

Appendix III: Tolerance table

	Map Required (Y/N)	Adjustment to felling period *	Adjustment to felling coupe boundaries **	Timing of restock	Change to restocking species	Changes to roadline	Designed open ground ***	Windblow clearance ****
SF approval not normally required	N	Felling date can be moved within 5 year period where separation or other constraints are met	Up to 10% of coupe area	Up to 2 planting seasons after felling	Change within species group e.g. evergreen conifers or broadleaves	-	Increase by up to 5% of coupe area	-
SF approval by exchange of email and map	Y	-	Up to 15% of coupe area	Between 2 and 5 planting seasons after felling subject to the wider forest and habitat structure not being significantly compromised	-	Additional felling of trees not agreed in plan. Departures of more than 60m in either direction from centre of road	Increase by up to 10% Any reduction in open ground within coupe area	Up to 5 ha
SF approval by formal plan amendment may be required	Y	Felling delayed into second or later 5 year period Advance felling into current or 2 nd 5 year period	More than 15% of coupe area	More than 5 planting seasons after felling subject to the wider forest and habitat structure not being significantly compromised	Change from specified native species Change between species groups	As above, depending on sensitivity	More than 10% of coupe area Colonisation of open areas agreed as critical	More than 5 ha

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Tree Felling in Exceptional Circumstances	FLS will normally seek to map and identify all planned tree felling in advance through the LMP Process. However there are some circumstances requiring small scale tree felling where this may not be possible and where it may be impractical to apply for separate felling permission due to the risks or impacts of delaying felling. Felling permission is therefore sought for the LMP approval period to cover the following circumstances: Individual, rows or small groups of trees that are impacting on important infrastructure (ie. Forest roads, footpaths, access routes (vehicular, cycle, equestrian or pedestrian), Buildings, Utilities and services and drains) either because they are now encroaching on or have been destabilised or made unsafe by wind, physical damage or impede drainage. The maximum volume of felling in exceptional circumstances covered by this approval is 75 cubic metres per Land Management Plan per calendar year. A record of the volume felled in this manner will be maintained and will be considered during the five year LMP review.							

* Felling sequence must not compromise UKFS in particular felling coupe adjacency. Felling progress and impact will be reviewed against UKFS at 5-year review.

** No more than 1 ha, without consultation with SF, where the location is defined as ‘sensitive’ within the Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) 1999 Regulations (EIA).

*** Tolerance subject to an overriding maximum of 20% designed open ground

**** Where windblow occurs, SF must be informed of extent prior to clearance and consulted on clearance of any standing trees