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Promoting forestry and wood

The Art of the Possible

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The England Trees Action Plan 2021-2024



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What's in it for the timber sector – to encourage the use of timber?

- Provide financial support to develop innovative timber products through the Forestry Innovation Fund
- Work with key construction stakeholders, including the Green Construction Board, Construction Leadership Council, House Building Federation, and Federation of Master Builders to develop a policy roadmap on use of timber
- Drive an increase in the use of certain modern methods of construction, some forms of which can encourage use of sustainable materials such as timber;
- Work with Homes England and delivery partners to explore ways to increase timber use in the delivery of housing programmes
- Increase public demand for sustainably sourced timber through procurement policies
- Encourage research into barriers to uptake of timber, including looking at timber strength grades and the fire resistance of engineered timber structures

The Timber in Construction Policy Roadmap

- ❖ What is it?
- ❖ Who is involved?
- ❖ How is the sector working with Defra to inform the development of Policy Roadmap to ensure homegrown timber is to the fore of any policy development?

The England Forest and Wood-based Industry Leadership Group

- ❖ What is it?
- ❖ Who is involved?
- ❖ How we are working with Defra, Forestry Commission and Forestry England to deliver the industries own strategy – The National Wood Strategy

The England National Wood Strategy

- ❖ What is it?
- ❖ Who is involved?
- ❖ How will it go above and beyond those actions set out in the ETAP and the Timber in Construction Policy Roadmap?
- ❖ Tom will expand.

How does the sector act now?

- ❖ We warmly welcome the increased positive and supportive focus from Government on our sector.
- ❖ How can the sector respond to this opportunity?
- ❖ The reality is that we've had decades of non-productive planting and we continue to remove much more wood-producing forest than we plant and have done for years.
- ❖ The broadleaf woodland we have been creating will provide little supply of wood unless management objectives change and we tackle the twin threat of deer and squirrel.
- ❖ Industry will plant the vast majority of the productive forestry that will create the future timber supply.
- ❖ Industry will develop the low carbon solutions needed and plan the way to a circular economy.

How do we collectively act now?

- ❖ Now is the time to work together.
- ❖ We need to focus on the importance of a constructive relationship between the private and public sector - especially the Forestry Commission and Defra.
- ❖ It also needs to include BEIS and the Dept. for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities.
- ❖ BEIS is responsible for navigating the transition to a low-carbon economy, and forestry and timber can be a leader in that space – but we need BEIS to gear up to working with the industry.
- ❖ Our pledge: Confor is committed to act as the honest broker and will work with the Forestry Commission, Defra and others to genuinely make a change.

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