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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Agroforestry

Thank you for your request for information of 10th February about agroforestry. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

We enclose a copy of the information you requested.

I would like to clarify that after compiling the first draft of the Agroforestry Review, it became clear that the review required a greater degree of input and research and potentially consultation prior to release. Due to other priorities this was not taken forward.

The UK has voted to leave the EU and we are in the process of developing a new agricultural policy which will be underpinned by payment of public money for the provision of environmental public goods. We therefore have no plans to resume work on finalising this specific report and are releasing it as a draft that has not been subject to Defra's internal quality assurance processes. However, what has been learnt from the review will be taken into consideration as we formulate and design the new system of Environmental Land Management.

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We attach Annex A, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you, and Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely



Annex A

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