

Draft Tier Two Environmental Conditions

Water Vole: The Licence Holder must:

- Not operate or move heavy plant machinery (including harvesters/forwarders etc) within 5m of the top of the bank and 10m between March to October
- Not stack timber within 10m of the top of the bank
- Not damage vegetation within 5m of the top of the bank anywhere within area of works
- Not create a new watercourse crossing within 10m of water vole burrows, as determined by a survey carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced individual.
- If you are going to create a new watercourse crossing you will need to have a survey carried out by a suitably qualified and experienced individual to ensure that you are not within 10m of water vole burrow.

Red Squirrels: The Licence Holder must

- not carry out felling operations between 1st February to 30th September, when young are in the dreys (nest)
- ensure that the direction of felling operations allows movement of red squirrels into retained woodland habitat
- maintain connectivity through the retained tree canopy to enable squirrel movement through the woodland landscape.
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Ancient Woodlands –

For all Ancient woodland sites recorded on the Ancient Woodland Inventory the licence holder must:

- Not use chemicals – with no broadcast spraying of herbicide. Exception: only stem injection or spot spraying on invasive non-native species
- Not undertake any burning on site unless a written application is made to NRW

The licence holder must identify, protect and maintain remnant features (Remnant features to include : veteran trees/coppice stools/hedge banks and Ancient Woodland flora).

The licence holder must take all reasonable steps and opportunities to minimise the number of new extraction/access routes to minimise ground damage.

The Licence holder should time felling operations for Ancient semi-natural woodlands and Restored ancient woodlands sites between 1st September to 1st March unless site specific ground conditions do not allow it.