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Request for information relating to
recent forestry harvesting operations at
Favour Royal Forest, County Tyrone



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Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 3rd May 2026 that sought the following information relating to recent forestry harvesting operations at Favour Royal Forest, County Tyrone. I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested in relation to questions 1 and 2. The relevant information is detailed below. In relation to questions 3, 4 and 5, I can advise that this information is held with DfI, the following link [Public access to information | Department for Infrastructure](#) will take you to the appropriate information you require to complete your request for information.

1. Felling Approvals and Environmental Considerations

- Copies of any felling licences, approvals, or consents issued for harvesting at Favour Royal Forest within the past 2 years.

Forestry Act (Northern Ireland) 2010 does not require felling licences for harvesting operations carried out by Forest Service on its own estate which includes Favour Royal Forest.

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- Any Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) documentation, screening decisions, or related reports for these operations.

There was no requirement for Environmental Impact Assessments to be undertaken therefore no documentation exists - no screening therefore required and no reports relating to operations.

- Details of any conditions attached to these approvals, particularly regarding landscape impact and restoration.

No Felling Licence approvals were required therefore no information regarding landscape impact and restoration associated consents are held

2. Replanting and Future Land Use - The replanting plans for the harvested areas, including:

- Species to be replanted

The regeneration plan which details the species to be re-planted for Favour Royal Forest is publicly available. The information can be found at the following link

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/67cbbb292d3a403aa9f201d874542a46/page/Regeneration-Plan>

- Timescales for replanting

Replanting of the areas harvested is planned for the planting season following completion

Any changes in land use (if applicable)

There are no changes from the current forestry land use.

- Any long-term forest management plans for this site.

The forest plan for Favour Royal Forest is publicly available. The information can be found at the following link [East Fermanagh/East Tyrone Forest Plan- Published Version 2/10/2023](#). Storms in 2024 and 2025 significantly impacted the forest estate and the published harvestings plans are currently being revised to recover wind damaged timber.

Information required regarding the question 3, 4 and 5 be should be directed to Department for Infrastructure as advised above.

3. Timber Haulage and Road Impact

4. Road Condition and Mitigation Measures

5. Policy and Assessment Framework

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If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,

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