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Contractors View

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Background

- Consulted with about 70% of the Industry
- Views from Scotland down to Cornwall via Wales
- Emails, conversations and site visits

Positives

- Improved quality of tree person – CPD
- Nationally recognised qualification (unit 1,2 &5)
- Greater ability to carry out work
- National recognition – UAG is a professional Body
- 4 categories of trees

Negatives

- Increase in zones – more complicated
- Not all DNO's recognises/use the new standard
- Confusion over how to get reassessed – water is now clearing
- 4 categories – more confusing

Disappointments

- Contractors still need DNO assessment
- Not allowing Vegetation Contractors to do the whole job