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Sent: 15 December 2011 12:05 **To:** Worker, Chris (ESH - ECM)

Cc: Craig Shuttleworth

Subject: Re: Newborough Forest Science queries.

Dear Chris,

Craig & I have just had a brief phone conversation about the issues regarding the WG's queries re. Newborough.

We'll draft a response as soon as possible and get back to you early next week.

Craig raised a couple of other points that you can perhaps help with. The Habitats Directive requirement for a 6 yearly report to the EU on the habitats is due shortly and we'd like to know whether habitat assessments have been carried out. The problems that were evident with the 2005 humid slack assessments give grounds for concern and we'd appreciate copies of these reports when available.

Secondly Craig noted that the Newborough Forest FMP states a red squirrel conservation plan would be drafted by this Christmas. As far as he is aware no such plan has been produced. If as is likely this has been overlooked Craig and colleagues would be the sensible competent group to assist the Forestry Commission in delivering a red squirrel conservation plan for the forest. They would be pleased if commissioned to work with the Forestry Commission in providing a comprehensive conservation plan for red squirrels in the forest.

Regards lan

- Worker, Chris (ESH ECM)
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Thanks Ian

I'll try to get answers to you when I reply to your response next week.

I may also have feedback from the Commission before long; they seem to be comfortable with the FMP as a management plan, but we are waiting for more detail. My suggestion (below) comes out of our correspondence with the Commission, and relates to supporting natural processes where they are occurring. This principle also recognises natural development of ADW in understory.

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