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Woodland Restoration Scheme (WRS)

Forest Management Plan

How To Complete Guidance

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Customer Reference Number (CRN)	Expression of Interest (EOI) Reference number

Enter name of the owner / tenant / manager along with contact details.

1. Property, Applicant and Planner / Agent Details

Woodland Property Name	Applicant Name	Status
		Please Select >>

Email Address	Contact Number	Does the applicant have management control of the land?
		Please Select >>

Management Planner Name (if applicable)	Email Address	Contact Number

Agent Name and Company (If Applicable)	Email Address	Contact Number

Enter the name of the agent if you are using one.

If the customer does not have management control, he/she is not eligible for a Glastir Woodland Restoration grant.

Area of PAWS (if present).

Restocking Site Details

WRS area (Ha)	Area of PAWS (ha)	Six-figure Grid Ref (centre of felling area)	Local Authority

Total area of scheme.

Altitude in metres (above sea level)	SPHN Number	Felling Licence Reference	Does the FLA restocking prescription list the same species and species % as Section 7 (WRS plan)?
			Please Select >>

Is there a Tree Preservation Order (TPO)?	Is there a European Protected Species licence?	Do you intend to make an insurance claim or have you received an insurance payment for the loss of trees due to Phytophthora ramorum ?
Please Select >>	Please Select >>	Please Select >>

Are there any TPOs within the wood.

May need licence if European Protected Species e.g .dormice, otters, great crested newts are present, particularly in cases with an SPHN.

Restocking prescription for WRS mixture should match FLA prescription. Note in this box if there is not a match, if the species mixtures do not match what is shown on the felling licence conditions, then NRW Forest Regs team need to be consulted.

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2. Site Background

2a. Management Objectives

Describe your management objectives for the woodland e.g. generate an income from timber, grow high quality timber, manage the wood for biodiversity, improve the water quality of a stream through the wood.

2b. Site description

Give a brief description of the site including location, altitude, soil type, adjacent land use, historic features, presence of invasive non native species, presence of Scheduled Ancient Monument , Historic Environment Features, watercourses and public rights of way etc.

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3. Background assessment - WRS features (Desk based & Site survey)

WRS GeoPDF layers & features on site	Description of Glastir layer in/adjacent to wood	Consultation Required?	How will the WRS GeoPDF layer be dealt with (in accordance with UKFS)

Identify known features within the site e.g. designated areas, European Protected species, watercourses, public rights of way, acid sensitive catchments, historic environment features, wayleaves. Information can be found on:

Woodland Opportunity Map <https://datamap.gov.wales/maps/woodland-opportunity-map-2021/>
 National Biodiversity Network (NBN) website nbnatlas.org
 Archwilio website www.archwilio.org.uk/arch

Describe how the feature will be managed with in line with the UK Forest Standard.

* Needs to include WRS GEOPDF layers, other potential sensitivities and other determining factors – e.g. power lines, public rights of way, wayleaves, rivers and lake.

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Is the PAWS restoration site in or adjacent to Designated Site - SSSI, SAC, SPA, Ramsar.

Is the PAWS adjacent to a priority wood eg upland oakland or are priority species eg dormice present.

Give brief description of the Ecological Importance Criteria in context of PAWS.

Assign high, medium or low priority – see PAWS guidance.

4. Planted Ancient Woodland Sites (PAWS) Assessment

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4a. Potential impacts of PAWS restoration - Ecological Importance Criteria (EIC) – Desk assessment

WRS GeoPDF layer	Description of EIC in/adjacent to wood	EIC score (High - 5, Medium - 3, Low - 1)
Relevant Designations		
Priority habitats and species		
Woodland Habitat Networks		

Is PAWS in Primary Core/Primary Network? What habitat networks are adjacent to the PAWS?

Remnant PAWS features and hotspots must be clearly annotated on a site map/geopdf map.

Assign high, medium or low priority – see PAWS guidance.

4b. Ecological Development Criteria (EDC) – Site survey and annotated map

Ecological Development Criteria	Description of EIC in/adjacent to wood	EDC Score (High - 5, Medium - 3, Low - 1)
Mature remnant semi-natural trees & shrubs		
Presence of site native tree and shrub regeneration		
Presence of specialist woodland ground flora on site		
Adjacency and quality of existing semi-natural woodland		

Look at PAWS guidance – score using DAFOR (Appendix 2)

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Ecological Potential Score	The Ecological Potential Score determines the level of restoration appropriate to the site. Add up EIC and EDC scores to get overall site score.
	Threats to the PAWS must be clearly annotated on a site map/geopdf map, use the same capital work ID on the PDF and work plan.

4c. Threat to PAWS – Site survey and annotated map	
Threats	Description
Over shading	Look at PAWS guidance – score non-native regeneration and presence of bracken/bramble using DAFOR (Appendix 2). If capital works eg rhododendron removal, fence replacement has been identified in Section 7, its justification should be included in this section.
Presence of non-native regeneration	
Grazing and browsing including deer/squirrels	
Invasive non-native plant species	
Presence of bracken and brambles	

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5. Long term Vision and management operations

5a. Long term vision for restoration

Set out what is the vision for the site over a 20 year period e.g. species, stand structure, regeneration, stock exclusion, ride management. and timescale of success.

Operation	Statement of intent	Measure of success (within 10 years)
<p>Example of an operation – other operations may include restocking, regeneration, fell and restock, rhododendron, mature remnant broadleaves or remnant broadleaves.</p>		

If not a PAWS plan then justification for additional capital works needs to be made here e.g. livestock have been accessing the site from neighbouring fields where the boundary fence has been broken by timber felling.

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6. Stakeholder engagement	
Stakeholder	Response

A short statement on stakeholder engagement must be provided in line with the UKFS. This should include neighbours and users of the new planting area. If you believe no stakeholder statement is required, please state why.

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7. Plan of Operation

Compartment No.	Sheet Reference	Field Parcel	Map ID (e.g. WRS001)	Capital Works Number	Capital Works Type	Species	Species %	Estimated Quantity (Hectares / Metres / Number of Items)	PAWS Present (Y/N)

Present the capital works programme here, using the same reference numbers as used on your accompanying PDF map. Applicants need to provide the sheet reference and field number and the type and amount/quantity of capital works to be undertaken (see WRS Rules Booklet).

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8. Documents submitted in support of this plan

WRS Plan	Provided (Yes / No / N/A)
Annotated WRS map showing Ecological Development Criteria (e.g. site native trees and shrubs, regeneration, veteran trees) and threats (stock grazing, invasive species)	Please Select >>
GeoPDF map of operations for WRS contract	Please Select >>
NRW consent within Sites of Special Scientific Interests (SSSIs)	Please Select >>
CADW response within 100m of Scheduled Ancient Monument	Please Select >>
Felling licence	Please Select >>
Statutory Plant Health Notice	Please Select >>
European Protected Species (EPS) licence (if needed)	Please Select >>
Consultation responses	Please Select >>

Failure to submit all required information at this stage could result in delays during the WRS plan verification process