

**Forde Plant Hire LTD**

To whom it concerns,

Since the introduction of the new forestry licensing procedures in 2019, the issuing of forestry licences has been impacted severely.

We are a very small company with only 4-5 employees and because of the objections to felling licences our work has been severely impacted this year and looks very bleak for 2021.

We also work in afforestation sector which is now virtually non-existent due to objections to new ground being planted.

It would be very difficult for our company to diversify because of the type of machinery and equipment we use.

Like all small companies we have bills, bank loans, insurance, wages etc. Our children are going to local schools, participate in local events and sports and we are investing our money in the locality.

I, like all the contractors and employees in the forestry sector, am appealing for the bill to be amended to stop further redundancies in the forestry industry.

Yours,

Company Director