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27 Mar 2018

Application Ref: 018/450/17-18

Woodland Management Plan Ref: 00362

Dear Mr Jakes

Felling Licence (Forestry Act 1967)

Sladebank Woods

Please find a copy of your approved Felling Licence and map enclosed. If you are an agent receiving this Felling Licence on behalf of the owner can you please ensure you forward a copy to the owner for their attention.

Please note the expiry date for completion of the work. If the licence contains restocking conditions it is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that conditions are met by the required date(s) specified in the Licence. The Forestry Commission may visit the site at any time to inspect the progress of any restocking.

I should also bring to your attention the Timber and Timber Products (Placing on the Market) Regulation 2013. This regulation came into being on 3rd March 2013 and implements the European Union Timber Regulation. This regulation prohibits the trade of illegally harvested timber and timber products and require those responsible for placing timber onto the EU market for the first time - whether an owner, contractor or timber merchant - to maintain documentation that proves that the timber is from a legally harvested resource.

In conjunction with the National Measurements Office (the body responsible for the enforcement of the Regulation) and industry representatives, the Forestry Commission has developed a simple pro-forma to help those placing timber on the market to comply with this legislation.

A pro-forma for this felling licence is enclosed. We have completed the relevant parts to confirm that timber felled under this licence has been felled legally. However, you or the party placing the timber on the market for the first time will need to complete and retain the form (along with any other documents that demonstrate the steps taken to ensure the timber has been felled in conjunction with all other relevant legislation such as Health and Safety). For information on how and who should complete the form please read the Operations Note (NO 33), on our EU Timber Regulation web page: <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/england-eutr>.

Yours sincerely



For the Forestry Commission

Licence to Fell Growing Trees

To: Mr M Jakes
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This licence gives you permission under section 10 of the Forestry Act 1967 as amended to fell the trees described in Part 1 and shown on the attached map.

Tree felling under this licence has been approved by the Forestry Commission as being in accordance with government policy for the sound management of a renewable resource.

This licence expires on: 28 Feb 2028

You should tell others involved with the felling about the details in this licence - e.g. by giving a copy of the licence and map to the person felling the trees. If you sell the land you should also tell the new owner about this licence. If a Tree Preservation Order is placed on these trees after this licence has been issued, you must also get the consent of the Local Authority before felling the trees.

NOTE: In England and Wales, a felling licence will not cover the felling of trees to which a Tree Preservation Order applies, or which are in a Conservation area, if you have not declared the existence of the Order or Area in the application.



Date: 28 Feb 2018

Signed for and on behalf of the Forestry Commissioners.

PART 1 - Description of the trees to be felled

Property: Sladebank Woods

Name of wood:

Local Authority: Stroud District Council

Woodland Management Plan Ref: 00362

General Notes: This licence is issued in summary relating to the management plan reference 00362 Sladebank Woods and associated Final Plan of Ops and Final Maps. Full details of the felling and restocking conditions agreed under this licence can be found in the above mentioned Plan of Operations and maps which must be attached to this licence at all times.

Felling site, subcpt or coupe	Type of operation*	Species	Marking of trees	Area ha	Approx age of trees	Total number of trees	Estimated volume m ³
Cpts 1, 2, 3, 4	T	MIX		1.65			75
Cpts 1b, 4b	SF	MB		0.25			50

*Key

T = thinning; RF = Regeneration felling, F = clear felling (to include group clear felling); FO = felling other; (e.g. hedge-row trees/single isolated trees), OS = Open space felling, COP = Felling Coppice, (SF = selective felling (replaced by RF), FC = cutting coppice (replaced by COP).

PART 2 - Restocking Conditions

Condition A: Restock on felled area.

The following conditions apply to the licenced felling in Cpts 1b and 4b.

1. Before 30th June 2022 the land on which the felling took place must be:
 - a. adequately prepared
 - b. Planted with MB/MC to achieve not less than 1100 plants per hectare evenly distributed over the site
2. For a period of 10 years from the planting:
 - a. The plants must be protected against damage and be adequately weeded.
 - b. Any failure or losses should be replaced as necessary to provide a stocking of not less than 1100 plants per hectare evenly distributed over the site.
 - c. Any replanting must be maintained in accordance with the rules and practice of good forestry.

PART 3 - Notes

Cpts 1, 2, 3, 4 Felling permission for a standard silvicultural thinning, removing no more than 30% of the canopy, along with 2 areas of selective felling of Ash infected with Ash dieback to be restocked with a variety of Native/non-Native tree species.

EU Timber Regulation: Due Diligence for Timber Grown in Great Britain.

This document is intended to help meet the obligations placed on "operators", as defined under EU Timber Regulation (No 995/210), to undertake a risk assessment. It outlines the risk factors associated with timber grown in Great Britain (see overleaf). The details of the timber species, volume etc are listed on the felling licence/grant scheme contract/management plan or in the absence of these on a separate sheet.

Evidence of Lawful Harvesting

<u>Felling Licence Reference</u>	<u>Date Licence Approved</u>
018/450/17-18	28 Feb 2018

Signed : 
(on behalf of Forestry Commission)

Dated : 28 Feb 2018

Certification: If the timber is independently certified enter the certificate number below:

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Additional Risk Factors: If there are any factors (not covered overleaf) that indicate a risk that the timber could be illegally harvested, enter these below with an explanation of how that risk has been mitigated. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Means of mitigation</u>

Declaration by the operator: I declare that the timber referred to above is grown in Great Britain. I have identified any additional risk factors and the action taken to mitigate that risk, and I have no reason to believe that there are further risks of the timber being illegal.

Signed :

Dated :

The timber approved for felling in this felling licence was produced from Great Britain forests where the following risk factors apply.

1 Illegality - Forests in Great Britain are regulated by the Forestry Commission or Natural Resources Wales. The incidence of illegal felling is low, estimated at much less than 1% of the timber volume harvested.

2 Governance - The UK is ranked highly for good governance in independent assessments, such as The Worldwide Governance Indicators project (funded by The World Bank). Moreover forestry proposals in Great Britain are available for comment and Great Britain is well served by bodies from civil-society that contribute specialist knowledge and opinion to the assessment of forestry proposals.

3 International Perspective - There is no UN Security Council ban on timber exports from the UK and the UK is not associated with or designated as a source of 'conflict timber', both of which are key international indicators of illegality.

4 Forest Regulation - Great Britain has specific forest laws (principally, The Forestry Act 1967, which convey powers to regulate forestry activities, control felling, administer woodland grants and to manage state forests. The Forestry Commission issued a revised UK Forestry Standard (UKFS) in 2011 which provides a benchmark against which forestry is regulated and is explicit in terms of legal requirements and the assurances of legality and sustainability that can be given by the process of forest regulation. The Forestry Commission/Natural Resources Wales are the competent authorities with respect to Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) Regulations. The Forestry Commission reports on behalf of the UK the sustainability of UK forests in the Global Forest Resources Assessment and Forest Europe indicators and compiles annual statistical information. These various sources of information indicate that forests in the UK are managed on a sustainable basis.

5 Endangered Timber Species - There are no endangered timber species present in the UK.

6 Assessment of UK grown timber by the certification schemes - The two major international certification schemes, FSC and PEFC, have assessed Great Britain as being of low risk in terms of their "Controlled Wood" and "Avoidance of Controversial Sources" respectively. This allows up to 30% of non-certified GB grown timber to enter supply chains. Approximately 85% of timber coming to the market in Great Britain has been independently certified as coming from well managed forests. This is in addition to the regulatory processes outlined above.

Notes on completing the form.

- a) The person who first places timber and/or timber products on the market or uses them in his/her business is defined as an "operator" under the Regulation.
- b) If you are a landowner, harvesting and selling the trees, then complete this form and keep it with the felling licence/management plan or other details (as appropriate) together with a copy of the contract for sale of the timber.
- c) If you are buying the timber 'standing' and harvesting the trees, then complete this form, ask for a copy of the felling licence or management plan approval from the owner and keep this form together with details of the contract for purchase of the timber.
- d) It is important to keep a record for at least 5 years, as required by the legislation, of timber sales and purchases.