



Wood, trees and much, much more!

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Welcome!

I believe that industry and governments should work together to develop and deliver a vision for the industry

Where are we?

Where do we want to be?

What do we need to do to get there?

A Vision for 2050?

What could that vision in England be...

An industry that provides solutions to big societal challenges like:

- Net zero
- Providing high-quality homes
- Supporting rural economies in transition
- + levelling-up, green growth, biodiversity, etc



Attractive forestry grants
 100 million over 10 years
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WORKING WITH YOU

Creating new woodland offers you flexibility. Once established, planting and maintaining your woodland can all be done at times that fit around your other business needs. Allowing you to continue to focus your efforts and resources on your business especially at peak planting times.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND USEFUL LINKS

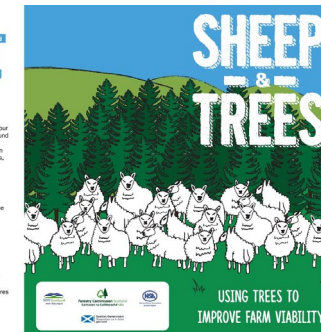
Sheep and Trees is a partnership between the following organisations:

Forestry Commission Scotland
www.forestry.gov.uk/scotland

National Farmers Union Scotland
www.nfu.org.uk

Scottish Government Agriculture and Rural Economy Division
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/topics/industry>

National Sheep Association Scotland
www.national-sheep.org.uk/nas-scotland



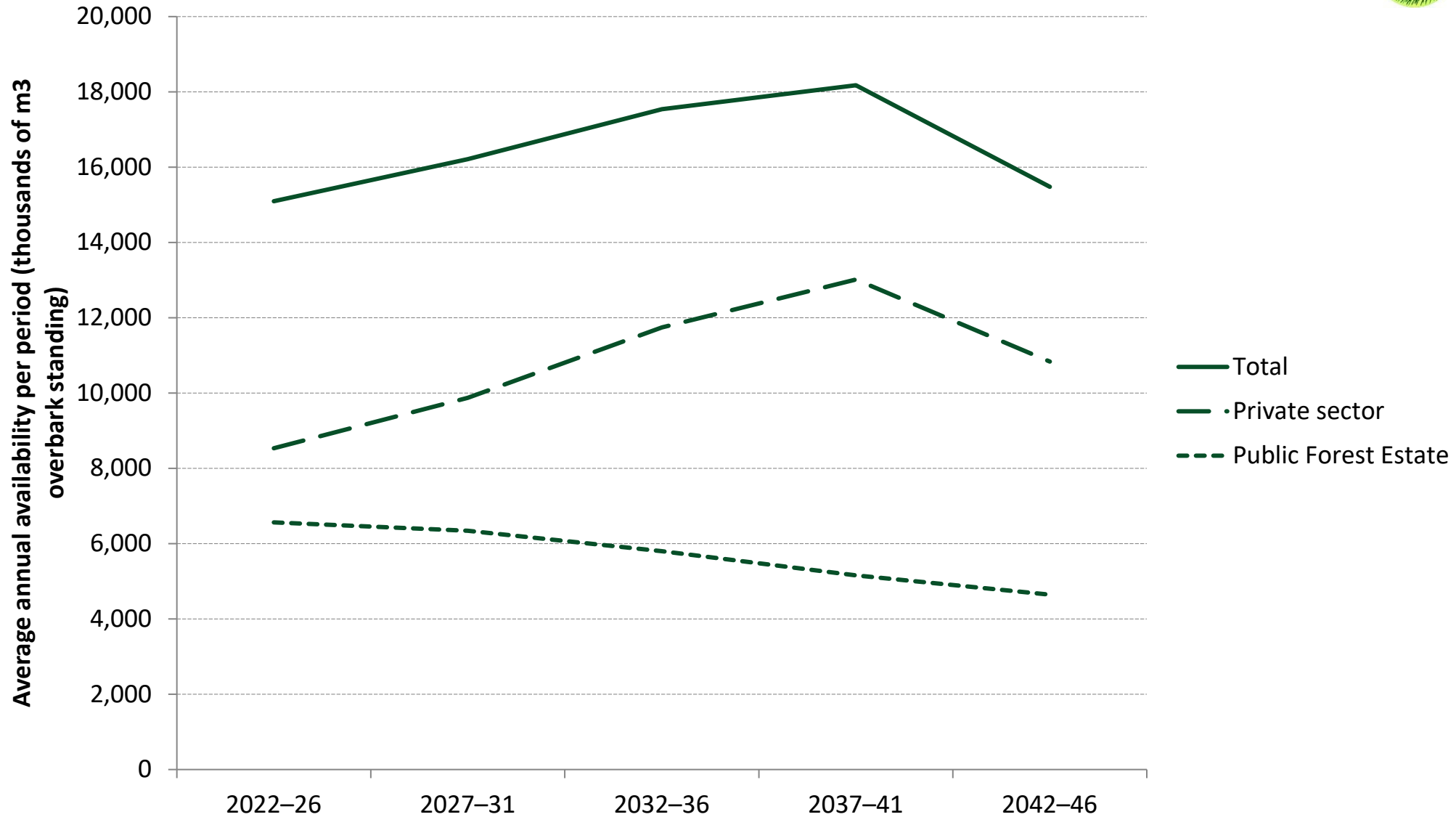
What do we need to get there?

- Secure a steadily increasing availability of wood
- Attract the required skills into the sector
- Increase use of wood in construction
- Invest in statistical and resource assessment tools to inform policy making and business investment
- Invest in research and product innovation
- Develop an industry roadmap to net zero that embraces a circular economy
- Work with UK Government on a 'whole supply chain basis' – from raw material to finished product, linked with promotion of a low-carbon economy

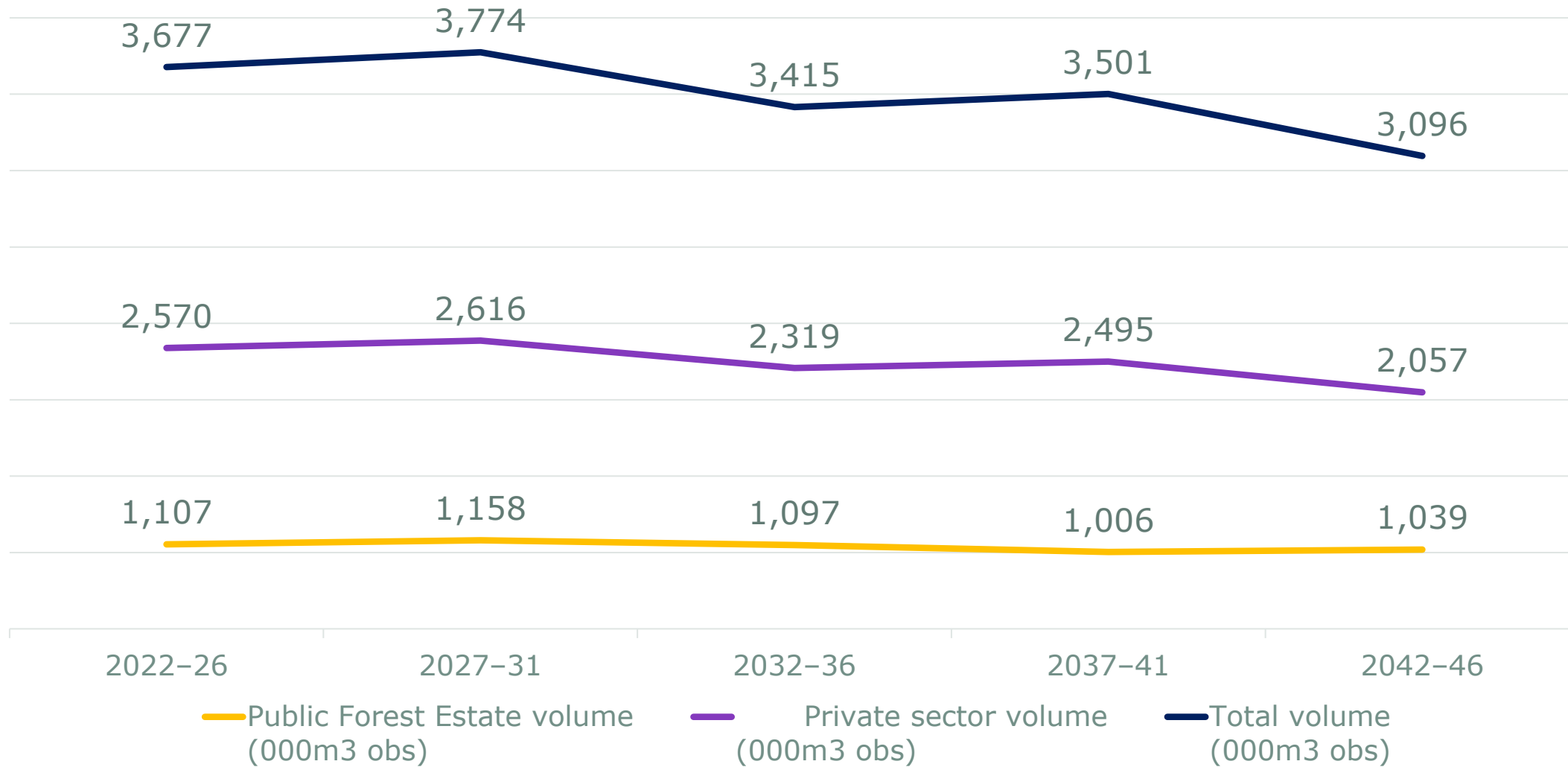
Where are we now?

With a lot to do...

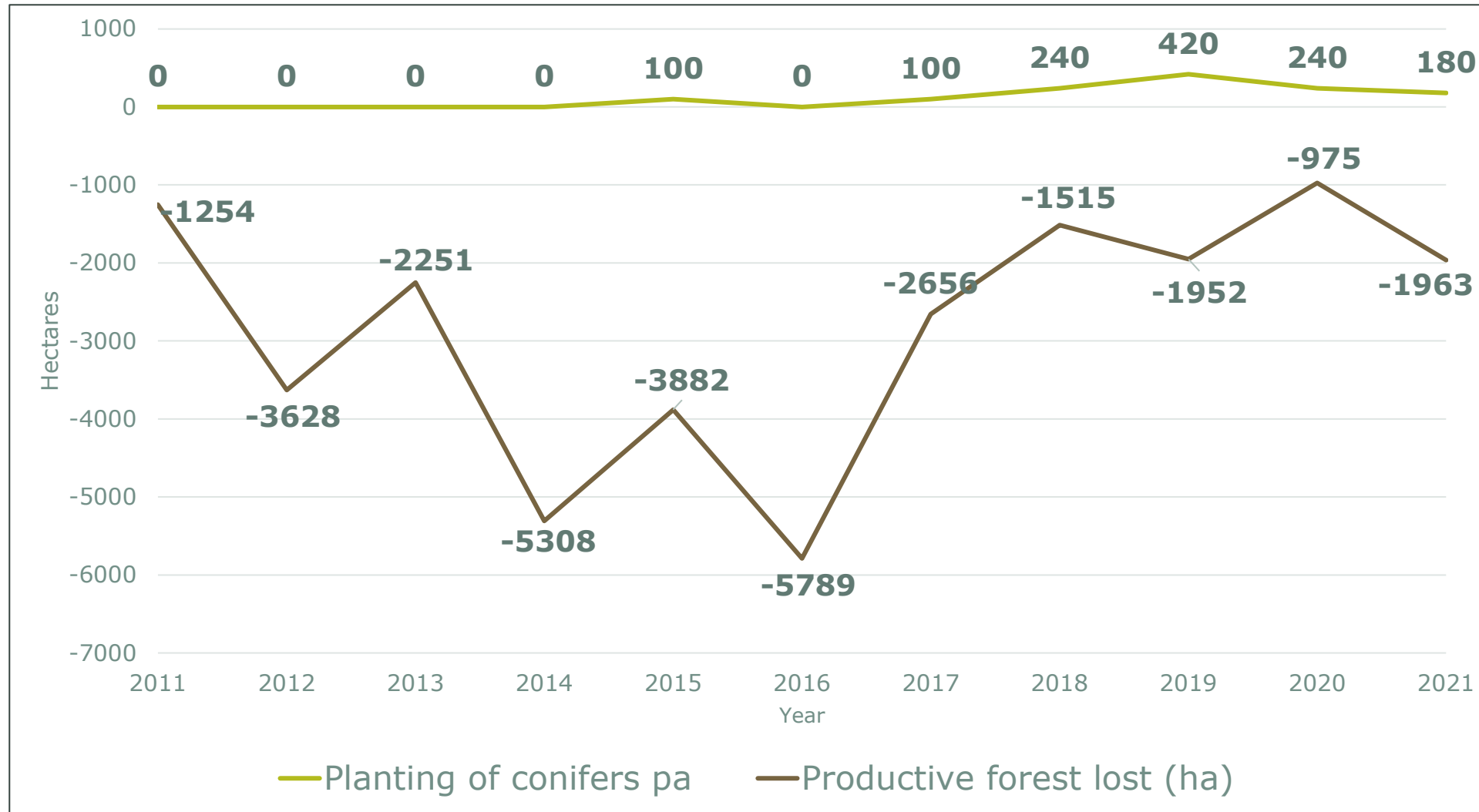
25-year forecast of softwood availability for UK



25-year forecast of softwood timber availability for England



Productive woodland lost and created in England 2011-2021



+1280 ha

-31,173 ha

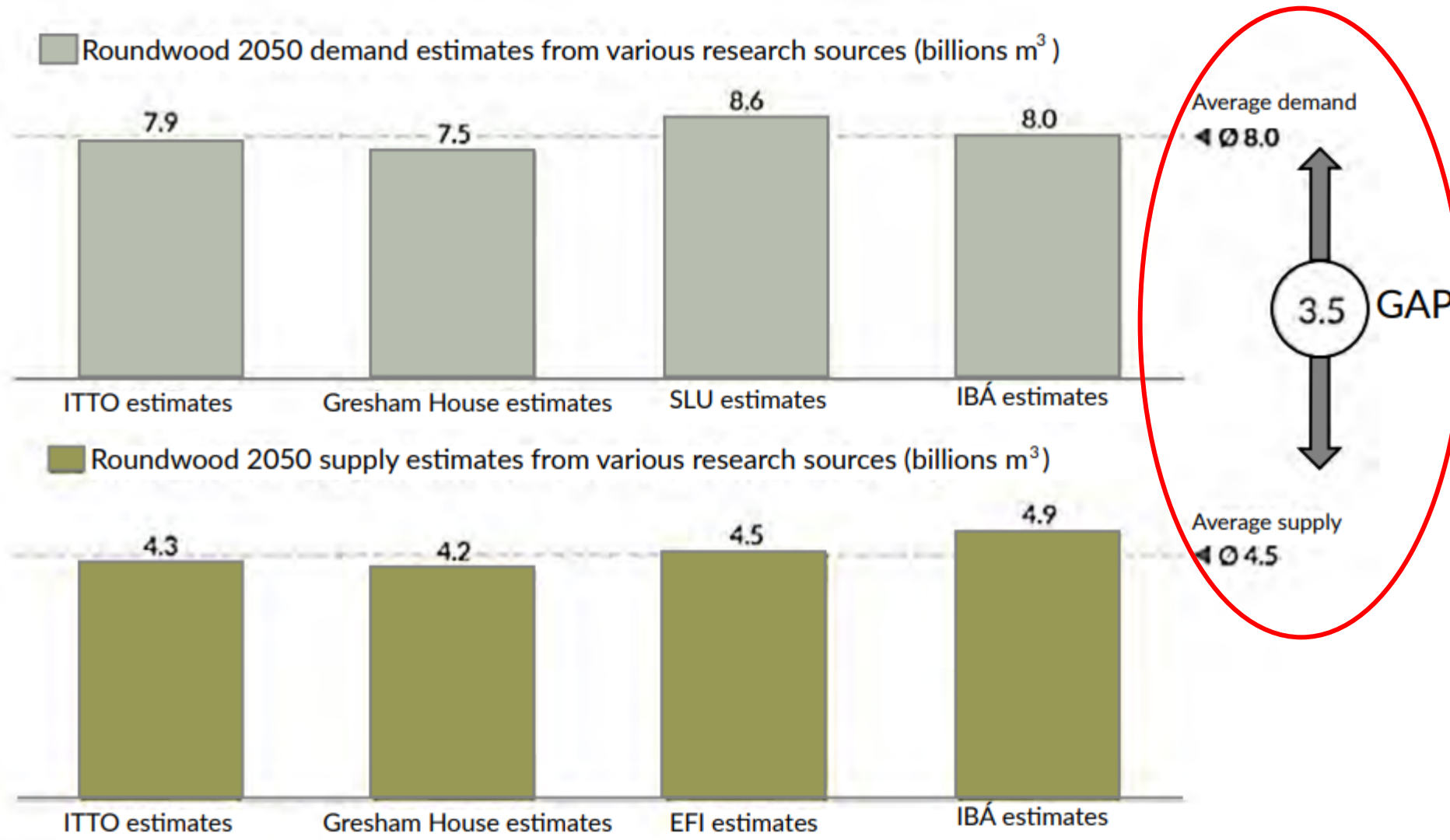
Net zero and climate change – are we the global leader we claim to be?

Without planting hundreds of thousands of hectares of new woodland and using millions of tonnes more wood **we will not achieve net zero**

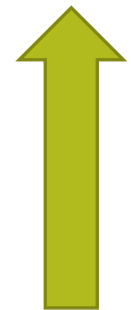
If we keep relying on ever increasing imports of wood we **will betray** the principles of the ***Glasgow Declaration on Forests*** signed at COP26



Fig 06. 2050 roundwood demand-supply gap (Dalberg, 2022).



UK Wood consumption in 2050



Up by 78%

Tackling the challenges on planting and management for timber

Take people with us, in particular local communities – both those who benefit from a strong local wood-based industry and those who are concerned about woodland expansion and management

Crack the misinformation challenge – give key audiences the information to make informed decisions and not simply be swayed by loud voices peddling out-of-date scare stories. Carbon, local jobs, biodiversity benefit, food security, damage caused by squirrels, etc

Invest in our people – upskill those who are engaging with communities and stakeholders, and give them the resources to explain what we are doing and why. These interactions can be key for the reputation of the industry

Walk the talk and be an exemplar in reducing our own carbon emissions as businesses and drive a circular economy – we need more fibre!

Speed up the process of approving larger planting projects and make the process more predictable

Leave a legacy...

We have the potential to make a real difference...
But we need governments to work with us
And we need the people we deal with to trust us





Thanks for listening!

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