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Dear neighbour

Okement Wood - a new woodland near you - your views are important

We're writing to let you know about our plans for a new woodland on land we have purchased close to our existing woodlands at Abbeyford Woods, just outside Okehampton, and to invite your views.

Okement Wood, will be a valuable place for timber, wildlife, and people. It will have public access so you will be able to explore and enjoy it to support your health and wellbeing. A map of the site is enclosed with this letter.

The objectives of the new woodland are to:

- Create a mixed, productive and resilient woodland
- Improve connectivity across woodland areas in the landscape
- Provide additional opportunities for informal access to the countryside
- Capture carbon, improve soil and air quality, supporting Government in achieving net zero emissions targets

This exciting change will be happening over the next 18 months and we're at the early stages of our planning. Before we can plant any trees, we'd like to hear your thoughts on what you would like us to consider as we develop our designs for the new woodland. Please take a few minutes to complete our questionnaire by visiting: bit.ly/eeow, or scanning the QR code below:



Please complete the survey by Thursday 30th October.



We're just beginning to think about our plans and are gathering information to help shape them. At this stage, we're carrying out surveys to better understand the land and its surroundings. Your feedback will also help guide our early thinking about how the new woodland could look.

As we're still in the early stages, we won't be able to respond to individual comments. However, everything you share will be carefully considered as we develop our proposals.

We'll present draft designs in a public consultation in spring 2026, where you'll be invited to respond and share your views. After the consultation, we'll publish a report summarising the feedback and explaining any changes we've made to the designs.

This new woodland is one of the many we're creating across the UK to grow the nation's forests.

You have received this letter as your address is within 1.5 kilometres of the new woodland. Please feel free to share this with anyone else who might be interested.

For more information about the woodland please visit our website at forestryengland.uk/woodland-creation-okement

Thank you for your time and interest.

Yours sincerely

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Encs - Map to show the Okement Wood boundary

