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Public Inquiry

Session 3 Replacement program for trees to be felled

Alliance has sought my views on the replacement criteria

Its impossible to replace ancient woodlands. Trees planted now will take 100 years or more to become mature.

The largest trees that can be planted are 'semi-mature' and are about 25-30Ft high. They should be planted at a minimum of 5 for 1 to allow for losses during the 100 years it will take for them to grow to maturity. Losses will be much greater on the upland areas.

They should be maintained for at least 5 years and any that die should be replaced.

The trees planted in the valley would be easier to establish and would grow quicker.

The Norway Spruce should be replaced with native conifers.

The Black Poplar should be replaced with 100 large cuttings as there may only be a 10% success rate.

The veteran Oak should be replaced by at least 10 semi mature trees.

The hedgerows should be replaced by ready grown hedge units 1.5metres tall.

The oak to be pruned back from 17metres to 9metres will probably survive but would look very ugly for a long time. I would suggest that 10 semi-mature trees be planted to compensate.

Regards

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