

Theoretically available v. actually harvested softwood 2013-2016



When we consider the current market situation, it is worth reviewing the Forestry Commission's forecast overview of timber availability, which was published in 2014 by the National Forest Inventory team. What is clear is that we are harvesting less timber than is 'theoretically available', the key issue is why? Some of the theoretically available timber might be too difficult to harvest due to steep ground and/or poor quality access. What requires further investigation is whether the additional 'available' timber that isn't currently being harvested will remain standing and be available at some point in the future, or whether it should actually be removed from these long-term forecasts.

WHY AREN'T WE HARVESTING ALL THE AVAILABLE TIMBER?



REGULATION?



SPECULATION?



**TOO
STEEP?**



**TOO
SMALL?**



**TOO
DIFFICULT?**



**TOO
REMOTE?**

Data taken from FC 50 Year Timber Production Forecast, and Forestry Facts and Figures 2017 and is an average for years 2013-2016. We have assumed that 1m² of softwood weighs 850kg.