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# **Project Woodland**

## **Project Board**

## **Interim Report #3**

**December 2021**

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## INTRODUCTION

The Project Board is pleased to present its third Interim Report covering the continued implementation of Project Woodland. The purpose is to give feedback from the Board across the whole scope of Project Woodland, to keep Working Groups and all stakeholders apprised of developments, and to inform and make recommendations to the Minister on next steps. Transparency and openness are the hallmark of this process. The Project Board recognises all feedback received on its previous report.

This report (a) **highlights progress against the MacKinnon/O'Hara reports**, and (b) provides **updates, as previously, on recommendations** submitted to the Board by the four working groups.

## NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

There has been notable progress on the implementation of Project Woodland including the appointment in November of a new Director of Forestry (Barry Delany) :

- **Working Group 1** (Backlog) - Licencing output increased significantly, with weekly licence numbers consistently exceeding 100, but afforestation licencing still lagging. Backlog starting to shrink; Further Business Analysis report due in January.
- **Working Group 2** (Vision) – agreed draft vision with great input from across the project; public attitudes survey complete; tender for deliberative dialogue issued; outline structure for strategy agreed with PB, with planning advanced for broader communications engagement strategy in New Year.
- **Working Group 3 (Organisation)** – Training Needs Analysis (TNA) and organisational review specification agreed, with quotations for analysis invited.
- **Working Group 4** (Process) – Legal and Regulatory Review commenced with strong, regular input from WG4 (and all other Groups; Pilot scheme for PAD agreed and starting to be implemented; further work needed to address significant WG concerns re Environment Grant, but DAFM and Project Board are keen to get moving on a pilot to ensure early delivery of payments to applicants

## LICENSING OUTPUTS

Building on the recommendations of WG1, and with DAFM's deployment of additional resourcing within the licencing teams, and some streamlining of processes, there have been significant improvements in licencing output. As of **December 10th**, there were **4,907** licences

due for processing of which **3,701** (“the backlog”) were older than 120 days. By comparison, 3 months earlier on September 10th, the number due for processing was **5,880** of which **5,022** were older than 120 days. The Board is monitoring outputs across all categories using the updated dashboard information as developed by WG1 and, while welcoming the progress, emphasises that sustained effort and further improvement is needed – particularly with regards to afforestation approvals. Alongside Project Woodland, DAFM have invested in resources and continual improvement which has had a positive impact with a significant increase in licence output in recent months, **with a total of 4,013 licences issued to 17th December**, to meet the revised target of 4,000 licences by year end which will be a 60% increase on last year. Furthermore, the road licencing output for this year will be double the target set for us in the Climate Action Plan. The volume of timber licenced will be 8 million M<sup>3</sup> this year. This is 60% higher than last year and the highest volume ever licenced in a single year.

**The 2022 Licence plan will issue very early 2022, looking to increase output for all categories but with a particular focus on afforestation**

#### **LEVEL OF COMMITMENT BY WORKING GROUPS**

The Board acknowledges the very substantial depth and breadth of work across all Working Groups since inception. We acknowledge the detailed contribution of all stakeholders to this process and are greatly encouraged by the sustained commitment. We recognise that the scope and scale of the work is considerable and that the timescale to deliver on the project objectives is necessarily extended. However, as we approach the end of 2021, a substantial body of work has been mobilised which with continued collaboration will deliver on our project objectives in 2022.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DAFM STAFF**

We also want to again acknowledge the enormous and ongoing commitment of DAFM staff working on forestry policy and operations around Ireland and recognise that their contribution to Project Woodland reforms comes in addition to their regular workload. We are confident that the changes that are needed will be achieved through the dedication and diligence of the staff and their willingness to implement new procedures as they arise from the project. DAFM Secretary-General and Working Group Chairs acknowledged staff commitment during a well-attended recent seminar for all staff.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board is committed to open and meaningful communication with the Working Groups, stakeholder organisations (including the wider public) and with the Forest Policy Group. The Board has engaged in bilaterals with each of the four Working Groups and has engaged in detailed discussions with each Working Group Chair as papers and recommendations have been submitted. This is serving to align objectives and ensure that all stakeholder views are feeding into the decision-making process. These bilateral meetings will continue to be an important factor in our future work. A strategic plan for wider Project Woodlands communications (and forestry in general) is being developed urgently with the assistance of DAFM Communications staff. The PB now recognises this as a critical element to enable the broader sectoral and societal engagement in the finalisation of the Vision and Strategy and in advancing a shared understanding on the future structures and regulatory framework that will enable a sustainable and successful forestry development. The Board has therefore asked DAFM to escalate action on communications and to rapidly develop and implement a more co-ordinated communications plan for the project.

## MACKINNON/O'HARA RECOMMENDATIONS

Status		
Rec ID	Mackinnon/O'Hara Recommendation	Summary Status
No 2 - WG1	Eliminate backlog	The volume of licenses on hand for processing continues to reduce Currently seeking to assess impacts on backlog(s) of process evolutions in Ecology sections. There has been a reduction of 1,324 in felling applications considered to be in the 120-days+ backlog between September 10 <sup>th</sup> and December 10 <sup>th</sup> : Afforestation licensing continues to be slower than expected (see graphs in Annex) and this needs to be addressed
No 23 - WG1	Explore Potential for single consent associated with a management plan	LRR <sup>1</sup> evaluating possibility of single consent scheme within the current legal and regulatory framework with final report due in February
No 16 - WG2	Need for greater commitment by all to partnership working	On-going - the process is being used to help build a partnership and collaborative culture with stakeholders (FPG) , NGOs, public and State
No 21 -WG2	Pilot studies on land availability, including the potential for woodland creation on areas of unenclosed land	Overall land use study not directly part of Project Woodland. A parallel national land use study is underway led by DECC and DAFM with input from the EPA. Will need public consultation in 2022. The Board will table for discussion early in 2022.
No 1 - WG2	Raise the political profile and commitment to woodland creation	Will be helped by the public and stakeholder engagement phase now commencing Climate Action Plan 2021 highlights national importance of forestry and woodland creation Commenced engagement bilaterals at end November. Forestry is now seen as a crucial element in responding to climate change with a target of 8000 ha plus supporting actions set out in the Climate Action Plan, which has broad political support. The public and stakeholder engagement processes for the vision and strategy work will help build a more positive narrative about forestry which should, in turn, assist with achieving more political and wider stakeholder buy in.
No 12 -WG2	Prepare new Forestry Strategy for Ireland	This is a core task of WG2 - on-schedule delivery targets April 2022

<sup>1</sup> Legal & Regulatory Review

		<p>Bidder selected for SEA/AA forestry programme and strategy</p> <p>Extensive public consultation planned Q1/2022. Public attitude survey due to report in December. Youth dialogue forum commences January 2022 with Foróige - Youth Focus Group</p>
No 13 - WG2	Ensure all State Bodies play their part in implementing the Strategy	<p>Other Agencies external to DAFM particularly EPA and NPWS are core members of the Forestry Policy Group. Will commence once draft strategy is available - strategy creation process designed to assist with coalition building.</p> <p>Bilateral consultation in formation of strategy with relevant state bodies to commence by Q1 2022.</p>
No 14 - WG2	Establish an Irish Forestry Standard	Not yet commenced - role of WG and sequencing will need to be clarified on this significant body of work. The Board will decide if this can be achieved during 2022.
No 17 - WG3	Raise awareness of value of woodland creation and a vibrant forest industry	<p>39 Woodland Support Projects, approved in 2021, with a total fund of €1.4m for 2021/2022</p> <p>Communication Strategy under development for early January which will be proposed to the Board, led by DAFM Head of Communications – including an engagement plan for Q1 2022, involvement of the Minister, Oireachtas engagement, digital/social strategy and resources plan.</p>
No 18 - WG3	Take stock of the multiplicity of campaigns and initiatives to promote woodland creation	Mapping of current communications and promotions activity, including a gap analysis to be finalised
No 9 - WG3	Recruit additional inspectors and environmental specialists	<p>DAFM has recruited additional staff and seeks further ecologists (tender being prepared). Tender replies can be made by companies offering more than one ecologist as part of a team (no limit on the number of ecologists per team) or by individual ecologists operating as sole traders. Contracts may be awarded up to a maximum of 15 Lots. Contracts will be offered for 1 year with 3 possible extensions of 1 year each. The number of contracts that may be awarded will be based on the value of each reply and their position on the order of merit and when the cumulative value of contracts awarded from this order of merit reaches €8m</p> <p>The DAFM Organisational Review will assess capabilities including resources.</p>
No 10 - WG3	Introduce genuine KPIs	This will be revisited in final Customer Charter – envisages a profile of applications against timelines in Charter. WG3 developing 5 key KPIs to measure and report progress
No 11 - WG3	Develop a Customer Service Charter	<p>Finalisation to await outcome of process and legislative reviews.</p> <p>LRR to consider introduction of Statutory Timelines into licensing process.</p>

No 15 - WG3	Raise the status and profile of the inspectorate	Issues of culture being dealt with under DAFM Organisational Review - see Item No.9
No 19 - WG3	Review Education and training of forestry professionals	Training Needs Analysis specification agreed . Now seeking to go to tender for focused training needs.
No 3 - WG4	Introduce pre-application discussions with Issues / Action log	Pilot to commence in one area, followed by review after 3 months
No 4 - WG4	Environment report supported by Planning Grant	<p>DAFM advised WG4 that it intends to proceed to pay for an ecology report submitted with an afforestation application, when paying for the establishment of the plantation on a pilot basis. This is to support the applicant in the preparation of habitat maps or similar documents when an application is submitted on their behalf.</p> <p>Modifications to iFORIS have been assessed to take 6-7 weeks following decision and instructions to proceed.</p> <p>Working Group 4 has fed-back that the DAFM response does not address their concerns – in particular in relation to the timing of the payment and the amount of money on offer. PB regarded the need to develop a system to contribute to the costs of environmental reports as urgent. In those circumstances the PB has recommended that DAFM proceed with its proposal for a pilot in the short term, to ensure that applicants could benefit from the payment of an environmental grant as quickly as possible, but in parallel that it continues to explore the feasibility of developing a system along the lines of the WG 4 proposal.</p> <p>WG 4 has sought a further meeting with the PB.</p>
No 8 – WG4	Revise MoUs with NPWS and NMS	<p>Previous Referral Matrix as agreed with NPWS due a refresh to reflect SI 293</p> <p>Meetings held with NMS to discuss agreements</p>
No 5 - WG4	Address problems with poor quality applications	<p>Rec 19 (WG3), Rec 3(WG4) and Rec 4(WG4) are fundamental to improving quality</p> <p>Address the need to update Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) &amp; training</p> <p>Ongoing work is reflected in improved applications more recently</p>
No 6 - WG4	Develop guidance on Habitats Directive as it affects licensing applications	<p>Dependent on Rec 22</p> <p>Ongoing trade circulars, and engage with sector</p> <p>Private ecologist training was conducted Nov 30th</p>
No 7 - WG4	Discuss with the EC the impact of the Directives and woodland creation to support the Climate Action Plan	Not yet commenced
No 20 -WG4	Fee for submissions and appeals	Complete
No 22 - WG4	End to End Process review	<p>Business and systems analysis underway with second report due in early January.</p> <p>LRR underway (due end-February 2022)</p>



## WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

The following table summarises the present status of all recommendations received from Project Woodland working groups at mid-December 2021.

Working Group 1 – Proposals to deal with backlog of files			
Recommendation & O'Hara Ref.	PB Recommendations from July interim Report	Target Date	Status/Progress
WG1/01 Definition of Backlog  O'Hara 2	Board recommends that the Working Group considers refining the definition considering the pattern and nature of Coillte applications whether by number of licences or volume.		COMPLETE
WG1/02 Files started but not submitted by the applicant should be removed from the definition of applications on hand  O'Hara 2	Board recommends that DAFM establishes a timetable to identify these files, and that it should revert to the Project Board by end-September with a programme of action and the proposed timetable. The work of the Business Analyst on process review will generate process maps for all licencing process and sub-processes	31-Oct	<b><u>Complete</u></b>  In future incomplete files will be retained on the system as 'non-valid' files and reported separately, if required.  Consideration will be given to a regular review procedure.

WG1/03 Dedicated Team on Backlog Response	<p>Working Group to report to the Project Board on the outcome of its enquiries with other agencies.</p> <p>DAFM to report to the Project Board by date of next Board Meeting in September on the implementation of the streamlining with clearly defined metrics for the impact this will have on the backlog.</p> <p>DAFM through its systems analyst to finalise baseline licencing figures for work on hand by end-September.</p> <p>The triage team which DAFM has deployed to felling licences should be immediately used to similar effect on backlogged roads and afforestation licences and a report supplied to the Project Board by end-September.</p>		<p>The Group's recommendations led to a full triage exercise for all licences on hand to determine which ones are suitable for processing and which require further work by the applicant. This has worked well for felling and road files but afforestation being more complex is not as well advanced. A dedicated team is now in place to advance ecological assessment of afforestation files.</p> <p>As of <b>December 10th</b>, there were <b>4,907</b> licences due for processing of which <b>3,701</b> were older than 120 days. By comparison, 3 months earlier on September 10th, the number due for processing was <b>5,880 of which 5,022 were older than 120 days</b>.</p> <p>A team has been dedicated to pre-screening files to ensure ecological information is provided before being examined by ecologists. This process was implemented to streamline the ecology assessment process. Triage teams (inspectors) have completed felling, roads, and afforestation. DAFM now produces (based on WG1's work from a baseline) a comprehensive monthly statistical performance dashboard (see WG1/06)</p>
<p>WG1/04 15km AA Screening within 4 weeks of PB accepting recommendation and</p> <p>Review of requirement for legal</p>	An external regulatory review is being commissioned as referred to above which will incorporate this question.	<b>November 2021 to February 2022</b>	<p>The external review has commenced.</p> <p>The consultants will meet, inter alia, with DAFM, the Board and the Working Groups as well as undertaking a comparative analysis of the regulatory</p>



	provide inputs on Terms of Reference		
WG1/06 Monthly dashboard on applications received  O'Hara 2	DAFM to finalise the monthly dashboard for publication and circulation to all stakeholders by end-August. The format of the spreadsheet is being discussed with by WG1. The data presented needs to be clarified to ensure it is accurate and outlines the situation clearly & fairly.	<b>Oct 2021</b>	Format of monthly Dashboard was agreed with WG 1 and accepted by the Project Board.  DAFM will publish monthly to FPG.
WG1/07 IFORIS Re-write: Agree Timing  O'Hara 2	The Board requests a report from the systems analyst and DAFM on the current state of iForis and recommendations for the extent and timing of future work. Report to be delivered by end-October.	<b>Jan 15</b>	The full report is expected to be completed during <b>early January 2022</b>

## WG 2 – Future Vision for Irish Forestry including new National Forest Strategy

Recommendations & O'Hara Ref.	PB Recommendations from July interim Report	Target Date	Status/Progress
WG2/01 The WG recommended a plan for co-creation to development of a new National Vision by end-2021 and new National Forestry Strategy by May 2022  O'Hara 16,21,1,8,12,13,14,17,18	Minister has agreed the key elements of public and engagement process  DAFM team assigned to Phase 3 of Forest National Strategy	See Status/Progress	The Project Board has acknowledged substantial progress on the strategic vision and objectives developed by WG2 and has approved a series of public engagements for which procurement has commenced.  The draft shared national vision has been agreed by the Minister following consultation with the Forest Policy Group, the Project Board and DAFM staff and that the draft Vision is now ready to be put out for public and wider stakeholder consultation.
WG2/01 Continued	Public attitudes survey	<b>Nov 20th to Dec 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Public attitudes survey of 1,000 people has been completed by an independent polling company. Report expected in <b>December</b> .
WG2/01 Continued	Youth Engagements	<b>Jan 30th, 2022</b>	DAFM is engaging with Foróige, the leading youth development organisation, as part of the public consultation process for the development of a Forest Strategy for Ireland. Seeking the views of young people will be important in developing a shared vision. This engagement is expected in <b>January 2022</b> .

WG2/01 Continued	Tender for SEA/AA	<b>DONE</b>	A tender to conduct the SEA and AA for the Forest Strategy and the next Forestry Programme was published on etenders and successfully closed on <b>October 22nd</b> . A preferred tender has been selected and once standstill period has expired, contract will be awarded.
WG2/01 Continued	Tender for Deliberative Dialogue	<b>DONE</b>	A tender for carrying out a deliberative dialogue and public consultation attracted four 4 tenders. A preferred tender has been selected and contract offer will be made in December.
WG2/01 Continued	Update paper on Objectives, Values and Vision	<b>Oct 31st</b>	Papers circulated to the members of the Working Group. The Paper was also sent to both the Project Board and the FPG for Information and observations. All feedback currently being considered by WG 2
WG2/01 Continued	Paper on forming a strategy, guidelines and principles	<b>Nov 15th</b>	A draft paper is being prepared by Working Group 2 for Group discussion regarding the formation of a Strategy. This paper will form the basis for subsequent engagements with PB and FPG.
WG2/01 Continued	Bilateral Consultations	<b>Dec 2021 &amp; Through 2022</b>	DAFM have issued bilateral consultation letters to key stakeholders. Meetings scheduled for December and January 2022
WG2/01 Completed	Irish Rural Link	<b>Dec 2021</b>	Community engagements and surveys have been completed. Report expected Dec 2021

WG 3 - Organisational Review			
Recommendation & O'Hara Ref.	PB Recommendations from July interim Report	Target Date	Status/Progress
WG3/01 Development of a new Customer Charter  O'Hara 11	WG to present to draft Charter to the PB once it is clear what efficiencies may be introduced on foot of the work of WG 1 and WG 4	Awaiting outcome of reg review	<p>Project Board has in particular asked the WG to identify a reduced number of key metrics, perhaps 5, that would best inform all Stakeholders of the performance of the licensing function in a transparent and useful way.</p> <p>The PB accepts that it will only be possible to finalise the charter when the regulatory review is complete, and revised processes are adopted.</p>
WG3/02 Organisational Development Review	<p>The Project Board notes that WG 3 is continuing to discuss this element of its work programme.</p> <p>DAFM should commission an external reviewer by <b>Dec 31st</b>, to report by <b>end-April 2022</b>, to have regard to the report of the Working Group and the organisational response to the business analyst output</p>	<b>TBC</b>	<p>Proposal submitted to PB. At the recent bilateral meeting (PB/WG3) it was suggested by the Board that priority focus should address organisational culture, with DAFM staff engagement to be emphasised.</p> <p>The Project Board together with the WG3 Chair and DAFM Director of Forestry will be the Steering Group for the review.</p> <p>DAFM will invite expressions of interest from appropriate external consultants to carry out the review.</p>

WG3/03 Training needs analysis (TNA)  O'Hara 19	WG 3 has set up a sub-group specifically to examine this issue and to make recommendations for training provision for stakeholders within sector and to present its findings by end Q4, having regard to the report of the Working Group and the organisational response to the business analyst output.	TBC	The Board has agreed that the initial TNA Exercise will focus on forestry licence applicants, but that this will be followed by a broader training needs analysis once the regulatory review, the training needs analysis for forestry licencing and the Organisational Review are complete. Request for Tender to issue immediately thereafter.
WG3/04 Communications	Minister has finalised successful applicants calls for promotion and announced €1.4m in funding	-	There were 39 successful projects approved under the Woodland Support Fund in mid-2021. Around half of the projects are underway, with the rest due to commence in 2022. For example, the Society of Irish Foresters conducted a very successful on-line forestry conference this year, the RDS forestry awards took place on 29 <sup>th</sup> November while KCLR radio are mid-way through their 20 'Seed to Sawdust' programmes focussing on all aspects of trees and forestry. Work continues developing a Forestry Communications Plan which will complement the Forest Strategy.
WG3/04 contd. Communications	DAFM is working to engage communications specialist(s) to support Project Woodland, and in particular the communication of a vision for the sector, by end-Q3.	TBC	The Head of Communications for DAFM is working with Working Group 3 to develop a Communications Strategy to be finalised early in 2022

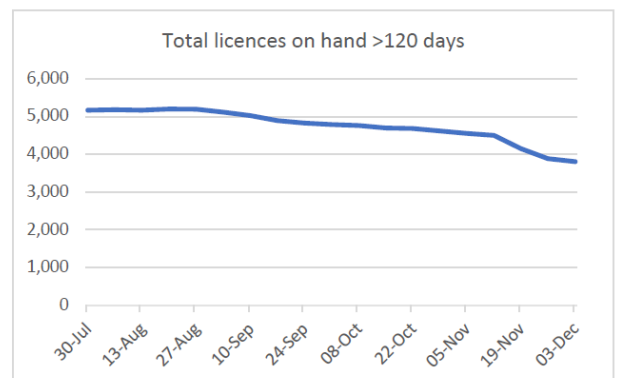
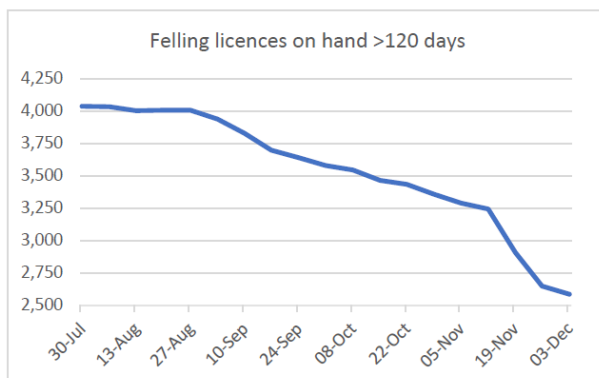
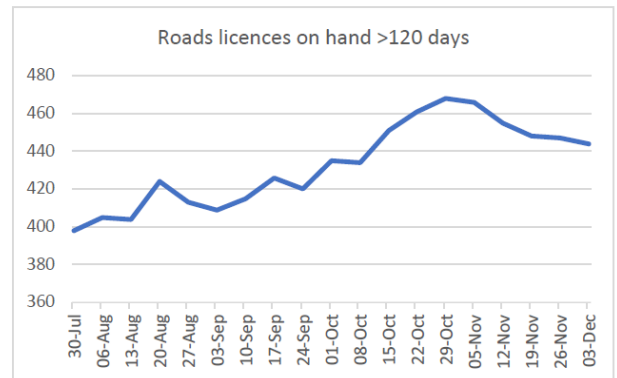
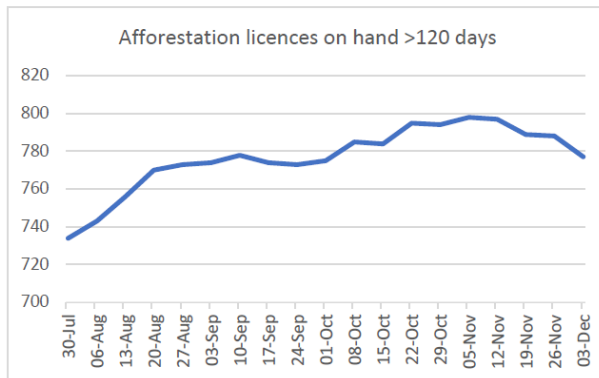


WG 4 – Process Review			
Recommendation & O'Hara Ref.	PB Recommendations from July interim Report	Target Date	Status/Progress
WG4/01 Environmental Report and Associated Grant	DAFM will complete a legal analysis of the proposal to be completed by end-October. DAFM to consider opportunities to simplify the report and grant structure.	Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Proposals have been exchanged between WG4 and the PB. DAFM had indicated that the proposal from the WG would be a significantly larger project than its proposal, essentially involving the development of a new scheme and significant new IT development that could not be delivered in the short term. The department also had concerns about the public spending code, and in particular the payment of a grant at the beginning of an application process in circumstances where experience had shown that a very high proportion of licences granted did not ultimately result in planting.</p> <p>The PB considered the views of the Working Group and DAFM. It regarded the need to develop a system to contribute to the costs of environmental reports as urgent. In those circumstances the PB recommended that DAFM proceed with its proposal for a pilot in the short term, to ensure that applicants could benefit from the payment of an environmental grant as quickly as possible, but in parallel that it continues to explore the feasibility of developing a system along the lines of the WG 4 proposal.</p>

O'Hara 4			Group 4 has indicated that the DAFM response does not adequately address their concerns – in particular in relation to the timing of the payment and the amount of money on offer.
WG4/02 End to end Legal Review	TBC commissioning such a review. Clear Terms of Reference will be agreed by the Board	<b>Delivery February 2022</b>	Regulatory Review now initiated. WG4 will have regular interaction with the contractor over its course and will consider the recommendations which emerge.
WG4/03 End to End Process Review  O'Hara 22	Included within the scope of the external regulatory review - 'As-is' review	<b>Dec 16th</b>	WG4 has considered the Interim Report prepared by the Business Analyst. The Group is anxious to see early delivery of business efficiencies identified during the analysis.
WG4/04 Pre-Applications  O'Hara 3	The Board recommends that the Working Group should consider how examples of best practice within other regulatory bodies in Ireland or in other jurisdictions deliver this, with a view to preparing a report for the Project Board by Year end following the External Regulatory and Process Reviews	<b>Dec 17th</b>	A pilot scheme of Pre-Application Discussions has now been agreed. The Group will monitor its progress and have a proactive role in its review.

## ANNEX

### Forestry licences on hand over 120 days – weekending 3<sup>rd</sup> December



## Forestry Licensing Dashboard – Week 3, December 2021



Thinning licences issued 13 for 218.94ha; Clear fell licences 65 for 665.54ha.

## Forestry Licensing Dashboard – Week 3, December 2021

Hectares/Kilometres for Licences Issued

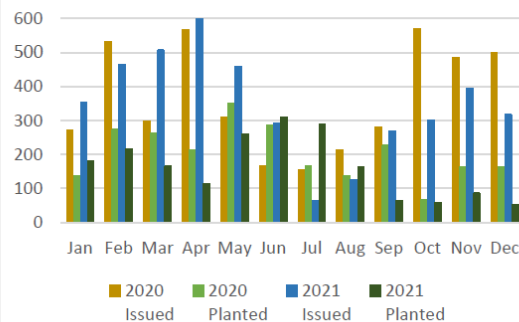
	Afforestation			Roads			Felling				
	Hectares			Kilometres			Hectares		Volume m <sup>3</sup>		
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2020	2021
January	430	270	353	38	5	20	5,260	1,170	3,338	208,186	831,530
February	555	531	463	20	10	30	13,949	1,400	1,939	433,000	531,010
March	459	298	515	12	15	26	13,512	1,462	1,059	424,056	298,959
April	688	566	627	20	16	18	9,478	1,437	1,311	428,884	303,190
May	353	309	458	18	13	30	3,631	1,332	2,237	325,938	564,007
June	208	166	293	19	9	28	2,575	694	4,108	175,766	933,153
July	299	155	64	15	12	5	2,764	1,003	1,382	288,754	319,961
August	448	214	125	14	10	19	1,606	1,904	1,302	539,706	343,035
September	182	280	269	14	10	13	1,485	1,183	6,516	216,019	1,585,000
October	358	570	300	8	7	18	633	2,387	3,772	761,213	1,003,661
November	189	485	393	7	10	32	1,205	2,335	3,608	644,314	1,017,094
December	176	499	317	9	13	23	1,097	1,935	2,096	577,531	676,667
Totals	4,346	4,342	4,177	194	130	260	57,197	18,241	32,668	5,023,366	8,407,266

Hectares/Kilometres Planted/Roads Constructed

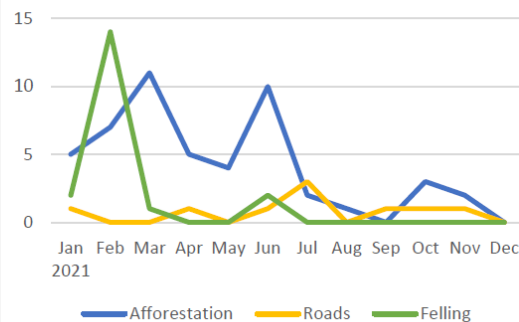
	Hectares			Kilometres		
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
January	198	136	181	8	17	5
February	327	273	216	6	6	4
March	374	262	165	5	5	5
April	329	212	113	5	8	3
May	556	350	259	13	9	6
June	366	284	309	2	6	7
July	463	165	287	6	11	4
August	262	137	161	7	8	9
September	252	226	64	15	5	7
October	210	67	59	11	10	5
November*	157	162	86	10	6	8
December*	155	161	53	4	6	9
Totals*	3,549	2,435	1,953	92	98	71

\*2021 estimated

Issued V Planted 2020 and 2021 (ha)



Appeals Received (Rolling 12 months)



\*\*As notified to the Department by the FAC

Number of Licences issued November

Afforestation	51
Roads	93
Felling	357

Number Licence Decisions Appealed

W/E 17 <sup>th</sup> December		
Afforestation	Roads	Felling
0	0	0

Timber Volumes Issued (m<sup>3</sup>)

W/E 17 <sup>th</sup> December	273,632
Year to date	8,407,265
2020 total issued	5,023,366

Capital Spending - €m

	2020	2021
Afforestation	71.04	61.84
Road	3.99	2.93

