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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2022/0574

Address of Development: Rann Woodland Off Saccary Lane Mellor Blackburn

Comments: Dear RVBC,

The Forestry Commission can only give fact when responding to Planning Applications.

Thank you for sending details regarding planning applications on 'The Rann'. The original land owner planted the land with a grant from the Forestry Commission (now in obligation as it is classed as a Legacy grant). The trees have grown very well but ASH are suffering from ASH die back disease. Grants are available to pay towards restocking. I have been involved recently regarding suspected illegal tree felling [REDACTED] RBVC Tree Officers assisted in this.

The need for work stations/welfare units is excessive given the age and size of the trees and the ha's involved. Yes we expect woodland maintenance as indicated by Tilhill as part of our grant obligations. Open space was allowed in the planting grant. Open space is regarded as glades and rides.

Andy Bennett
Forestry Commission Woodland Officer.