

Eryri Consultation

Responses

From the online consultation hub we received a total of 8 responses all received within the English consultation platform.

Several comments were made away from the Eryri Forest Plan and have been passed on to other teams within NRW.

Majority of the comments were around the smaller woodlands of Coed Eyr, Cae Dafydd, Dolfriog and Hafod Y Wern. These comments included.

- Pleased to see that there is a move towards Ancient Woodland Restoration.
- Further clarity is needed over strategies to move towards Ancient Woodland.
- Better explanation of Map keys and easier downloads needed from the consultation hub platform.
- Disappointment over clear-felling dates in Hafod Y Wern after storm damage.
- Need to clear footpaths better after storm damage.
- Concern over water supplies within forest areas.
- Pleased to see that there is work to look at improving recreational value of the forest.

All of these comments have been noted, and passed on to the relevant NRW teams.

Work towards Ancient woodland is based on site by site decisions that are made by the operations team. Where possible clearfelling will be avoided although this may be quicker it is likely to damage remnant species. The preferred choice is smaller thinning operations, to gradually transform the sites. Depending on the current condition of the site these transformations can take decades to complete.

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Current operations in Hafod Y Wern are due to start shortly, although these will be to clear the upper section first, as the site sits above the Gwyfrai Special Area of Conservation, the volume of felling needs to be limited to reduce pulses of sediment being released into the rivers. This also leads into water supplies that are abstracted from the forest areas, water management plans will be drafted at the coupe stage, which will help minimise any changes in water flow. Development of Riparian areas around waterways will over time improve both water quality and minimise flood risks over time.