Appendix 11 - Key policies and publications

The key legislation, policies and practice guidance used in the preparation of this Plan and to which FLS delivery will comply - unless explicitly stated in the Plan text (with alternative standards, mitigation and/or controls stated) - are listed below:

Legislation

Forestry Act (1967 as amended)

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