

### **Written evidence submitted by Andrew Heald (TPW0073)**

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#### **The EFRA committee should consider the following papers and reports:**

1. The recommendations in the 2017 EFRA report - Forestry in England: Seeing the wood for the trees  
<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201617/cmselect/cmenvfru/619/619.pdf>
2. The Committee on Climate Changes report – Biomass in a Low Carbon Economy -  
<https://www.theccc.org.uk/publication/biomass-in-a-low-carbon-economy/>
3. Confederation of Forest Industries (Confor) submission to this inquiry – published online -  
<https://www.confor.org.uk/media/246313/efra-inquiry-into-forestry-confor-response.pdf>

#### **The EFRA Committee should ponder:**

1. If we are to decarbonise construction and other industries, we will need to use more timber and other forest products -  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/20450249.2019.1697096?journalCode=tcri20>
2. Global demand for forest products will more than double by 2050 -  
<https://www.worldwildlife.org/publications/wwf-s-living-forest-report-chapter-4-forests-and-wood-products>
3. UK is already the world's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest net importer of forest products  
<https://www.forestresearch.gov.uk/tools-and-resources/statistics/forestry-statistics/forestry-statistics-2020/3-trade/>

#### **The EFRA Committee should ask**

1. Why does the background information for this call for evidence not mention timber?
2. Why is there such a difference between the basic regulation for forestry (UK Forestry Standard) compared with agriculture (Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition)?
3. How many times has Zac Goldsmith (UK Forestry Minister) visited a sawmill since being appointed UK Forestry Minister?

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