

Glastir Woodland Creation Plan

Customer Reference Number (CRN)	A0032038
Expression of Interest (EOI) Reference number	7463788

1. Property Details

New woodland property name	Gellyrenwyn		
Site Reference Number (SRN)	n/a		
Contact Name	JH and CL Howells	Status	Owner
Email	huwhowells@hotmail.co.uk	Contact Number	07813 394240
Do you have management control of the land?	Yes		
Management Planner	Gus Hellier		
Email	ghellier@cararthenshire.gov.uk	Contact Number	01558 825303
Agent Name and Company (If Applicable)	n/a		
Email	n/a	Contact Number	n/a
GWC area (Hectares)	4.14		
Type of GWC planting mixture	Native Woodland - Biodiversity		
Six-figure Grid Reference for GWC area	SN 156 139		
Nearest town	Whitland		
Local authority (new planting site)	Pembrokeshire		
Is this a GWC co-operative plan	No		
Tick to declare you will apply for Woodland Carbon Code validation within 24 months of grant approval (mandatory for Native Carbon GWC woodland mixture)	No		
Do you intend to claim annual GWC maintenance payment?	Yes		
Do you intend to claim annual GWC premium payment?	Yes		

New planting areas in the following designations (Hectares) – only fill in areas if known

Designated Area	Area (ha)
Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)/Proposed Site (PSSSI)	0
SSSI with Nature Conservation Order (Section 29 of Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981)	0
National Park	0
World Heritage Site	0
Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM)	0
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)	0
"Natural 2000" site (e.g.: special areas of conservation or special protection areas)	0

2. Long term Vision and Objectives

Describe your long term vision for the new planting	
Creation of a new native woodland which will have the potential to produce timber and firewood and contribute to the enhancement of biodiversity.	
Set out the objectives for the new planting	
1.	Establish a wood which will produce firewood and timber
2.	Provide a wildlife habitat for fauna and flora
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3.Potential impacts of new planting

Lle map information layer *	Field Parcel Sheet and Field Number	Description of layer in new planting	Is there special guidance for this layer	How will the Lle information layer be dealt with (in accordance with UKFS)	Is consultation required for this layer	What consultation/ additional information is attached to this GWC plan
No sensitive site or special guidance layers on Lle or GeoPDF, no PROW	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

* Need to include public rights of way, wayleaves, rivers and lake

4. Design of new planting

Brief description of new planting site	The site consists of two fields of improved grassland currently used for grazing. It is situated at approximately 100masl near Lampeter Velfry in east Pembrokeshire. The land is on a gentle to moderate slope; most of the area is wet and dominated by soft rush although there are some drier patches. The landscape context is fields, hedges and small patches of woodland. Most of the planting area is surrounded by hedgerows with mature trees. Small watercourses run on either side of the planting area, these will not be affected by the tree planting. The planting area is adjacent to one neighbouring dwelling but this property is already screened by mature trees. The new planting will not be visible from the nearby village of Lampeter Velfry due to the land form and because the planting area is already surrounded by mature trees. There are no PROWs through or adjacent to the site.
Pre-planting ground preparation	Vegetation will be topped prior to planting. Mounding will be used in wet areas if feasible.
Design of new planting scheme	Downy birch 30%, common alder 30%, pedunculate oak 10%, aspen 10%, wild cherry 5%, rowan 5%, woody shrubs (hawthorn, hazel, guelder rose, alder buckthorn and elder in equal numbers) 10%. Trees will be planted in a random pattern with an average spacing of 2.5m in single species groups of around 20-30 trees, woody shrubs will be planted along rides and existing hedgerows. Oak, hazel and wild cherry will be planted in the drier areas of the fields.
Type of planting stock and size of trees/shrubs	40-60cm bare-rooted stock.
Tree protection – what type of tree shelters/spiral guards will be used and why?	Spiral guards and canes to protect from rabbit and vole damage.
Fencing (livestock)	Most of the boundary of the planting area is stock proof through a combination of existing fencing, thick hedges and watercourses. Two stretches of new fence will be required.
Deer protection (if an issue)	There are no significant deer population in the area and deer protection is not required.
Open ground	Approximately 200m of rides will be left unplanted for extraction access in the future. These will cover less than 0.1ha each and less than 15% of the planting area in total.
Is the new planting within an open access area?	No
Are standing trees present?	Most of the planting area is surrounded by hedgerows with mature trees and there is a hedgerow running through the middle of the planting area, these exceed 0.1ha in area and so have been excluded from the planting area. No other standing trees are present.
Timing of new planting	January/February 2018

5.Maintenance and monitoring of new planting site

Maintenance Operation	What needs to be maintained?	Who will maintain the new planting site?	When will the maintenance be undertaken?
Control of vegetation around trees	Grass and agricultural weeds will be controlled by spot spraying with herbicide.	A licensed spraying contractor.	Spraying will be done in late spring (with a follow up in summer if required) for 2-3 years after planting or until the trees are established.
Tree replacement	Dead trees will be replaced in accordance with the species mix given in section 7.	The owner.	Trees will be surveyed in summer for survival and replaced as required in the winter. This will be done until the trees are established (expected 3-4 years).
Fencing	The fence will be maintained in a stock proof condition.	The owner.	Fence will be checked annually over the GWC contract commitment period (12 years), and repaired as necessary.
Tree protection	Damaged or missing spiral guards and canes will be replaced whilst trees are vulnerable to rabbit damage.	The owner.	Tree protection will be checked as part of annual tree survival survey.
Removal of tree protection	Tree guards will be removed when the trees are no longer vulnerable to rabbit damage.	The owner.	Expected to be approximately 8 years after planting.
Rides and paths through wood	Approximately 200m of rides will be left unplanted for extraction access in the future, no maintenance will initially be required.	n/a	n/a

6. Stakeholder statement

The land is owned and used by the applicant.

The planting area is adjacent to one neighbouring property: Hill Home, Gilfach Hill, Lampeter Velfrey owned by Mary Evans who was contacted verbally by the applicant on 23.9.17; no objections to the proposed planting were made.

The planting does not affect any sensitive areas or PROWs and landscape impacts will not be significant. No additional stakeholders were contacted

7. Plan of Operation

Cpt. No.	Sheet Reference	Field Parcel	Map ID (e.g. GWC 001)	Capital Works Reference	Capital Works Number	Species (include mapped open ground)	Species %	Estimated Quantity
1a	SN1514	6709	GWC 001	Native woodlands - biodiversity	801	Downy birch Common alder Pedunculate oak Aspen Wild cherry Rowan Woody shrubs (hawthorn, hazel, guelder rose, alder buckthorn and elder in equal numbers)	30 30 10 10 5 5 10	1150 1150 400 375 175 175 375
1b	SN1513	6488	GWC 002	Native woodlands - biodiversity	801	Downy birch Common alder Pedunculate oak Aspen Wild cherry Rowan Woody shrubs (hawthorn, hazel, guelder rose, alder buckthorn and elder in equal numbers)	30 30 10 10 5 5 10	850 850 275 275 150 150 275
1a	SN1514	6709	GWC 003	Post and wire fencing and stock netting	595			240m
1a	SN1514	6709	GWC 004	Post and wire fencing and stock netting	595			37m

8. Information required to support GWC plan verification

Documents	Attached: Yes / No
Glastir Woodland Creation Plan	Yes
Map of planting area(s)	Yes

Consents and Consultation responses	Provided: Yes / No / Not applicable
Natural Resources Wales: consent within Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	n/a
CADW: response within 100m of Scheduled Ancient Monument	n/a
Archaeological Trust consultation	n/a
Additional documents e.g. ecological survey, community consultation	n/a
Consultation responses e.g. National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty over 2Ha	n/a

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

Declaration

This must be signed by the main applicant. An agent may sign where they have been given authority to do so. Where an agent is signing this declaration, the agents must be registered with the Welsh Government to act on behalf of the applicant.

I confirm that all of the information contained in this Woodland Creation Plan is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand and accept that it is my responsibility to ensure that is the case. I confirm that if there is any change to the information I have provided I will notify the Welsh Government of the change within 10 working days. I accept that if a contract is awarded on the basis of outdated information, that contract may be withdrawn by the Welsh Government.

I confirm that I have management control of the land that is the subject of this Woodland Creation Plan. I am aware of, and have complied with, the conditions that apply to my application and the Woodland Creation Plan. I declare that I have read, understood and complied with all of the relevant guidance and information relating to Glastir Woodland Creation.

I undertake to keep for a period of 10 years from the date of the final payment, and to provide officers of the Welsh Government or their duly authorised agents, within such period as they may determine, such records and information as may be required in respect of this application and in order to determine my compliance with these declarations and undertakings. I agree to repay any aid received together with any interest, if I am asked to do so by the Welsh Government, as a consequence of a breach of any rule, declaration made or undertaking given in this application. I agree to repay, on demand, any overpayments made to me as a result of a miscalculation by the Welsh Government or otherwise.

I will allow duly authorised officers of the Welsh Government, or their duly authorised agents, access to any land or any woodland areas included in the Woodland Creation Plan in order to inspect the land, any relevant equipment, storage facilities and records (including computer records), and any other aspect of the land within the Woodland Creation Plan in order to verify the accuracy of the information in this application, and I will give them all reasonable assistance for that purpose.

I understand that if my application is successful, I will be required to enter into a Glastir Woodland Creation Contract and payment of any grant funding will be conditional on compliance with the terms of that contract. If I am offered a contract and do not enter into the agreement, or fulfil the terms of the contract I may be excluded from re-applying for Glastir Woodland Creation for the following two calendar years.

I understand that the use of an agent or Management Planner does not affect my personal responsibility for the accuracy of the information provided in this application, nor does it absolve me of responsibility to comply with the terms of any contract should my application be successful.

I understand that I must not commence project activity, before I have received written confirmation from the Welsh Government to do so. Any expenditure incurred before the approval date is at my own risk and may render the project ineligible for support.

I have read the Fair Processing Notice of the Glastir Woodland Creation Rules Booklet. I understand that the Welsh Ministers may share, publish or disclose information, including personal information, about my Glastir Woodland Creation application and Woodland Creation Plan with other organisations. I agree to any necessary disclosure or exchanges of information and this extends to the use of information which is created or obtained in connection with my application (including details of payments made to me/my business).

I understand that the publication and disclosure of information by the Welsh Government will be in accordance with the obligations and duties under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 1998, the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and Commission Regulation (EC) 908/2014. I understand that the Welsh Government may produce and publish maps showing the areas of land that have been brought into the agreements and other information provided may also be disclosed where permitted by law.

I understand that the Welsh Government may also obtain information about me from other organisations, or provide information about me to them, in order to verify the accuracy of the information, prevent or detect crime and protect public funds. These other organisations include government departments, local authorities and other bodies as appropriate.

I understand that any person who makes a false declaration or fails to notify the Welsh Government of a material change to the information set out in the Woodland Creation Plan may be liable to prosecution. A false, inaccurate or incomplete statement, or failure to notify the Welsh Government of any material changes to the information given in this Forest Management Plan, may result in termination of the contract and/or recovery of any payments.

I have disclosed details of all other management agreements or grants that I receive, or intend to apply for, that may raise the possibility of me receiving double funding.

I understand that European regulations (including controls) and the Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme for Wales 2014-202 may change from time to time. I accept that the Welsh Government may need to update rules and conditions to take into account any such change and I agree to abide by any changes following notification by the Welsh Government.

Signed

JH Howells

Date

25.9.17

Printed Name:

JH Howells

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I confirm that this plan conforms to UK Forest Standard (UKFS) and Glastir Woodland Creation Scheme Rules, and Glastir Woodland objectives

Signed:

Date:

Print Name:

If Plan cannot be approved, please provide details below

Signed:

Date:

Print Name: