

Tree Felling Licences

You are advised that under Section 37 of the Forestry Act, 1946, with certain exceptions (mainly relating to areas within Town Council boundaries) it is illegal to uproot a tree over ten years of age or cut down a tree of any age unless notice of intention to do so has been given in accordance with the Act.

With very few exceptions, if it is proposed to fell a tree(s) a licence is required, irrespective of whether planning permission is held or not.

With this and certain other exceptions therefore it is an offence, under the Forestry Act 1946, to fell a tree(s) without a felling licence having been granted by the Forest Service. **Failure to obtain a felling licence when necessary, may result in a criminal prosecution.** Developers are advised to contact the Felling Section, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture and Food, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co. Wexford Tel: (053) 9163 400 before undertaking any tree felling.