

Appendix E- Public Privacy Notice

Forest Signal® Environmental Intelligence System

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Environmental Research at Mount Edgcumbe Country Park

Welcome to a Forest Signal® environmental research area.

Secure Forests CIC is developing and testing the Forest Signal® Environmental Intelligence System to help protect forests, woodlands and natural environments through innovative environmental monitoring technology.

What is Forest Signal®?

Forest Signal® is designed to monitor the **environment**, not people.

The system helps researchers better understand environmental conditions that may affect habitats, biodiversity, woodland management and wildfire risk. It collects information such as:

- Air temperature
- Humidity
- Rainfall
- Wind conditions
- Soil moisture
- Water levels
- Air quality
- Environmental sounds
- Wildlife activity
- Equipment performance

This information supports environmental research, conservation and the development of new technologies for protecting natural landscapes.

Does the system collect personal information?

The Forest Signal® system is **not intended to identify or monitor visitors**.

Where research equipment is installed or maintained, Secure Forests CIC may process limited personal information relating to authorised staff, researchers, volunteers or contractors for operational and safety purposes.

Occasionally, photographs taken to document equipment installations or maintenance may incidentally include members of the public. Wherever practicable, photographs are focused on the equipment, and any identifiable individuals will not be used unnecessarily and may be obscured before publication.

Why are we carrying out this research?

Our research aims to:

- Improve environmental monitoring.
- Support biodiversity and habitat conservation.
- Enhance woodland and forestry management.
- Develop technologies to detect environmental change and wildfire risk.
- Improve resilience to climate change.
- Support scientific research and environmental education.

Our lawful basis

Secure Forests CIC processes limited personal information under **Article 6(1)(f) UK GDPR – Legitimate Interests**, as part of a research programme delivering environmental and public benefit.

How we protect your privacy

We are committed to protecting personal information by:

- collecting the minimum information necessary.
- designing our systems to prioritise environmental data rather than personal data.
- securing information using appropriate technical and organisational measures.
- limiting access to authorised personnel only; and
- complying with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Your rights

You have rights under UK data protection law, including the right to:

- request information about personal data we hold about you.
- request correction of inaccurate information.
- object to processing based on legitimate interests where applicable; and
- raise concerns with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Contact Us

If you have any questions about the Forest Signal® project or how information is processed, please contact:

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For more information, including our full Privacy Notice, please scan the QR code on this sign or visit our website.

Thank you for supporting environmental research and innovation at Mount Edgcumbe Country Park.