

Consultation and Notification for Timber Harvesting and Associated Road Haulage, Based on the Agreed Routes Map for Dumfries and Galloway Timber Transport Group

The Forest Agent or owner is expected to liaise with the Dumfries and Galloway Local Authority, over the initial planning of future timber transport on consultation and severely restricted routes. This is suggested in the UK Woodland Assurance Scheme and in the Code of Practice for the Road Haulage of Round Timber.

Forestry Enterprise notifies the Dumfries and Galloway Local Authority of all its own Design Plans and felling operations linked to these plans. Forestry Commission Scotland notifies the Dumfries and Galloway Local Authority of all Private Sector applications under Forest Plans, Felling Licence and any other grant aided submissions.

A 28 day period is allowed for the Local Authority to respond, this can be based on the information forwarded and any previous dialogue with the Forest agent or land owner involved.

Formal scoping meetings are initiated for Forest Enterprise Design Plans and Private Sector Forest Plans. This allows the Local Authority, other organisation and individuals an opportunity to have an input on any outline plans. The Applicant ensures that an early feedback is taken into consideration in compiling the Plan. A 28 day period is allowed for responses.

Forestry Commission Scotland issues the approval of any Private Sector Forest Plan, Felling Licence or other grant aided operation. This will include any feed back and any recommendations made by Dumfries and Galloway Local Authority regarding timber haulage, this might be a timber traffic management plan on consultation or severely restricted routes. It would be a suggestion that any timber traffic management plan be made available to potential purchasers of the timber. Any new Forest access or any civil engineering work close to a public road will require consent form the Local Authority prior to work starting. Any new access onto an 'A' or 'B' classified road will also require prior planning approval form the Local Authority's Planning Department.

The Forest Agent or land owner should contact the Local Authority when harvesting/haulage operations are imminent and inform them who purchased the timber, this should be as early as possible. Prior to starting any haulage work the purchaser should then liaise with the local Authority roads department, establishing points of contact and agreeing on the timber traffic management plan. The Forest Agent or land owner should carry out a check to ensure this liaison has taken place.

Important Contact details for Dumfries and Galloway Local Authority

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Lockerbie
DG11 2SE

Dumfries and Galloway Local Authority Planning dept
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If you are unsure which area you are in please contact the South of Scotland Timber Transport Officer on 01387 260367.

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