

Where an access or other dispute such as ownership is brought to the attention of the forest management contractor, IForUT should be notified immediately.

IForUT requires its forest management contractors to resolve any disputes in a professional manner and in the best interests of neighbourly relations.

Access/ Ownership Dispute

The simplest way to resolve any dispute is to arrange a site meeting with the other party and for both parties to be in possession of their respective property folios map. The folio document should clearly show legal boundaries and any burdens or RoWs.

IForUT has a record of all property folio numbers, associated plans and title deeds. This is available on request and forest management contractors can also quickly access plans and registered burdens on-line from the Land Registry web site (www.landregistry.ie).

If the other party is not willing to provide their folio information, IForUT will arrange for a Land Registry search.

An account of discussions and site meetings should be recorded on the Forest Notes on the IForUT Intranet.

Other Disputes

Other disputes will mainly arise from forest operations causing disruption to neighbouring residents or local road users.

Any dispute should be treated in a professional and sympathetic manner. Other parties should be given as much information about the forest operations and time scales as necessary. They should also be informed of the approvals granted by the Forest Service and associated grant or licence numbers along with a contact number for the Forest Service.

Legal Resolution

Resolution of a dispute via legal avenues will only be considered if informal means of resolving the issue are not appropriate or if requested by the third party.

Compensation

Payment of compensation will only be considered if IForUT is legally advised to or if determined by legal judgement. In such cases IForUT is in possession of Public Liability Insurance to cover all third party claims.