**North Regional Meeting on Tuesday 4th November 2014: Woodfuel at an Estate Level**

**12.30 for lunch and afternoon tour**

**Barningham Estate, Richmond, Yorkshire**

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Barningham Estate stands on the northern edge of the North Pennines. The property was bought by the Milbank family in 1690, and currently extends to 7000 acres, of which 450 is woodland.  The 100 acre home wood, situated behind Barningham Park is an ancient woodland comprising of mature stands of larch, beech and noble firs. The vista looking East from the house leads down a grass walk (the ‘Funeral Walk’) to a mount on the top of which is the Bowling Green. Within the wood there is an Ice House dating from 1760 and Victorian stone pathways - surrounded by a Deer Park and circumvallating wall.  Northwood, along the banks of the river Greta, is the largest area of ancient woodland in County Durham and contains an area of SSSI.

Pennine Biomass provides a complete service from initial assessment, through to installation and on-going fuelling and maintenance of a biomass heating system. The company is managed by Andy Howard and Edward Milbank. Andy is responsible for the biomass installations. Edward is responsible for the biomass fuel, utilising his knowledge from producing woodchip from the Estate’s forestry. Pennine Biomass works with woodland owners to ensure a sustainable and managed supply of timber which enables the company to guarantee delivery of wood chip to their customers.  The company’s wood chip fuel is sustainable and the basis on which they build long term heat supply partnerships.

Confor outdoor meetings take place in all weathers. Appropriate footwear and clothing should be worn. Please be aware of your health and safety at all times. Do not take risks that could put you or others in danger. Please follow instructions.  Biosecurity measures should be taken at all times.

* It is ***essential that you register in advance***, to manage catering and capacity of the room. A charge of £18 (inc. VAT) will be made for catering. For those who are eligible for RDPE funding (all those who work in forestry and timber) the charge will be reduced to £5.40.
* The final programme, with supporting papers, ***will be sent to all those who register for whom we have email addresses*.** Please provide an email address if possible, if you receive this notice by post. It saves Confor time and expense.
* This meeting will be advertised beyond Confor membership.

Please return this form, or provide details by email, by **27th October 2014**, to: Ann Stewart, Confor,

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