



Warwickshire

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Secretariat to the Independent Forestry Panel
c/o Defra
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Noble House
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Dear Secretariat

Call for Views by the Independent Forestry Review Panel

Thank you for giving Warwickshire Wildlife Trust the opportunity to offer our views to the Independent Panel. I am pleased to be able to attach a document which gives our responses to the questions asked by the Panel.

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust is an independent environmental and conservation charity founded in 1970. The Trust is a local membership organisation with over 23,000 members governed by an elected Council of Trustees. The Trust is supported by more than 500 volunteers and employs some 60 staff. In the last financial year the Trust's turnover, as a group (including its subsidiary business), was over £4.5 million.

The Trust undertakes a wide range of activities aimed at delivering sustainable management of the natural environment in Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire. One of our key priorities is to engage and involve local people with the natural environment. The Trust also has a key role in Warwickshire as:

- a landowner and manager of 56 nature reserves including key woodland sites in the county;
- an advisor to other landowners;
- a leading provider of environmental education
- a leader in engaging people with nature; and,
- as an advocate for wildlife - seeking to influence the actions and policies of others on behalf of people and wildlife.

The Trust is therefore engaged both with policy debates and also the practical day-to-day management of land.

The Trust strongly believes that placing environmental and biodiversity sustainability considerations alongside economic factors must be the role of government and not Warwickshire Wildlife Trust

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left to the private sector and market forces (which have clearly failed to date). So when it comes to woodland management there needs to be effective mechanisms that set out an integrated policy framework and the various means to ensure that it happens.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely

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