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**Consultation on Regulation of Felling of Trees**

CNCC welcomes the proposals outlined in the consultation and detailed in the draft of The Forestry(Felling of Trees) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2011.

We are fully supportive of the twin pillars of the Forestry Act of sustainable management of our existing woods and forests, and of a steady expansion of tree cover. We feel that these Regulations will contribute to both these aims, while bringing Northern Ireland in line with the rest of the UK. We welcome the provision for appeals, since not every case is identical, and we are pleased to see that Forest Service is preparing a Charter Standard detailing their obligations with regard to administering the Regulations.

Yours sincerely



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