Appendix II

Environmental Regulation, Designated Areas, and the Historic Environment

1. Environmental Regulation

Afforestation, deforestation, forest road works and forest quarry works are subject to regulation under the Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006, as amended under the Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017. Thresholds beyond which projects must be screened are determined by the type of project and existence of a designation, as listed in Schedule 2 of the 2006 Regulations.

In areas designated as Special Area of Conservation (SAC) or Special Protection Area (SPA), management plans and, where necessary, operational plans in connection with forestry or recreational activities, are subject to regulation under the Conservation (Natural Habitats *etc.*) (Northern Ireland) Regulations (as amended), commonly referred to as the Habitats Regulations. Operational plans for forest management activities in Areas of Special Scientific Interest (ASSI) are subject to regulation under the Environment Order (Northern Ireland).

Nature Reserves (NR) and National Nature Reserves (NNR) are declared under the Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands Order (Northern Ireland) 1985, and are managed in accordance with a management plan.

2. Designated areas

Forestry land is designated under the Habitats Regulations, the Environment Order, and the Nature Conservation and Amenity Lands Order (Northern Ireland) 1985. Forestry land may also include Sites of Local Nature Conservation Importance (SLNCI), which are local areas designated by Councils under the Strategic Planning Statement (SPPS) for Northern Ireland, and Planning Policy Statement (PPS) 2: Natural Heritage. Designated areas adjacent to and on land managed by Forest Service are shown in Table 1.

Table 1
Designated areas adjacent to and including Forest Service land.

Designated site or area	Designation type	Forest adjacent or included within
Ring of Gullion	AONB	Camlough
		Fathom
		Slieve Gullion
Slieve Gullion	SAC	Camlough
		Slieve Gullion
Cam Lough	ASSI	Camlough
Carlingford Lough	ASSI	Fathom
Clermont and Anglesey Mountain	ASSI	Fathom
Fathom Upper	ASSI	Fathom
Glendesha	ASSI	Slieve Gullion
Mullaghbane	ASSI	Slieve Gullion
Slieve Gullion	ASSI	Slieve Gullion
		Camlough
Straghans Lough	ASSI	Carnagh
Aghmakane Fen South	SLNCI	Camlough
Anglesey Mountain	SLNCI	Fathom
Aughadanove	SLNCI	Slieve Gullion
Ballymacdermot Mountain	SLNCI	Camlough
Cam Lough Mountain	SLNCI	Camlough

Carnagh Lake and Forest	SLNCI	Carnagh
Clay Lake	SLNCI	Carnagh
Clontygora	SLNCI	Fathom
Crosslieve	SLNCI	Slieve Gullion
Cully Water/Ummercam River	SLNCI	Cold Brae
Fathom Lower Woods and grasslands	SLNCI	Fathom
Flagstaff	SLNCI	Fathom
Glendesha	SLNCI	Slieve Gullion
Gosford Forest Park	SLNCI	Gosford
Hawthorn Hill	SLNCI	Slieve Gullion
Hawthorn Hill Upper	SLNCI	Slieve Gullion
Lough Road Fen	SLNCI	Slieve Gullion
Loughgall Lake	SLNCI	Loughgall
Mullaghbane Mountain	SLNCI	Slieve Gullion
Mullaghbane	SLNCI	Slieve Gullion
Slievegullion grassland	SLNCI	Slieve Gullion
Tievecrom	SLNCI	Slieve Gullion

Woodland is a main component in some designated areas including Slieve Gullion Forest. However, for others, although forestry isn't a main component they are located in areas which are highly modified by afforestation, such as Clermont & Anglesey Mountain ASSI.

3. Forests and the Historic Environment

Forests and woodland often include historic sites, such as earthworks, ruined structures and buried archaeological features. These may be designated as state care or scheduled sites and monuments, or they may be non-scheduled. Features listed in the Northern Ireland Sites and Monuments Record (NISMR) that are located in forests or within 50m of forest boundaries are shown in Table 2. Some Forest Service forests include areas of historic parks, gardens and demesnes,including Gosford Castle and The Manor House, Loughgall.

Table 2
State-care, scheduled and non-scheduled historic sites and monuments located in or near forest boundary (within 50m).

Forest	Townland	Type	Protection	Location
Ballymoyer	Cavankill	Souterrain	Non-scheduled	Near forest
Camlough	Ballymacdermot	Court tomb	State care and Scheduled	Near forest
	Derry More	A.P. site*	Non-scheduled	Near forest
Carnagh	Crossnenagh	Folklore site - boulder	Non-scheduled	In forest
Fathom	Clontygora	Megalithic tomb (prehistoric)	Scheduled	In forest
Gosford	Ballyanny	Rath	Non-scheduled	Near forest
	Gosford Demense	Crunaght fort: Rath	Non-scheduled	In forest
	Gosford Demense	Enclosure	Non-scheduled	In forest
	Gosford Demense	Enclosure	Non-scheduled	In forest
	Gosford Demense	Gosford Castle (fortification)	Non-scheduled	In forest
	Gosford Demense	Greer's Fort: Rath	Scheduled	In forest
	Gosford Demense	Swift's Well, St Patrick's Well: Holy well	Non-scheduled	In forest

Loughgall	Ballytyrone	Crannóg	Scheduled	Near forest
	Ballytyrone	Drumilly Bawn, walled garden: Enclosure	Non-scheduled	Near forest
	Loughgall	Bawn and settlement site	Non-scheduled	In forest
Slieve Gullion	Ballard, Slieve Gullion	Multiple-cist cairn: North cairn	State care	In forest
	Carrickastickan	Large enclosure and cairn: Forkhill Mountain	Scheduled	In forest
	Carrickastickan	Rath	Non-scheduled	Near forest
	Carrickbroad	Round cairn with cist: Cofracloghy	Scheduled	In forest
	Carrickbroad	Rath	Scheduled	In forest
	Longfield	Enclosure	Non-scheduled	Near forest
	Shean	Souterrain (unlocated)	Non-scheduled	In forest
	Slieve Gullion	Passage tomb: south cairn, Calliagh Berra's House	State care	In forest
	Tievecrom	Cashel	Non-scheduled	In forest
The Fews	Clady Beg	Cairn: The Green Height	Non-scheduled	In forest
	Tullyvallen	Three cairns	Non-scheduled	In forest

*Unverified site identified by aerial photography