

| Toolsheet | Informing | Consulting | Involving | Partnership |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| Advertisements | ★★ | | | |
| Advisory committee | | ★ | ★★★★ | ★ |
| Briefings | ★★ | ★ | | |
| Citizens' jury | | ★★ | ★★★★ | ★ |
| Community issue groups | | ★★ | ★★★★ | |
| Consensus building | | ★ | ★★ | ★★★★ |
| Co-View | | ★ | ★★ | ★★★★ |
| Delphi surveys | | | ★★ | ★ |
| Design charrette | | | ★★★★ | ★ |
| Direct observation | | ★ | | |
| Displays | ★★ | ★ | | |
| Electronic democracy | ★ | ★★ | ★ | |
| Events | ★★ | ★★ | | |
| Focus groups | | ★★ | ★ | |
| Forums | | ★★ | ★★ | |
| Interactive displays | ★★ | ★ | | |
| Internet surveys | | ★ | | |
| Interviews | | ★★ | | |
| Leaflets | ★★ | ★ | | |
| Media | ★★ | | | |
| Newsletters | ★★★★ | | | |
| Newspapers | ★★ | | | |
| Nominal group technique | | ★★ | ★★★★ | ★ |
| One-to-one contact | ★★ | ★★ | ★ | |
| Open house | ★★ | ★★ | | |
| Open space | | ★★ | ★★ | |
| Participatory appraisal | | ★★ | ★★★★ | ★★ |
| Partnerships | | | | ★★★★ |
| Planning for Real | ★ | ★★★★ | ★★ | |
| Presentations | ★★ | ★ | | |
| Public hearings | ★★ | ★ | | |
| Public meetings | ★★ | ★ | | |
| Questionnaires | | ★★ | | |
| Response cards | | ★ | | |
| Secondary data | ★ | | | |
| Shared decision-making | | | | ★★★★ |
| Site visits | ★★ | ★★★★ | ★★ | |
| Small informal meetings | ★★ | ★★★★ | ★ | |
| Staffed displays | ★★ | ★★ | | |
| Surgeries | ★ | ★★ | ★ | |
| Surveys | | ★ | | |
| Task force | | ★ | ★★★★ | ★ |
| Telephone hotlines | ★ | ★ | | |
| Telephone surveys | | ★ | | |
| Television and radio | ★★ | | | |
| Unstaffed displays | ★★ | ★ | | |
| Visioning | | ★ | ★★ | ★★★★ |
| Websites | ★★★★ | ★ | | |
| Working groups | | ★★ | ★★★★ | ★★ |
| Workshops | | ★★ | ★★★★ | ★★ |

This table shows the suitability of each of the public involvement tools at different levels of involvement (as described on page 2) based on the authors' own experience and judgement. Most of the tools can be used in a variety of ways and so can be used for different levels of involvement. You may find this table helpful to help narrow down your options, or to consider new possibilities when developing a public involvement plan.

- ★★★★ highly suitable
- ★★★ very suitable
- ★ suitable

This toolbox is designed to assist Forestry Commission staff when they are considering which tools they could use to involve the public in the forest and woodland planning process. For more information please visit the website at:

