

**Welcome to Fera**

**Forestry Commission Chalara / Plant  
Health Seminar**

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## Government Forestry and Woodlands Policy Statement Jan 2013



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Policy Statement**

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

January 2013



Forestry Commission  
England

**“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**