Introducing Felling Licence Online

What's happening?

We have replaced our old Felling Licence processing system with a new digital service called Felling Licence Online. Using this new service you can apply for, track and print Felling Licences for land in your ownership or authorise an agent to do so on your behalf. If you are an agent you can manage applications for all of your clients in one place and keep track of progress.

Why should I use the Felling Licence Online system?

- You can register for the system and reset your password online independently.
- Once you have registered for the system you will be able to log in whenever is convenient for you to submit a felling licence application or track progress of those you have already submitted.
- Spatial data will be saved so it is available for you to use for future applications too. You only have to digitise once.
- If you have submitted a paper licence since 14th May 2018, your spatial data may already exist in the system and we will transfer it to your user account, saving you time.
- The system allows you to import shapefiles from most common GIS platforms, so if you have drawn your compartments already you should not have to digitise again.
- Your information will be automatically backed up, so if your application needs reworking, you won't have to start again from scratch. No more applications misplaced in the post.
- You can check for any major constraints on the land within your application, such as SSSI's, before it is submitted by running a constraints check. This will help you comply with UK Forestry Standard and other regulations affecting the work you want to do.
- Woodland Officers will receive your application more quickly and will be able to get in touch directly if they have any questions.
- Less paper leads to better environmental practices.
- You can access your application and approved licences wherever you are via mobile, tablet or laptop.
- Your feedback will help us to shape future developments of the online system.

Is there any support available?

We have produced a user guide for Felling Licence Online that will be available on GOV.UK once the system is launched. Please have a look at this and if you still need more support then please contact us using our support mailbox: fellinglicenceonline@forestrycommission.gov.uk and we can arrange a support session either over the phone or in a local office.