

When we may need to consider revoking a Felling Licence

We may revoke a Felling Licence if we have reason to believe that this is necessary to prevent or minimise harm to the environment or to any living thing and we consider this harm cannot be prevented or minimised by amending or suspending the Felling Licence. This may be if we have reason to believe that there has been a breach of the conditions, breach of legislation, or where new sensitivities are identified on the site after the issuing of the permission.

Where we revoke a licence, removing felling privileges conditions relating to felling work that has already been carried out will remain in place, for example the obligation to restock any felled areas.

When we may look to revoke the Felling Licence:

- The felling licence holder is unable to provide a clear plan for addressing the requirements of the amendment or suspension notice and/or
- Where the Felling Licence holder has not made sufficient or appropriate steps to resolve issues identified by NRW
- there is a continuing risk of significant harm to the environment e.g. pollution,
- or there are continued breaches of licence conditions,
- where the ability to amend or suspend a felling licence is not sufficient to mitigate the environmental harm that is being caused or likely to be caused by the activity

Ahead of considering revocation we will

- Make all efforts to meet with and hold discussions with the Applicant/Landowner
- Depending on the urgency of the situation we will consult with our Legal team before serving the notice, the details of which may not be made publicly available.
- Set out our clear reasons why this was the only course of action available to prevent environmental harm

We will issue a notice which will set out our reasons for revoking the Felling Licence and will specify the date on which it will take effect.

As this notice revokes your permission to fell, any felling that is carried out from the date of issue of the notice will be treated as an offence. You can appeal our decision to revoke your Felling Licence.