

Forestry England has written a Forest Plan which summarises proposals for the management of Stapleford Wood and Stapleford Moor which lie on the border of Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire country boundary 4 km northeast of Newark Upon Trent. The plan outlines our felling and replanting for the next 10 years with management proposals for the next 50 years.

Forestry England aims and objectives for the Stapleford Forest Plan are to restore ancient woodland, produce commercial timber and promote active and healthy living, in a safe traffic free environment. Looking forward Forestry England will help secure and grow the economic, social and natural capital value of these woodlands.

A lot of care and expertise goes into producing these plans but we are interested in the views of local people and users of the forest, and to know about any datasets collected in these woodlands which may affect our future management. As part of this process we are contacting stakeholders and members of the public to provide them with the opportunity to look at our management objectives and make us aware of any relevant information that you may have, and that we may need to take into consideration before finalising the Forest Plan.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this information to the parish council and local residents to give them the opportunity to comment. You can view and comment on the plan via this WEB LINK <https://consult.forestryengland.uk/forest-districts/stapleford-forest-plan/>

All of Forestry England woodlands are assessed against the UK Woodland Assurance Scheme (UKWAS) and as a result, Forestry England woodlands now carry the Forest Stewardship Council ® (FSC®) and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification™ (PEFC™) stamp of approval.

The consultation period will run until 20th August 2021 after which time the plan will be finalised and submitted to the Forestry Commission for approval.

If you require any further information regarding this plan or any of our forests, please contact me directly and I look forward to reviewing your comments once the consultation period closes.

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