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Forestry England is to be congratulated for the way it has dealt promptly and with clear signage to the risk of fire and particularly of disposable BBQs during this heat wave and drought.

Can we now be reassured that this ban continues in the future and the F.E. online encouragement to bring BBQs to the New Forest is a thing of the past?

Much work has been done by local people and our MP to obtain the cooperation of the local shops with regard to the selling of disposable BBQs and this effort will be wasted if this ban is reversed in the future.

Apart from the fire risk the smelly smoke is inappropriate when people come to the Forest for fresh air and quiet enjoyment, both of which have been available for centuries without this hazard.

To have provided stands for disposable BBQs in, of all places, **conifer inclosures** such as Boldrewood and Blackwater has been an encouragement for all and sundry to light up wherever they have felt inclined. Please return to common sense and the protection of the Forest which is the legal duty of Forestry England.