

## UKFS review stakeholder information note

### UK Forestry Standard review – recent stakeholder consultation

The four administrations of the UK are undertaking a review of the current [UK Forestry Standard \(UKFS\)](#). The review was launched in February 2021 and the next edition is due to be published by the end of 2022.

Engaging stakeholders is an important aim of the review and delivered through the establishment of a UK Stakeholder Reference Group and via a two-stage stakeholder consultation process.

The first consultation which closed in August was informed by a preliminary assessment of the Standard's technical and legal content. The assessment was carried out by specialists from the four country forestry authorities and administrations, Forest Research and external reviewers. That assessment identified a range of cross-cutting themes relevant across the Standard and the UK that could be further developed and formed the basis of the consultation. In addition questions were asked about potential usability improvements.

We are grateful to the 39 individuals and organisations that submitted a consultation response. These have now been reviewed and analysed by an independent consultant to identify key themes. The consultant's analysis report and individual responses, where permission to publish was provided, are available to view here: [UK Forestry Standard: Proposed key changes - Scottish Government - Citizen Space \(consult.gov.scot\)](#)

The consultation responses and findings from the preliminary assessment will help inform the drafting of the next edition of a Standard that is balanced and relevant and applicable across the UK. That process has been initiated, and updated detailed technical content will be shared with stakeholders during the second consultation stage planned for spring 2022.

For further information go to: <https://forestry.gov.scot/sustainable-forestry/ukfs-scotland>

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