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Dear

ATISN 26809 EIR request: Glastir Woodland Opportunity Maps (2015)

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 17 March 2026. You asked for information relating to:

The individual scoring layers used for the Woodland Creation Score for the Glastir Woodland Opportunity Map 2015. To clarify, the scoring layers used within the Woodland Opportunity Map in 2015 were as follows:

Priority Woodland Creation Area (University of East Anglia)
Air Quality (National Atmospheric Emissions Inventory)
Communities First Cluster (Welsh Government)
Nitrate Vulnerable Zone
Noise Pollution (decibels- Road, Rail & Industry)
Habitat Suitability (using habitat surveys – NRW)
Potential New Floodplain Woodland (NRW)
Woodland Habitat Networks (NRW)

Please note, that the Acid Sensitive Catchments dataset which you have requested, was included in the WOM 2015 as a guidance layer, not a scoring layer, and so the hyperlink provided to you in EIR ATISN 26742 provides the full dataset included in the 2015 map.

To answer the additional question which you asked on 1 April by email, the scoring layers remained the same from 2015 – 2021.

Our response

The information you requested is enclosed via Objective Connect (you will receive a link via email to download the data). The following datasets are within a folder as a spatial data zip file containing a shapefile:

- **ScoringLayers_Merge2015:** this contains a vector file which includes each of the 8 scoring layers, as well as the score which each of these layers holds. Use the 'GWC_Layer' attribute to determine the layer name, and the 'gridcode' attribute to determine the score of each particular dataset row.

Next steps

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Welsh Government,
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Cardiff,
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