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CONSULTATION ON FORESTRY BYELAWS

CNCC welcomes the proposal to update the 1979 byelaws and add some new ones under the Forestry Act (Northern Ireland) 2010. We believe that these will be necessary to promote the responsible enjoyment of forestry land while helping to ensure public safety in our forests and ensuring the sustainability of wildlife and habitats. Forest land is an important public asset, providing a major recreational resource in Northern Ireland where there are limited opportunities for access to the countryside, and therefore needs these safeguards. It also provides a range of important habitats for wildlife, and we are therefore pleased to see the inclusion of strengthened byelaws for the protection of these assets.

Yours sincerely



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