

Glastir Woodland Restoration Plan

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Customer Reference Number (CRN)	A0059128
Expression of Interest (EOI) Reference number	7546523

1. Property Details

Woodland Name	Blaenhenfod Fach		
Site Reference Number (SRN)			
Contact Name	Alice Owen	Status	Trustee
Email	alice.r.owen@btinternet.com	Contact Number	07961 055766
Do you have management control of the land?	Yes		
Management Planner	Alan Wilson		
Email	alan.wilson@tilhill.com	Contact Number	01550 721442
Agent Name and Company (If Applicable)	Alan Wilson, Tilhill Forestry		
Email	alan.wilson@tilhill.com	Contact Number	01550 721442
GWR Area (Hectares)	2.87		
Area of PAWS (Hectares)	0.0		
6 Figure Grid Reference (centre of felling area)	SN 524 410		
Local authority	Carmarthenshire		
Altitude in metres (above sea level)	230 metres		
Is there an existing Felling Licence (Give FLA reference)	FLA252 19-20 Blaenhenfod Fach		
Does the FLA restocking prescription list the same species and species % as Section 6 (GWR plan)?	YES		
Is there a Tree Preservation Order (TPO)?	No		
Is there a European Protected Species licence?	No – EPS Checklist completed with FLA		
Do you intend to make an insurance claim or have you received an insurance payment for the loss of trees due to <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> ?	No		

2. Site background

2a. Management Objectives

To obtain the maximum financial return from the growing crop by the practice of sound silviculture and growing quality timber.

To maintain and where viable enhance woodland biodiversity benefits within the limited confines of the site

To manage the forest in accordance with the UK Forestry Standard

2b. Site description

Blaenhenfod Fach is an isolated 2.9ha block of Japanese larch located 3km south of Llanybydder at SN 524 410, OS map sheet number 146. Access is via an unclassified track which ends at a farmhouse just beyond the woodland. The larch block lies on a moderately steep east facing slope, with an altitude ranging from 200 to 250 metres. The surrounding landscape comprises a patchwork of agricultural fields, small wooded blocks and the more extensive conifer plantations of Brechfa Forest to the south east.

There are no public foot paths in the area and the adjacent access track only services the single farm house to the south, for which clear access will need to be maintained throughout the proposed harvesting operation.

There are no SAMs or other recorded historic features in the vicinity though DAT consultation will be carried out to further assess this.

There are no watercourses crossing the site and no designated features within the property.

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

GWR GeoPDF layers & features on site	Description of Glastir layer in/adjacent to wood	Is consultation required?	How will the GWR GeoPDF layer be dealt with (in accordance with UKFS)
Potential bat habitat	Potential bat habitat	No	EPS checklist completed during licence application. No licence required. Visual checks of trees carried out routinely during harvesting ops. Contractors briefed with 'Toolbox Talks'
Schedule 1 Birds / Nesting Birds	Schedule 1 Birds / Nesting Birds	No	EPS checklist completed during licence application. Visual walkover inspections carried out prior to harvesting operation. Contractors briefed with 'Toolbox Talks'

4. PAWS Assessment

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

GWR GeoPDF layer	Description of EIC in/adjacent to wood	EIC score (High, Medium, Low)
Relevant designations	N/A	
Priority habitats and species	N/A	
Woodland Habitat Networks	N/A	

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

Ecological Development Criteria	Description	EDC Score (High, Medium, Low)
Mature remnant semi-natural trees & shrubs	N/A	
Presence of site native tree and shrub regeneration	N/A	
Presence of specialist woodland ground flora on site	N/A	
Adjacency and quality of existing semi-natural woodland	N/A	

Ecological Potential Score

N/A

4c. Threat to PAWS – Site survey and annotated map

Threats	Description
Over shading	N/A
Presence of non-native regeneration	N/A
Grazing and browsing including deer/squirrels	N/A
Invasive non-native plant species	N/A
Presence of bracken and brambles	N/A

5. Long term Vision and management operations

5a. Long term vision for restoration

Restocking of the *Phytophthora* infected larch will produce a highly productive timber crop through the planting of discrete areas of Douglas fir and Sitka spruce with the broadleaf element located to produce a soft edge against the road running along the western boundary of the woodland.

Operation	Statement of intent	Measure of success (within 10 years)
Fell & restock	Clearfell infected larch and restock with a GWR Capital Works 619 compliant species mixture of 50% Douglas fir, 40% Sitka spruce, 10% Mixed Broadleaves.	An established restock crop at 2,500 stems per hectare, comprising 50% Douglas fir, 40% SS and 10% birch / cherry.
Stock fencing	The woodland is surrounded by agricultural fields and the existing fences are in a variable condition. Where the existing stock fence cannot be secured by ongoing maintenance works, it is likely that certain sections will need to be fully replaced in order to keep the woodland stock proof.	Maintain woodland as fully stock proof throughout the establishment period and duration of GWR contract

6. Stakeholder engagement

Stakeholder	Response
Dyfedd Archaeological Trust	Consultation sent – Response pending

7. Plan of Operation for GWR plan

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Documents submitted in support of this plan

GWR plan	
Annotated GWR map showing Ecological Development Criteria (e.g. site native trees and shrubs, regeneration, veteran trees) and threats (stock grazing, invasive species)	N/A
GeoPDF map of operations for GWR contract	Yes
NRW consent within Sites of Special Scientific Interests (SSSIs)	N/A
CADW response within 100m of Scheduled Ancient Monument	N/A
Felling licence	Yes
Statutory Plant Health Notice	Yes
European Protected Species (EPS) licence (if needed)	N/A
Consultation responses e.g. Archaeological Trusts	Response Pending

Failure to submit all required information at this stage could result in delays during the GWR 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 agent must be registered with the Welsh Government to act on behalf of the applicant.

I confirm that all of the information contained in this Forest Management 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 Forest Management Plan. I am aware of, and have complied with, the conditions that apply to my application and the Forest Management Plan. I declare that I have read, understood and complied with all of the relevant guidance and information relating to Glastir Woodland Restoration.

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 Forest Management 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 Forest Management 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 Restoration 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 Restoration 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 Restoration Rules Booklet. I understand that the Welsh Ministers may share, publish or disclose information, including personal information, about my Glastir Woodland Restoration application and Forest Management 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.

General Data Protection Regulation - We have updated the privacy notice for our schemes and contracts. [Click here to view](#)

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 Forest Management 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 2014-2022 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.

Agent's Declaration

Where the application is submitted by an agent, I, the agent, confirm that:

(a) I have drawn the attention of the applicant to the conditions that apply to this application, including the Applicant's Declarations set out above, and have informed the applicant that they are responsible for complying with the same; and

(b) I am authorised by the applicant to make the Applicant's Declarations set out above on their behalf.

Signed:



Date:

23/10/2019

Printed Name:

Alan Wilson

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

Signed:

Date:

Print Name:

If Plan cannot be approved, please provide details below

Signed:

Date:

Print Name:

