Subject Timber Transport In Ennerdale Valley

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Please find attached a complaint on behalf of The Ennerdale and Kinniside Parish Council.

A meeting was held in the Gather for the Forestry England (Gareth Browning/Peter Fox) to present the current position of the Phytophthora Ramorum Larch disease and the need for timber Operation in 2022 to the Parish Council and public.

Concerns were raised that there are fundamental problems with how Forestry England transport timber from the Forest at Bowness Knott to the A5086 on the public road network on consultation and severely restricted routes and how this goes against the governing regulations and guidance for timber transport on the public highway.

Gareth Browning stated that there are no issues with the timber transport operations as he has an Agreed Route Agreement for Timber haulage along these roads with Highways, the Parish Council, and other Local Authorities.

This was challenged as there is no record of a Consultation Route Agreement, consultation with the Parish Council (Local Authority) has not been held and a copy of the agreed Consultation route agreement was requested to be provided by Gareth Browning. We have no record of the Consultation Route Agreement for the Transport of Timber from Bowness Knott to A5086.

There is no agreed Consultation Route Agreement and no consultation been held between Forestry England and the Local Authority's, Ennerdale and Kinniside Parish Council, County Highways, Traffic Police and Environment Agency.

The recommendation to resolve the issue of not having an agreed Consultation route agreement is to have consultation with Forestry England and all the Local Authority's (Ennerdale and Kinniside Parish Council, County Highways, Traffic Police and Environment Agency) to get an agreed Consultation Route Agreement on the timber transport on these consultation and severely restricted routes.

This is the Ennerdale and Kinniside Parish Councils complaint.

Can you send on return the Complaint reference number and procedures and timescales for addressing complaints.

Best Regards

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