

Welcome to Tyneside House

Forestry Commission Chalara / Plant Health Seminar

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Policy Statement**

**Incorporating the Government's Response
to the Independent Panel on
Forestry's Final Report**

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“We agree with the Independent Panel on Forestry’s vision and aspirations. These have inspired our refreshed forestry policy for England, providing a new framework in which we can all deliver them.”

The Government has three main objectives

1. Protecting our trees, woods and forests
2. Improving our valuable woodland assets
3. Expanding our woodland resource

The response also looks at:

- Realising more of our woodlands' value
- Governance and structures

Protecting our trees, woods and forests

“We are fully committed to protecting our trees, woods and forests from the ever-increasing range and scale of threats, so that our woodland assets are resilient and can continue to deliver a wide range of economic, social and environmental benefits.”

Underlying Theme – Increasing Woodland Resilience