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Your Interests

1 Please indicate which main area of Forestry Commission business you are interested in. Please select one of the four options below. Your choice here is important as subsequent questions may ask you to refer to your main area of interest.

Business Opportunities - Estates, Business Initiatives, Income Generation

If you had an interest in other areas please mention them here:

2 What skills, experience and opportunities can you contribute to the management of the Public Forest Estate? Tick all that apply.

Specialist Knowledge, Communication Opportunities, Local Contacts, Local area knowledge

Other skills, experience and opportunities:

Engagement, Accountability and Transparency

3 Stakeholder engagement is the process by which the Forestry Commission involves people who may be affected by the decisions it makes or who can influence the implementation of its decisions. Based on your experience with the Forestry Commission, in regard to your interest area indicated in question 1, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

The Forestry Commission enables me / my organisation to influence and contribute to the decisions that affect us.:

Agree

I am / my organisation is able to contribute skills, knowledge and experience to Forestry Commission activities.:

Agree

Please provide any additional feedback on how can we improve stakeholder engagement.:

I was a member of the regional advisory committee for a number of years, and still have close links to the FWAC. I also sit on the LAF, which the FC participates in. The FC does already engage with stakeholders.

4 The Forestry Commission needs to be held accountable for the decisions it makes and the actions it takes according to established standards. Based on your experience with the Forestry Commission, in regard to your interest areas indicated in question 1, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

There are clear standards which the Forestry Commission must meet?:

Agree

I have enough information to judge whether the Forestry Commission are meeting these standards.:

Neither Agree nor Disagree

I don't know how to raise awareness of unsatisfactory performance by the Forestry Commission:

Disagree

Please provide any additional feedback on how we can improve accountability.:

5 Transparency is an essential ingredient of accountability. If an organisation is transparent, people outside the organisation can understand how decisions are made and how they can influence those decisions. Based on your experience with the Forestry Commission, in regard to your interest areas indicated in question 1, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements.

The Forestry Commission is an open and easy organisation to approach for information:

Agree

The Forestry Commission demonstrates clear processes and procedures in carrying out its work and in making decisions.:

Neither Agree nor Disagree

It is difficult to understand how decisions are made within the Forestry Commission regarding my area of interest:

Neither Agree nor Disagree

Please provide any additional feedback on how we can improve transparency.:

The tone of the above 2 questions are rather concerning - it would seem that the drive is some form of management by committee. Those in management roles in the FC must be free to manage as they see fit, while still engaging with stakeholders, who can hold them to account if need be.

6 Based on your interest areas indicated in question 1, Please indicate from the list below where you normally go for information about the Forestry Commission. Tick all that apply.

Information leaflets, Forestry Commission staff

Please let us know where else you look for information on the Forestry Commission:

the ebuletins are very helpful

Your level of engagement

7 Please choose one statement which best represents you or your organisation's current position.

A) I / my organisation is regularly consulted on strategic issues by the Forestry Commission and are able to help the Forestry Commission achieve its goals

8 Please choose one statement which best represents where you / your organisation would like to be in the future. (This can be the same or different to your previous answer)

A) I / my organisation should be regularly consulted on strategic issues by the Forestry Commission and is able to help the Forestry Commission achieve its goals

Nominate Representation (The following question is optional)

9 If you consider that another organisation could represent your interests from time to time, please nominate it here

Name of the nominated organisation:

10 If there are any other organisations who you think should be involved in this questionnaire please name them so we can invite them to take part if we haven't done so already.

Name of organisation /s:

Information about you and your organisation if you are representing one

11 Who are you representing? If you selected "myself" please go to the next page. If you selected "an organisation" please answer the following questions

Who are you representing:

An Organisation

12 What is the name of your organisation?

Name of organisation:

Northern Farmers and Landowners Group

13 What is your position in your organisation? Please select one option.

Senior Manager/Senior Officer/Senior Advisor

Other information on your position:

14 How long have you been in your organisation?

Between one and three years

15 What type of organisation are you representing? Please select one option.

Interest group/Representative Body/Lobbying Organisation

Other details on your type of organisation:

16 How many members does your organisation have?

51-200

17 How many employees does your organisations have?

Less than 10

Get Involved

18 Would you like to take part in a workshop on the 14th of May 2014 to shape the pilot project? (If you would like to take part in the workshop but cannot attend, there will be an online discussion option)

Take part in the workshop:

No

19 Would you like to be involved with the Forestry Commission's stakeholder engagement pilot project this year?

Get involved:

No

20 If you would like to be involved in the workshop and / or pilot project please provide your name and contact details

Name:

Address and telephone number:

Email: