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Hi Julie,  
Thanks for the e-mail and yes, we would very much like to fix a date for our next meeting on referrals.  
I'll consult with colleagues regarding a date and get back to you tomorrow or Monday.  
Regards,  
Kevin

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Good Afternoon all,

We are most likely overdue so worth looking at getting another meeting scheduled regarding a review of the FS/NPWS Referral System (matrix) and to follow up on points raised as below.

I know it is a particularly busy time of year. What are peoples availability like weeks 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of October?

Kind Regards,

Julie

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Dear Paul, Julie and Sorcha,

Thank you all for yesterday's bilateral meeting on referrals, which we found really informative and helpful. I realise that we brought lots of new information to the table, in terms of the Forestry Licensing Viewer, the systems we have in place to assist Ecologists assessing applications (in relation to both AA and non-AA ecology issues), and the ongoing development of consistent and robust mitigation derived with ecological input.

Prior to our next meeting, we'd be more than happy to run through any of the above components, or any other aspect of our assessment process, from what we require applicants to submit, to the issuing of the licence itself (plus follow-up checks). Having a better understanding of the process and the various systems in place to support it, would hopefully give NPWS a greater degree of confidence, better informing discussions we might have regarding changes to the current referral system.

Just let us know and we'll arrange a session, remotely or in person.

Regarding a date for the next meeting, any thoughts on when might suit? I think we all agreed that a series of meetings (possibly on an ongoing basis) is needed.

Many thanks,

Kevin

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