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Dear Neighbour to Bryn Coch Forest,

Evaluation of Bryn Coch for Forest Certification

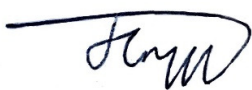
The forest products market is increasingly demanding assurance about the quality and environmental impacts of forest management. One way to provide this assurance is through independent verification against a published standard which defines appropriate and effective management. In forestry, this process is widely known as forest certification. I am writing to inform you the Bryn Coch woodland is currently being assessed for forest certification under the UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) and a management plan produced.

The UKWAS (endorsed by the Forest Stewardship Council® www.fsc.org, and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification™ www.pefc.org) sets out the management standards which woodland and forest owners, managers and forest certification bodies can use to certify woodland and forest management in the United Kingdom. The Standard, which can be seen at www.ukwas.org.uk, is the product of an inclusive and transparent process which has involved a balanced representation from the UK forestry and environmental communities.

The Standard requires that local people and relevant organisations are made aware when a forest is being evaluated and are able to engage with the manager. Bryn Coch Forest has applied to join the Tilhill Forestry Resource Manager Certification scheme which is certified by the 'Woodmark Programme'. Should you have any comments to make regarding the management or certification of Bryn Coch Forest please do not hesitate to reply by the 8th of January to:

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Yours sincerely



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