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Dear Stakeholder

**Forestry Act 1967 - Restocking Notice RN 15/10-11**

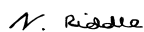
I am writing to let you know the outcome of the Objection to the Restocking Notice on the land at Toton Sidings that was considered in accordance with the provisions in the Forestry Act. Pursuant to section 17B(2) of the Forestry Act 1967, the Forestry Commissioners have been directed that Restocking Notice 15/10-11 dated 12 July 2010 shall have effect subject to the schedule attached to the Notice being replaced by the an amended schedule as follows:

1. Before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 the felled areas outlined in blue on the map attached to this Notice must be restocked with trees by natural regeneration of locally native species. The regeneration must achieve a stocking density, evenly distributed across the restocking areas, of no less than 1,100 trees per hectare.
2. If by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015 natural regeneration has not achieved the required stocking density then the felled areas outlined in blue on the map attached to this Notice must be replanted with trees to ensure an evenly distributed stocking density across the areas of no less than 1,100 trees per hectare. This planting is to be carried out before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Planting to be with native birch species.
3. For a period of 10 years from either the successful establishment of natural regeneration or planting, the trees must be protected against damage and be adequately weeded.
4. Any failures or losses must be replaced as necessary to ensure satisfactory stocking (as set out in 1 and 2 above). The restocking areas must be properly maintained, all in accordance with the rules and practice of good forestry.

The size of the area to be regenerated remains as it was in the original Restocking Notice. The revised schedule has taken into account the argument that natural regeneration succeeded in stocking the site originally and should do so again. However, it also provides a safeguard to ensure the regeneration is protected with the planting requirement (after 5 growing seasons from clearance of the site) should regeneration fail.

It was recognised during the consideration of the Objection that any redevelopment of the site would be a decision for the landowner and the planning authority. If planning permission is granted then this would override the restocking requirement, but until this happens the Forestry Commission is satisfied that there are adequate measures in place to ensure that the trees that were lost will start to be replaced.

Yours sincerely



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