

*These notes refer to the Forestry Act (Northern Ireland)
2010 (c.10) which received Royal Assent on 28 June 2010*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 – Functions of the Department

Section 4– Use or development of forestry land

Section 4 will provide a power for the Department to develop its land to obtain better value from the public estate – for example the use of wind farms or the development of tourist facilities on forestry land. In exercising this power, the Department must have due regard to its general duties in section 1 to promote afforestation and sustainable forestry.

The Department is already committed through the UK Forestry Standard and the UK Woodland Assurance Standard to credible standards of sustainable forest management. Furthermore, any development will have to be in line with the Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) Regulations (NI) 2006.