

# Independent Panel on Forestry

## Visit to Yorkshire

6<sup>th</sup> December 2011

### Panel Members attending:

Stuart Goodall	Confederation of Forest Industries
Stephanie Hilborne	Wildlife Trusts
Tom Franklin	Ramblers

### Apologies:

Rt Rev Bishop James Jones	Chair
Sir Harry Studholme	Forestry Commissioner
Sue Holden	Woodland Trust
Shireen Chambers	Institute of Chartered Foresters
Dr Mike Clarke	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
Dame Fiona Reynolds	National Trust
William Worsley	County Land & Business Association
Dr Alan Knight	Single Planet Living
John Varley	Clinton Devon Estates

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### Location/Venue:

Location for morning site visit:  
Castle Howard, York YO60 7DA

Location for afternoon site visit:  
Slowing the Flow  
North York Moors  
Pickering

## What happens during the visit

### **Visit itinerary**

The itinerary for the Panel visit and a map are attached in Annex A, B & C.

The focus of this visit is to look at the value of forests and woodlands in protected landscapes and ecosystems and how this can be increased.

### **Media arrangements**

We expect minimal media interest. The secretariat will take photographs throughout the day for use in publicity after the visit.

We will “tweet” a few times ahead of and during the visit to further raise awareness of your visit and engagement with people in the area.

### **Discussion session**

The Panel will take part in a discussion session with invited key stakeholders to examine the value of forests and woodlands in protected landscapes and ecosystems and how this can be increased. A list of invited people to this discussion can be found in Annex A. Stephanie will chair this session.

## Practicalities

### **Travel arrangements**

A mini bus will collect us from York Station at 10:00am

### **Clothing**

During the visit you will be meeting with a range of local and regional stakeholders so some form of smart casual business dress is appropriate.

During the site visits so outdoor clothing and shoes will be required. Also bring your waterproof in case of rain!

### **Health and safety**

Key points for your attention please are those below.

Cold weather. Please take warm clothing with you and wear suitable outdoor footwear for the site visits. If temperatures are very low watch out for ice and frost making surfaces slippery.

Public order. We have made every endeavour to work with representatives of local community to minimise any such risks. We have no concerns at present. If necessary we will withdraw from a situation.

Violent situation. There is always the risk that an individual or individuals we meet become agitated / aggressive. You will all be familiar with this from your day jobs, but clearly in such situations it is important not to be drawn into the argument. We are visiting to listen. If necessary we will withdraw from a situation.

Collision with other vehicles. When out of the bus, please maintain vigilance of other vehicles as we will be close to roads / tracks with other vehicles present.

**Panel Secretariat**

**5 December 2011**

## Annex A: Yorkshire visit Itinerary 6<sup>th</sup> December

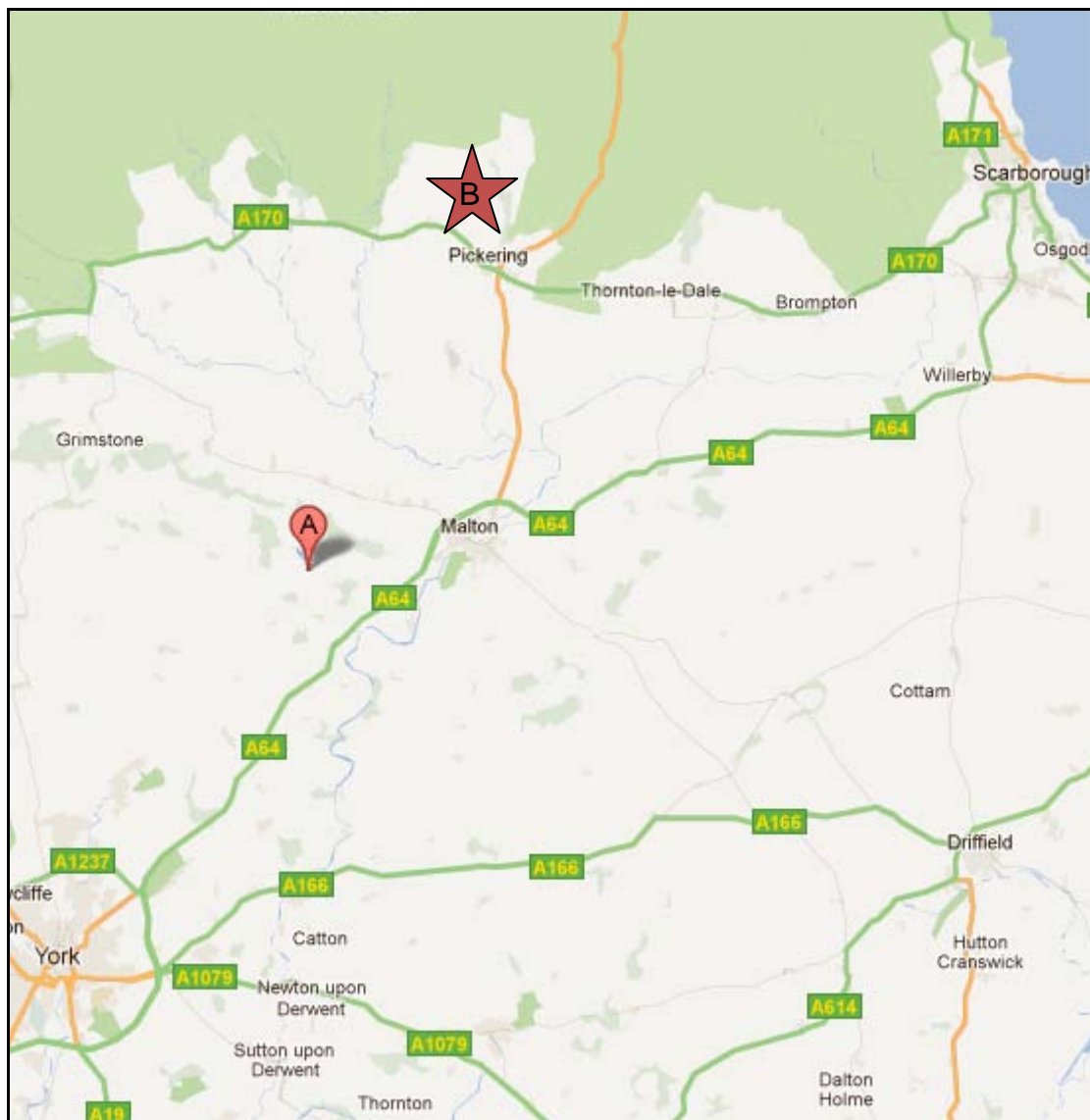
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	
Pick up at 10:00	Please be outside York Train Station at the drop off / pick up area by the taxi rank for collection by bus at 10:00am. (Collection by Crispin Thorn and / or Vince Carter)
10:00 - 10:40	Travel to <a href="#">Castle Howard</a>
10:40 - 11:00	<p>Introductions &amp; Overview of the Estate's Forestry Operations. Held inside.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hon Simon Howard – Estate Owner</li> <li>2. Nick Cook – Castle Howard Forestry Manager</li> <li>3. Paul Jackson – ANOB Officer</li> <li>4. Iwan Downey – FC Grants and Regulations Manager</li> </ol>
11:00 – 12:15	<p><a href="#">Castle Howard</a> – Site Visit</p> <p>Woodland Management within a protected landscapes':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Woodland Planning and the Estate Management Plan;</li> <li>• EWGS supported activity;</li> <li>• Ancient Woodland restoration;</li> <li>• Woodland management activity within an AONB / Historic Landscape</li> <li>• Forestry based business development opportunities – timber / firewood market, wood fuel, nursery, etc</li> <li>• UKWAS – Issues and opportunities</li> </ul>
12:15 – 12:45	Travel to Pickering
12:45 – 14:00	<p>Buffet lunch &amp; Slowing the Flow overview presentation at FC Pickering Office – Discussion theme centred on ecosystem services / forestry and flooding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crispin Thorn – Forestry Commission Area Director</li> <li>• Alan Eves – Forestry Commission Forest Management Director</li> <li>• Simon Marrington – Forestry Commission Slowing the Flow Project Manager</li> <li>• Vince Carter – FC Principle Advisor – Climate Change</li> <li>• David Shaw – Natural England Area Manager (RAC Member)</li> <li>• David Sharrod – Director of Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (RAC Member)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr David Mayston – Chair of Friends of Hag Wood</li> <li>• Linda Maggs – Friends of Hag Wood</li> <li>• Ruth Waters – Principal Specialist Ecosystem Approach -Natural England</li> <li>• Rob Stoneman, CEO Yorkshire Wildlife Trust</li> <li>• Tom Nisbet - Forest Research</li> <li>• Ruth Walters – Natural England</li> <li>• Brian Walker - Forestry Commission biodiversity officer</li> </ul>
14:00 – 15:30	<p><a href="#">Slowing the Flow</a> Site Visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large Woody Debris Dams</li> <li>• Timber Mini bunds</li> <li>• Engaging with the community</li> <li>• Woodland creation</li> <li>• Working in a protected landscape (SSSI / NP)</li> </ul>
15.30	Return to York (Estimated time of arrival 16.30)

### Annex B: York Train Station pick up point



## Annex C: Area Map



**A: Castle Howard**

**B: Slowing the Flow**

Please note the Secretariat will have access to a mini bus to transport Panel members across the venues.