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**RE: Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Dear James,

Thank you for your request for information in relation to Forest Service land which is for sale or likely to be offered for sale.

I wish to advise that this Department has completed its search and can confirm the Department holds the information requested.

For background, this Department's forested lands are sustainably managed in line with the Forestry Act (NI) 2010. Consequently, DAERA Forest Service do not routinely advertise land for sale.

Government procedures are in place which govern the disposal of any surplus public land. Departments are required to ascertain any wider public interest in the asset within the public sector prior to any disposal through external market procedures.

In response to your specific question relating to forested land currently for sale or in the future, I can confirm that Forest Service has a parcel of land in the disposal process, having been advertised for sale in October 2020, and sale agreed in March 2021, and now at contract completion stage. Forest Service has no plans to advertise any other land for sale at this time.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

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If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

Issued on behalf of the Department