

## Appendix 6: Citizen Space consultation record with FC response

### Summary of Responses

Overall we had 20 responses to this consultation. The table below gives a summary of what most people found to be of high significance through to very insignificant. Whilst 40% of people agreed that the plan achieved a balance of social/economic and Environmental needs 50% of people thought it did not and 9% gave no answer.

Context	Very Important	Important	Insignificant	Very Insignificant	Not Applicable	Not Answered
Biodiversity and Woodland Ecology	59	27	4	0	0	9
Communities and People	31	50	4	0	4	9
Climate Change	31	27	27	0	4	9
Forest Products and Services	18	31	27	13	0	9
Forest Protection	50	22	13	4	0	9
Income and Employment	27	36	13	13	0	9
Recreation and Access	45	40	4	0	0	9
Addressing your needs and interests	18	22	27	22	0	9

### FC Responses to Respondents

Consultee Type	Consultee	Citizen Space consultation invite sent	Citizen Space invite received	Citizen Space invite read	Citizen Space Response received	
Statutory	Field Manager, Forestry Commission	11th July 2016	11/07/16	11/07/16	NONE	
	Woodland Officer, Forestry Commission, Worcestershire	11th July 2016	11/07/16	11/07/16	NONE	
	Woodland Officer, Forestry Commission, Shropshire	11th July 2016	11/07/16		NONE	
	Historic Environment Adviser, Forestry Commission	11th July 2016	11/07/16		NONE	
	Land Management and Conservation Advisor, Natural England	11th July 2016	12/07/16		NONE	
	Senior Advisor, NNRs, Natural England	11th July 2016	12/07/16		NONE	
	Senior Specialist, Woodlands and Forestry, Natural England	11th July 2016	12/07/16	19/07/16	NONE	
	Senior Specialist, Climate Change, Natural England	11th July 2016	12/07/16		NONE	
	<b>Historic Environment Advisor, Worcestershire County Council</b> (Response 20)	11th July 2016	12/07/16	12/07/16	22/08/2016	Amendments to text have been made as requested
	Principal Biodiversity /landscape Officer, Worcestershire county Council	11th July 2016	12/07/16		NONE	
	Clerk to Kinlet Parish Council	11th July 2016	12/07/16		NONE	
	Clerk to Upper Arley Parish Council	11th July 2016	12/07/16		NONE	
	Clerk to Rock Parish Council	11th July 2016	12/07/16		NONE	
	Conservation Officer Wyre Forest District Council	11th July 2016	12/07/16		NONE	
Assistant Clerk to Bewdley Town Council	11th July 2016	12/07/16	12/07/16	NONE		
Clerk to Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council Cleoburycountry.com	11th July 2016 ----	12/07/16 ----	??? 12/07/16	NONE		

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Non-Government Organisations	<b>The Woodland Trust</b> (Response 15)	11th July 2016	12/07/16	12/07/16	18/08/2016
		The main area of concern is over the sourcing of planting stock and the genetic make-up of that stock, whether we use local or non-local seed. FC policy is to try to ensure resilient woodlands into the future that are both adapted for climate change and have greater resilience against the potential threats of pests and disease. The issue is one of provenance. The plan currently states that inside SSSI areas provenances will be from local registered seed sources and on non SSSI ground provenance can be from further afield to meet climate proofing needs. Subject to funding it is hoped that we will be able to further explore through research, the genetic makeup of the principle tree species of the Wyre. Subject to nursery stock availability and time scales required we may explore the use of local provenances across a wider area at some point in the future.			
	Senior Research Fellow - BTO	11th July 2016	12/07/16		NONE
	Head of Conservation, Epping Forest – City of London Corp.	11th July 2016	12/07/16	12/07/16	NONE
	<b>Butterfly Conservation</b> (Response 11)	11th July 2016	12/07/16	12/07/16	13/08/2016
		A detailed analysis of the plan's credence to ecology in relation to habitat proposals and butterfly populations. - FC and NE welcome the broadly positive results provided by BC. Many of the points raised will be covered by the more detailed operational site planning that is carried out prior to all woodland management operations. During this stage, BC will be consulted, to ensure their concerns are taken into account and we look forward to working closely with BC throughout the delivery of the plan. Some changes to the text have been made as a result of BC's comments.			
	<b>Worcestershire Wildlife Trust</b> (Response 10 & 19)	11th July 2016	12/07/16		08/08/2016
		Nice to see that recognition has been given to the fact that the Wyre Forest has a valued part to play across the spectrum of ways in which society uses the forest and that the respondent feels an effort has been made to realise these values and uses within the plan. In a new approach the FC and NE will be working in partnership and welcomes the broadly positive comments from BC and understands concerns over the economics of delivering such an ambitious plan that will be delivered via a various funding sources. This is something the Wyre Forest Landscape Partnership is exploring in more detail together with the wider issue of further developing local markets and contractor bases over the coming months.			
	<b>Shropshire Wildlife Trust</b> (Response 17)	11th July 2016	12/07/16		19/08/2016
		FC and NE thank SWT for their positive support.			
<b>Senior Conservation Planner RSPB</b> (Response 16)	11th July 2016	12/07/16		Mike Shurmer 18/08/2016	
	Areas of conifer will still be present, predominantly Douglas Fir and focused around the Callow Hill complex and New Parks area. It is likely that these areas will be a mixture of broadleaf and well thinned conifer providing a diversity of habitats and enhanced aesthetic landscape value to all visitors.				

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Others	Central Ecology	11th July 2016	12/07/16		NONE
	<b>Woodland Ecologist</b> (response 3)	11th July 2016	12/07/16		18th July 2016
		<p>The main focus of the response was questioning the reduction of beech and sycamore (which could be considered by many to be honorary natives) from the Wyre Forest Partnership Beech whilst favouring small-leaved lime and hornbeam (which are not necessarily native to the Wyre). Currently beech occupies large areas of the Wyre Forest Management Area, often existing as a monoculture and shading out other shrubs, trees and ground flora whilst sycamore is often prevalent in some of the more minimum intervention sites and rapidly colonising others. The aim of the plan is not to eradicate these species from the management area, but rather to redistribute them so they form less of a monoculture and more of a component within a diverse, well-structured woodland that is more resilient to climate change and more attractive to the range of species that are present within the Wyre. Enrichment planting with a range of species including hornbeam and small-leaved lime is being carried out with this objective in mind. To achieve these aims in some areas, thinning has been favoured over clearfelling and presents the best method of risk management posed by disease and climate change whilst retaining diversity.</p>			
	Swift Ecology	11th July 2016	12/07/16	12/07/16	NONE
	Wyre Forest Study Group	11th July 2016	12/07/16		NONE
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Others	<b>Members of Public</b> (Response 1 & 2)	N/A	N/A	N/A	13/07/16
		The response makes some valid points such as the pressures that wild riding can have on the wider ecological condition of the forest. E.g. soil quality, compaction, erosion and plant ecology. The Recreation team is currently working on a Recreation strategy that should address how the Wyre Forest may be developed in the future.			
	<b>Members of Public</b> (Response 4 , 6 and 8)	N/A	N/A	N/A	27/07/16
		The FC Recreation team is currently working on a recreation strategy that should address how the Wyre Forest may be developed in the future, with a focus on Callow Hill for any future development.			
	<b>British Horse Society</b> (Response 5)	N/A	N/A	N/A	27/07/2016
	The FC Recreation team is currently working on a recreation strategy that should address how the Wyre Forest may be developed in the future				
	<b>Member of Public</b> (Response 7)	N/A	N/A	N/A	27/07/2016
	<p><b>REF to rides</b> - It is hoped the long term gain for PBF and other Lepidoptera, wildlife and flora will far outweigh any short term inconvenience caused during any works to create the ride structure that the plan mentions. / <b>REF to 3.7 Open Habitats and scrub</b> - Open habitat is an important component of any landscape. The habitat that is proposed to be created is priority habitat and is targeting lowland heath &amp; adds whilst adding diversity and structure to the existing woodland. Some open habitat will have a component of tree cover anyway and that will increase the amount of woodland edge available too. / <b>REF to tourism</b> - the FC recreation department is currently working on a recreation strategy that should address how the Wyre Forest may be developed in the future, with a focus on Callow Hill for any future development. / <b>REF to 3.1 ponds and streams</b> - The suggestion is that by invitation of experts and specialists to make studies of the area, we are in a better position, complemented by the Wyre Study Group, Wyre Forest &amp; Worc. Biological Records Centre data, to make informed decisions about how to maximise the existing wet habitats to their fullest for the benefit of local wildlife./ <b>REF to funding</b> - The project is a joint partnership project between the Forestry Commission and Natural England whose joint resources will be supported by volunteers, community projects and schemes as well as external funding, all of which will bring multi-level, multi-tiered benefits to Nature, Society and Economy. The proposal for the Trust mentioned would certainly be a good way to support the plan's objectives. / <b>REF to the Forest/ NNR Plan and felling in last paragraph</b> - The woodlands are managed to a sustainable standard and for FC landholding this means management in line with UKWAS to which FC is certificated and Forest Plans are the vehicle that enables this to be done. (For NE landholding similar level of high standards of management ensures sustainability.)</p>				
	<b>Member of Public</b> (Response12)	N/A	N/A	N/A	14/08/2016
	Plan proposals and implementation of the plan have been carefully phased over a 10 year period. It aims to ensure habitats and populations of flora and fauna are encouraged to spread, securing and enhancing the wildlife of the Wyre through increased diversification and connection of key habitats. Large areas of the forest will be managed as minimum intervention over the course of the ten year plan and into the future ensuring many parts of the forest remain undisturbed.				

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Others	<b>Members of Public</b> (Response13)	N/A	N/A	N/A	17/08/2016
	The Plan addresses all of these concerns				
	<b>Members of Public</b> (Response14)	N/A	N/A	N/A	25/08/2016
		Valid concerns raised over funding for the management and upkeep of proposed open habitat creation and whether they are meeting management objectives or not. Monitoring of the site against objectives therefore will be the key under this new plan. We as a partnership understand the concerns raised. The partnership approach is one where by the FC will be focusing on the Forestry aspects and NE on the long-term open habitat management using local contractors with specialist equipment, grazing and volunteers.			
	<b>Members of Public</b> (Response18)	N/A	N/A	N/A	22/08/2016
		<p><b>From:</b> Joyce, Julie <b>On Behalf Of</b> West England  <b>Sent:</b> 06 September 2016 11.39  <b>To:</b> Raymond-Barker, Fran  <b>Subject:</b> RE: forest proposals to Fran Raymond-Barker</p> <p>Hi Fran, We have had no reply or feedback from this proposal. As we could not open her emails or attachments that she sent on the 20<sup>th</sup> August.</p> <p><b>Sent:</b> 22 August 2016 13:59  <b>Subject:</b> RE: forest proposals to Fran Raymond-Barker</p> <p>Hello Gail, Would you please be able to send your emails and attachments again, as we are unable to open them in a file .ODT. Also could you please put a message if one is needed. I will then be able to pass it to Fran for you.</p> <p>Many thanks  West England Forest District</p>			