



## F&W FORESTRY UK LTD

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16 October 2026

### Cryniarth woodland management consultation

Dear resident or interested party,

I am writing as the forest manager to invite your comments on the revised management plan and proposed forestry work at Cryniarth. F&W Forestry manages this approximately 72.82 hectare woodland near Carno. We welcome views from neighbours, local residents, woodland users and organisations with an interest in the area.

The plan covers 2026-2036, with a detailed programme for 2026-2031 and a longer-term outlook to 2046. This consultation supports the plan review and preparation for recertification against the UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS), an independent standard for assessing sustainable woodland management.

Our aim is to maintain a productive woodland while increasing the variety of tree species and ages, protecting wildlife and water, and managing access responsibly. Where crops and site conditions allow, we intend to move towards systems that retain woodland cover through more gradual harvesting.

#### Proposed work during the first five years

- **Larch felling and replacement planting:** Fell the affected Japanese larch in compartment 7a during 2026/27, covering approximately 7.2 hectares gross. This is a planned management operation. Restocking will follow within the first two planting seasons, with a site-suitable mixed planting design and protection for retained habitat and water features.
- **Thinning assessments:** Assess suitable existing stands for selective tree removal, taking account of wind stability, crop health and access. The map shows assessments from 2028 and indicative main thinning dates from 2032 onwards; those later operations fall outside the first five years.
- **Young woodland and retained areas:** Maintain young crops, replace significant planting failures and manage vegetation or browsing where needed. Retain the natural reserve, long-term retained trees and open habitats, and monitor the damaged lodgepole pine for condition and safety.
- **Access and infrastructure.** Inspect and maintain forest roads, tracks, gates and culverts, with particular attention to drainage and safe access before timber haulage.

## Managing effects on neighbours and the environment

Felling will change the appearance of the larch area until the replacement crop develops. Harvesting and timber transport may temporarily increase noise, traffic and mud on access routes. We will plan haulage and working arrangements to reduce disturbance and notify affected neighbours and access users before substantial work.

Operational plans will protect watercourses, ponds, wet ground, wildlife habitats and any identified historic features. They will also address the overhead electricity line, shared access and public rights of way. Any temporary access restrictions will be managed through the appropriate official permissions and notices.

Proposals remain subject to the required permissions, site checks and consideration of consultation responses. Operational dates may change with weather, ground conditions and crop health. We will review progress annually and undertake a plan review in 2031.

## Your views and local knowledge

Please tell us about any concerns or information that should influence the proposals, including access and shared rights, private water supplies, wildlife, historic features, landscape views or the effects of timber transport. Where possible, it would be helpful if you could identify the location or compartment as shown on the accompanying maps.

We will record and consider responses when finalising the plan and operational arrangements, respond to issues raised and explain any resulting changes. You can also request further information or ongoing dialogue.

**Please send comments by 16 November 2026, quoting Cryniarth. This allows one month from the date of this notice for responses.**

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Further management plan information and paper copies are available on request. Please contact us if you need the information in another format or help to respond.

Yours faithfully,

**Edward Shelton**

Forest Manager Wales

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Maps included on the following pages: location and access; five-year operations.



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