

CORRESPONDENCE

MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF CAPPAMORE-KILMALLOCK

DECEMBER, 2015

- Email received on 24th November, 2015 from Forestry Soil Association Certification Limited in relation to Forest Stewardship Council assessment of forest management by Coillte Teoranta – The Irish Forestry Board.

From: ForestryConsultation <ForestryConsultation@soilassociation.org>

Sent: 24 November 2015 10:06

To: ForestryConsultation

Cc: Andrew Grundy

Subject: RE: Forest Management - Coillte Teoranta - The Irish Forestry Board (000706) 2016
RA deadline date 8th January 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Forest Management carried out by Coillte Teoranta - The Irish Forestry Board

In February 2016 we will carry out a Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) assessment of forest management by Coillte Teoranta - The Irish Forestry Board, against the requirements of the FSC Irish Forest Stewardship Standard (FSC-STD-IRL-01-2012, March 2012) (you can view this standard at <https://ic.fsc.org/ireland.521.htm>) within Coillte Forests.

If you have comments about;

- a) forest management carried out by Coillte Teoranta - The Irish Forestry Board and/or
- b) the Standard being used

Please complete the attached feedback form and return it to wmconsultation@soilassociation.org by 8th January 2016. If your comments are site specific, please state very clearly which site they refer to.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Yours faithfully

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Consultation Feedback Form

Forest Management (FM) in relation to Coillte Teoranta - The Irish Forestry Board SA-FM/COC-000706

Feedback Guidance Notes are included overleaf. Please return your completed form by the **8th January 2016** to
wmconsultation@soilassociation.org



Your name:
Organisation/Affiliation:
Address:
Tel:
Email:

If your comments are site specific, please state which site they refer to.

Positive comments about Coillte Teoranta - The Irish Forestry Board's forest management:

Negative comments about Coillte Teoranta - The Irish Forestry Board's forest management:

Are there any unresolved conflicts between the forest manager and yourself or another individual/organisation?

Please suggest any specific individuals/organisations we should consult that we may not have contacted already.

A summary of issues raised and how they have been addressed will be included in our report (comments will remain anonymous). All reports will be publicly available on the FSC® online database (www.info.fsc.org) or on the Soil Association website within 3 months of a certification decision (with the exception of reports from Pre-Assessments which do not result in certification). Would you like:

- To arrange to meet/speak with an auditor? YES / NO
- Us to keep your comments confidential? YES / NO
- To receive a direct written response? YES / NO
- To be consulted in the future about Coillte Teoranta - The Irish Forestry Board? YES / NO

Do you have any suggested modifications which you would like to be considered in the next revision of the Standard?

Woodmark's Policy for Stakeholder Engagement (IP-FM-006) is available on our website. We endeavor to operate an open and effective forest certification system and will do our best to address any concerns raised in a satisfactory and timely manner. However, if you wish to make use of our complaints and dispute resolution system please follow guidance within 'Woodmark Dispute Resolution Procedures' (IP-GEN-004). If you are not satisfied with action taken through this system, you can take your concern to FSC for their consideration.



Consultation Feedback Guidance



The Forest Stewardship Council® (FSC®) is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that has developed internationally-recognised Standards for forest management encompassing managerial as well as legal, environmental and social requirements. Forest managers meeting the requirements of FSC Standards are allowed to sell their products as FSC certified; enabling businesses and consumers to easily identify responsibly sourced forest products. More information about FSC is available here: www.fsc.org. Soil Association's FSC licence code is FSC-A000525.

Soil Association Woodmark is accredited by FSC to assess forest managers using FSC Standards; and by UKAS to assess against PEFC standards in certain countries. More information about Woodmark is available here: www.sacert.org/woodmark. Before making site visits we contact a range of individuals and organisations that may wish to comment on a forest manager's activities.

Positive feedback from stakeholders is always welcome. However, it is most important that we are made aware of any concerns so that these can be investigated. Our consultation with you should not replace any communication which may normally take place between yourself and the forest manager – you should raise your concerns with the forest manager first as issues can often be resolved if forest managers are aware of them. If you are unable to do this please let us know your rationale. A summary of issues raised and how they have been addressed will be included in our audit report (all reference to specific consultees will be excluded from the report). Examples of specific issues we are interested in are listed below.

Statutory bodies – are you aware of any of the following;

- Outstanding claims of legal non-compliance? Or evidence that the relevant codes of practice, guidelines and agreements are not being followed?
- Problems with consultation on revisions to management plans?
- Inadequate consultation regarding sites and features of special cultural significance?
- Significant negative environmental impact resulting from forest management?

Individuals and organisations - are you aware of any of the following;

- Problems with existing permissive or traditional forest uses?
- Unreasonable refusal of access?
- Problems regarding hunting?
- Outstanding disputes over the conversion of forest land?
- Evidence that legal or customary tenure or use rights of local communities are not sustained?
- Lack of reasonable effort to employ and train, workers from local communities?
- Cases when employees have been deterred from joining unions or negotiating collectively?
- Indigenous or traditional peoples living in or near the forest area?
- Local communities who rely on the forest for subsistence needs?