

GP Wood

To Whom it may concern,

The purpose of this email is to express my support for the new FAC legislation,

As someone who is directly employed within the industry, it is essential that this legislation is passed for the survival of the industry in the short, medium and long-term,

The existing practice relating to log felling licences, if not changed, will ultimately bring the industry to a complete standstill, with the ultimate consequence being of widespread unemployment,

This is due to the following;

- There are long delays in granting licences caused by the FAC,
- The FAC cannot cope with the workload involved,
- This is hindering forestry activity and damaging the industry
- It is vital that the FAC is reformed to make it fit for purpose
- People livelihoods are at stake here if the proposed legislation is not enacted

At a time when our economy continues to face much uncertainty due to the challenges being presented by Covid-19 and Brexit, surely it is essential that we take action that is within our control to ensure the survival of the timber production industry, which after-all, was deemed part of the “essential services” identified at the outset of Covid-19.

Regards,

GP Wood Ltd,