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Promoting forestry and wood

Supporting Management and Wood Production in England's Woodlands

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What should the next government do to help the forestry and timber processing industry deliver green growth to Britain

Supporting Woodland Management and Wood Production



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1. Define our policy needs
2. Stop the conifer broadleaf rhetoric
3. Understand the resource - and the market it supplies
4. Understand the economics
5. Incentivise clear and measurable actions





Policy needs for woodland management?

- Carbon, biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Timber and biomass supply
- Recreation and health
- Land values
- Supporting rural economies

Conifer vs broadleaf: A distracting irrelevance.

- Felling licences and restocking
- UK Forestry Standard
- PAWS restoration
- EWCO Woodland Creation grant
- Countryside Stewardship
- Biodiversity Net Gain
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Understand the resource – and the market it supplies



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42 % of our woodlands remain unmanaged
85% of all hardwood harvested in the UK is sold as woodfuel



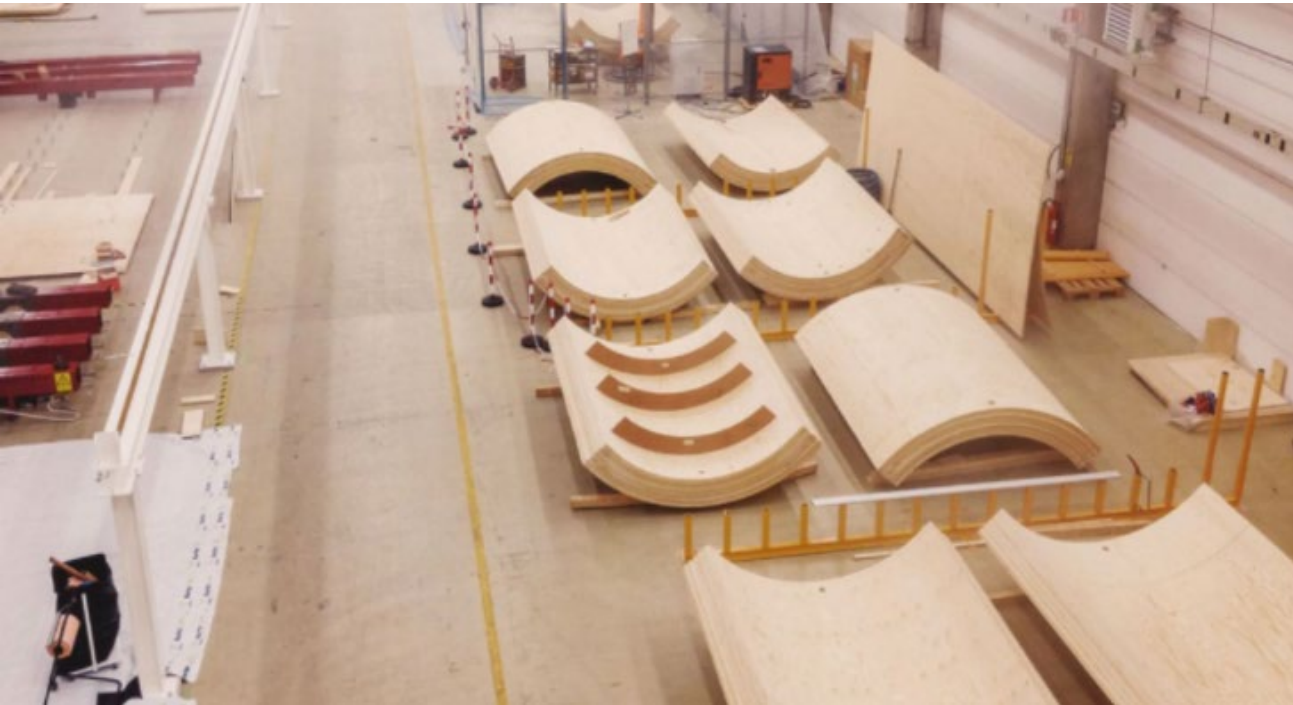
Understand the economics

Green growth: fostering economic growth and development while ensuring that natural assets continue to provide the resources and environmental services on which our well-being relies.



Incentivise

- Reassess regulation
- Reduce bureaucracy
- Support investment in supply chain capacity (hardwood specifically).
- Monitor and report
- Make funding fit policy objectives, underpinned by an understanding of economics and regional variation.



Thanks!

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