?

Does the woodland meet the UKWAS?

Do you want to keep your response confidential? Yes/No (delete as appropriate)

Question

1. Do you think the current regulatory environment in England is fit-for-purpose? If not what changes would you suggest?
2. How might the existing regulations and support mechanisms be better implemented?
3. What are the main regulatory issues that affect your business/organisation/interests and what solutions do you propose?
4. Please list, in order of priority, up to 10 changes in the regulatory environment that would make a significant impact in achieving the aims of your business/organisation/woodland ownership.
5. How could the process of applying for grants be improved?
6. What changes to current GB forestry and related legislation applicable to England would you like to see?
7. What changes to current EU forestry and related legislation applicable to England would you like to see?
8. Is there a role for independent third parties, such as professional bodies or certification schemes, in helping to reduce or remove some elements of regulation? If so please explain further.
9. If you have experience of alternative models of forest regulation from other countries or regions please explain their strengths and weaknesses and suggest how the model might be applied in England.
10. Please make any additional comments you may have.

You do not have to respond to every question if you do not wish to. Please send all responses by noon on Friday 29th April 2011 to: forestryregulation@forestry.gsi.gov.uk