



## BSL Advisory Panel Voting Form

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## Background

The Biomass Suppliers List Advisory Panel was set up to discuss and input into how the BSL is run and make recommendations to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS); formerly (DECC).

The panel is made up of various industry and BSL supplier representatives.

The BSL is seeking to appoint additional candidates to join the Advisory Panel to provide advice and recommendations to BEIS regarding the present and future direction of the BSL.

## 1. Voting Process

On June 11, we asked BSL users to nominate themselves to sit on the Panel. We have received a few nominations; some for multiple categories. Nominees for categories that were over-subscribed have been shortlisted following an initial suitability assessment, which included verifying that nominees are BSL authorised where applicable. We are now inviting you to vote on your preferred candidates and ask that you read the following information before voting.

### Rules for voting

1. You can only vote for the candidate in the categories that you are registered for on the BSL, e.g. if you are a Producer of woodchip produced from virgin timber, then only vote under the Producer, woodchip and forestry categories. To do this, you will need to provide one of your BSL authorisation numbers that matches the category you are voting in. For a short summary of each of the candidates, see the Appendix.
2. Only one voting form will be accepted per organisation.
3. You can only vote for one candidate in each category.

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Please note that if you do not adhere to the rules for voting, your vote will not count.

Completed Voting forms must be sent to the BSL Administrator either by:

**Email:** [bslhelpdesk@gemserv.com](mailto:bslhelpdesk@gemserv.com)

**Post:** BSL Administrator, Gemserv Ltd, 8 Fenchurch Place, London, EC3M 4AJ.

**Closing Date:** Votes must be received by the BSL Administrator by **5pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018.**

Once the election has closed, received votes will be counted and the successful candidates will be announced on the website.

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### 3. BSL Advisory Panel Voting Form

#### Your Details

**Your Name:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Organisation Name (if applicable):** [Click here to enter text.](#)

#### Self-Suppliers

**Your BSL number that matches this category:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

Candidate	Vote
Timothy G. Mack	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul Tait	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jason Cook	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ross Lowrie	<input type="checkbox"/>
A.J. Alston	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Logs

**Your BSL number that matches this category:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

Candidate	Organisation	Vote
A.J. Alston		<input type="checkbox"/>
Richard Curtis		<input type="checkbox"/>
Robert Lodge		<input type="checkbox"/>
Timothy Mark		<input type="checkbox"/>

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## Pellets

**Your BSL number that matches this category:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

Candidate	Organisation	Vote
Paul Gibbon		<input type="checkbox"/>
James Little		<input type="checkbox"/>
Claire Glynn		<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Appleton		<input type="checkbox"/>

## Forestry - Raw Materials

**Your BSL number that matches this category:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

Candidate	Organisation	Vote
Paul Gibbon		<input type="checkbox"/>
Mark Hogg		<input type="checkbox"/>
Andy Howard		<input type="checkbox"/>
Richard Curtis		<input type="checkbox"/>
Timothy Mark		<input type="checkbox"/>

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## Small Woodland Owners – Industry Body

**Your BSL number that matches this category:** [Click here](#) to enter text.

Candidate	Organisation	Vote
A.J. Alston		<input type="checkbox"/>
Andy Howard		<input type="checkbox"/>
Amanda Calvert		<input type="checkbox"/>



## Appendix – Candidate Summaries

### Self-Suppliers

**Timothy G. Mack** – Timothy is the forestry manager at Elderslie estate. The estate has over 1000 acres of three tier forestry – commercial, mixed and pure hardwood. These woodlands recently won the Scotland’s Finest Woods Award at the Royal Highland show. He has been harvesting for both the biomass and processing industry for the last five years and have undertaken many eucalyptus trial plots specifically targeted at the biomass market. He was a forestry contractor implementing the first privately owned mechanised harvesting unit in Scotland in 1985. He joined Shell Forestry as a harvesting and transport specialist to mechanise the business’ harvesting operations around the globe (Australia, America, West Africa, Indonesia and New Zealand). He became the Vice-president (MD) of Garruchos S.A and Estrella Del Bosque which became the first companies in Argentina to be FSC accredited.

**Paul Tait** – Since 1996, Paul has worked as the managing director of Evergreen Pallet Solutions (UK) Ltd. Evergreen manufactures and repair recycled wooden packaging materials including pallets and packing cases. He is also a chair at the National Association of Pallet Distributors, the trade body of recycled pallet suppliers. As part of his role, he sits on the UK wood marking advisory committee, which advises the UK Forestry Commission on industry application of the ISPM15 phytosanitary legislation. He runs two biomass installations which provide hot water and heating to his two buildings.

**Jason Cook** - Jason has a Master’s Degree in Engineering and a PhD in Techno-Economic Analysis of Bioenergy Systems. In 2010, He co-authored a

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strategy and assessment document for DEFRA. He runs two businesses directly involved in biomass. The first is a heating and electrical engineering contractor Edmundbyers Energy Ltd and EB Energy a specialist biomass and bioenergy engineering company that focuses on the design, installation, servicing and maintenance of the associated technologies. Jason owns a 60Kw log gasification boiler that is listed under the RHI Scheme. He is in contact and communicates with many domestic and commercial producers and users of biomass.

**Ross Lowrie** - Ross owns and manage his Eta Log burning system for the last three years. He manages the whole supply chain, from planting and managing his 3-acre mature woodland, harvesting and processing fuel and burning the logs to supply heating and hot water. He also contributes to a Small Woodland Owners Group online forum, providing advice and encouragement to woodland owners. He is a Climate Change & Energy advisor, focussing on tidal power, heat pumps and biomass. He provides advice on air quality and waste wood issues associated with the Renewable Heat Incentive, and have expertise in working with government departments including BEIS and Defra. He is interested in ensuring woodland meets their maximum environmental and commercial potential.

**A.J. Alston** - A.J has been running an 80kw log boiler for approximately five years using timber from his own land and can therefore represent a number of categories under the current positions available in the BSL Advisory Panel. A.J has been involved with several stakeholder working groups and advisory groups so has good experience of working with others as part of a committee.

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**Robert Lodge** - Robert's experience includes:

- Owner/operator of Firewood Logs.
- Glen Farrow Biomass Log Kiln operator for four years.
- Producing more than 200 tonnes of logs per year.
- Retailing logs to domestic and commercial customers in Sheffield, Barnsley and Doncaster.
- Regularly converse and network with other suppliers and stove shops in the area.

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**James Little** – As Head of Sales at Arensis, James has been responsible for the takeover of the two Verdo Renewables wood pellet factories, with a combined capacity of 100,000 tonne per annum. Arensis is a provider of modular, decentralised, 'Entrade' biomass CHP systems for business and industry and has installed 210 CHP systems around the world, 150 of these in the UK. He is passionate about sustainable development, in particular, the growth of renewable on-site biomass CHP, to replace fossil heating and inefficient distribution of electricity through the National Grid.

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**Claire Glynn** – Claire has worked as a General Manager and Operations Director of a pellet producing unit for five years and has an in-depth knowledge of the industry in the UK and Europe. Her experience includes providing Quality Management and overseeing current and new legal and sustainability requirements for MIG 100 Ltd. Claire has been an integral lead in Research and Development for her company, which has led to a vast amount of knowledge in both Quality Management and Production. She has good leadership and interpersonal skills and is an excellent problem solver.

**Mark Appleton** – Mark became involved in the biomass sector in 2010 when he joined Midlands Wood Fuel Ltd (MWF) as Managing Director and shareholder at the outset of the Renewable Heat Incentive. He currently works as the Commercial Director in Forest Fuel, which produces and trades fuels across the UK from 40 depots in England, Wales and Scotland. Forest Fuels are one of the leading providers of biomass heat into the market sector developed by the Renewable Heat Incentive.

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**Mark Hogg** – Mark is the founding Chief Executive of one of Africa’s largest independent hardwood plantations and with over 20years experience in global business. His business, Mere Plantations Limited are in the process of reforesting 4,130 Hectares of degraded forestland in Ghana. He is passionate about the UK and its drive for green power and he is experienced growing and developing sustainable forest stocks.

**Andy Howard** – Andy is a member of the Confor Northern Regional Committee and has extensive experience of the biomass supply chain having set up, owned and run a biomass business. Andy would like to represent the forestry sector and small woodland owners as he is a small independent operator in the biomass sector, managing and developing forestry for individuals and estates.

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**Amanda Calvert** – Amanda has 30 years' experience in the forestry supply chain, from tree nursery to product development and marketing. Much of her experience in land management has been related to the wood fuel supply chain, small woodland management, low impact silviculture, and community

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forestry and has involved everything from auditing, community consultation, the development of business and management plans through to managing forest operations. Her current position at Small Woods Association is as the woodland management, policy and project manager. She was involved in establishing ways to support small woodland owners, bringing their woodland into management and more wood fuel to market. She has been a freelance auditor since 2012, this includes auditing for Woodsure, Grown in Britain, ENplus and the BSL.

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