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Ref: TFL01311526 Application for a felling licence on lands at Drumleague, Leitrim

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to your letter in relation to the above mentioned felling licence application.

Assessment of the felling licence application by the Forest Service is now complete. Taking into account the views expressed in your correspondence and following consultation with the relevant statutory bodies, it has been decided that the felling licence application satisfies the Forest Service criteria for granting such a licence.

The conditions for the licence are:

- The felling project and all associated operations shall be carried out and completed in accordance with the measures set out in the Standards for Felling & Reforestation, the Felling & Reforestation Policy and, if reforestation is involved, the Environmental Requirements for Afforestation, as these apply to that operation.

Reason: In the interest of clarity and to ensure good forest practice and the protection of the environment, during felling, extraction and (if relevant) reforestation operations.

- The following must be contacted by email at least two weeks (i.e. 14 days) prior to the commencement of harvesting operations:

Leitrim County Council

Emails sent to County Council should be copied to felling.forests@agriculture.gov.ie

Commencement notice to include the estimated start and end dates for operations and must be resent if operations are delayed. DAFM to be copied with any third party correspondence (email felling.forests@agriculture.gov.ie) The results and conclusions of any post approval pre operation species surveys should also be included with this notice. This should include a detailed description of the procedures and standards that were applied. Felling operations shall not commence until this notification has been sent and received by the Department by email. Reason: To allow the statutory body to carry out its statutory function.

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- Instal a 10 m wide unplanted setback immediately adjoining the public road. Where reforestation involves conifer species, plant a 10 m wide band of native broadleaves to the inside of the above unplanted setback appropriate to the immediate site conditions and, where possible, of Irish provenance, at 1,100 stems per hectare. Reason: To ensure adequate clearance to prevent tunnelling along the public road, to retain sightlines and to create visual diversity for road users.
- A setback distance of 60m must apply unless the neighbouring dweller agrees to a smaller setback of not less than 30m. Include in the FIR a request for the licence holder/applicant to notify DAFM of any such agreement to reduce the setback from 60m as part of this FIR. If no agreement is notified the setback will remain at 60m. Reason: In the interest of residential amenity.

I have issued the licence in this case today but have advised the applicant that felling cannot commence for 14 working days from today's date to allow you to avail of the Forest Service appeals facility.

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, it is open to you to appeal against it to the Forestry Appeals Committee (FAC), which operates independently of this Department. In accordance with the provisions of the Forestry Appeals Committee Regulations 2020 (S.I. No. 418 of 2020 as amended by S.I. No. 423 of 2023) a notice of appeal must be received within the statutory 14 working day deadline and in a format required by the Committee. The notice of appeal must be accompanied by the relevant fee and must include your name and address, grounds of appeal including the facts and contentions on which you intend to rely together with such documentary evidence that you wish to submit in support of your appeal. The fee for an appeal to the Forestry Appeals Committee is €200.

Submission of appeals Forestry Appeals must be submitted on a notice of appeal form. The notice of appeal form is available on the Forestry Appeals Committee website: <http://www.agriappeals.gov.ie/forestryappealscommittee/>. Appeals must be submitted by post and the fee of €200 (payable by way of postal order, bank draft or cheque) must accompany the notice of appeal otherwise it cannot be accepted. The postal address is Forestry Appeals Committee, Agriculture Appeals Office, Kilminchy Court, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32 DTW5. The Notice of Appeal Form must be signed by the Appellant. Appeals and payments that are not received within the statutory 14 working day deadline cannot be accepted.

Yours Sincerely,



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