

Glastir Woodland Creation Plan

Customer Reference Number (CRN)	Expression of Interest (EOI) Reference number
A0019819	7555804

1. Property, Applicant and Planner / Agent Details

New Woodland Property Name	Applicant Name	Status
Gelli Caedrum	WT and CDR Evans	Owner

Email Address	Contact Number	Does the applicant have management control of the land?
w.evans845@btinternet.com	07779597271	Yes

Management Planner Name	Email Address	Contact Number
Iwan Parry	Iwan.Parry@tilhill.com	07774255595

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

Planting Site Details

Has the Glastir Woodland Planner carried out a site visit to all field parcels tree planting is proposed?	Yes
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GWC area (Ha)	Type of GWC planting mixture	Six-figure Grid Reference for GWC area	Nearest town
14.17	Enhanced Mixed Woodland	SN 673 130	Glanaman

Local authority (new planting site)	Is this a GWC co-operative plan	Tick to declare you will apply for Woodland Carbon Code validation within 24 months of grant approval (mandatory for Native Carbon GWC woodland mixture)
Cwmaman Town Council	No	Yes

Do you want Welsh Government to organise the Woodland Carbon Code registration on your behalf?	Do you intend to claim annual GWC maintenance payment? (all planting options)	Do you intend to claim annual GWC premium payment? (Not for agro-forestry option)
No	Yes	Yes

Information for Environment Impact Assessment (Forestry)

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

Designated areas	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
Natura 2000 site (<i>Special Area of Conservation or Special Protection Area</i>)	0

2. Long term Vision and Objectives

Describe your long-term vision for the new planting

The long term vision for Gelli Caedrum is to create a mixed woodland that offers amenity, environmental and biodiversity benefits to the local area as well as creating a commercially viable plantation for the owner and their children. The areas of mixed broadleaf will be left mainly unmanaged as an area for nature and biodiversity. They may be thinned in the future to avoid them become choked and over shading the forest floor. The coniferous aspect of the forest will be managed on a commercial basis involving well timed thinning operations and likely eventual clearfell or possibly CCF if the ground conditions allow.

Set out the objectives for the new planting

1.	To establish an enhanced mixed woodland at 2500stems/ha
2.	To create a viable commercial planting whilst also benefiting local biodiversity and carbon sequestration.
3.	To increase habitat availability and biodiversity.
4.	To manage the woodland in accordance with the UKFS at all times.
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3. Potential impacts of new planting

Sensitivities layer *	Field Parcel Sheet and Field Number	Description of layer in new planting	How will the layer and area to be planted be dealt with in accordance with UKFS?	Are any priority habitats, as listed under section 7 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, present in the area to be planted?	Is consultation required for this layer? (See Section 6)
SSSI (Biological) 300m buffer	A0019819 –4109 2295 3594 5084 3079	New planting is located to the North East of CAEAU NANT GARENIG SSSI.	The buffer zone has been filled as far as possible with Native broadleaves including fruit bearing Crab apple and Hazel. This will help to diversify and improve biodiversity within the buffer zone. Any conifer contingents within the buffer zone have been placed as far away from the SSSI as possible with a substantial broadleaf barrier between any conifer crops and the SSSI	No	NO
Historic Environment Feature	A0019819 – 5084 4109	Unknown historical feature in the form of a line/path is shown on the GEO PDF.	No evidence of any feature can be seen on the ground or found on Archwilio, Lle map or MAGIC. Dyfed Archaeology have been consulted on the plan but so far have not responded. It is unlikely there are any historical features present as the land in question was used as a dump for coal mining overburden after past mining operations. Should any feature be identified it will be appropriately buffered/ dealt with according with the UKFS and any advice given by Dyfed Archaeology.	No	Yes- Dyfed Archaeology have been contacted. No response received as yet.

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4. Design of New Planting

Brief description of new planting site	The new planting site is lowland semi improved grazing land. In the past the site was covered with coal mining overburden and a layer of friable brown earth approximately 30cm deep. The site borders some gardens to the South West, existing mixed forestry to the North and West and agricultural grazing to the East. The site is fenced and is stock proof.
Pre-planting ground preparation	Pre planting ground preparation will be continuous mounding. This will help to increase the soil depth available to the trees as well as increasing nutrient availability and minimising the need to chemically control weeds during establishment.
Design of new planting scheme	A band of Lodgepole pine will extend along the majority of the eastern boundary and around the northern tip of the site linking up with the existing block of larch and pine forestry to the north of the site. In this area the soil is rocky and potentially quite dry so the pine will be well suited. To the West of the pine and occupying the majority of the Northern half of the site will be Sitka spruce. This area has been chosen for the coniferous element as it is the furthest from view, the nearby SSSI and will be largely hidden from surrounding properties due to the topography of the land. Below the sitka spruce will be the main body of mixed broadleaf. Alder will be planted in a wet corner to the southeast of the site and in the wet areas spread along the open ditch witch runs north to south through the site. A buffer area of 10-15m will be planted with crab apple and hazel along the southern boundary of the site and possibly extended deeper into the plantation where the planting borders housing. Silver birch will be gradually mixed in with the crab apple and hazel as you progress in to the site. This will help to create a graded edge to the planting and reduce the visual impact to any surrounding houses and benefit the SSSI.
Type of planting stock and size of trees/shrubs	Trees will be bare root UK grown stock ranging from 20-60cm.
Tree protection – what type of tree shelters/spiral guards will be used and why?	No Guards or shelters will be used.
Fencing (livestock)	The planting boundary is already fenced and stock proof.
Deer protection (if an issue)	No Deer protection is necessary.
Open ground	A 4m wide ride will be left unplanted running from the site entrance in the South to the standing timber bordering the site in the North. This ride will be the main access during maintenance works and provide an access route to the standing timber to the North of the site when it is time to harvest it. Other smaller rides may be left for quadbike access to assist with maintenance. There are several footpaths crossing the site. A 3m wide gap will be left unplanted along all footpaths to ensure they remain open at all times. Planting spacing's will be tightened in areas to ensure an overall stocking density of 2500 stems/ha.
Is the new planting within an open access area?	No

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Are standing trees present?	There are 2 small areas of standing broadleaf trees within the site where hedgerows have expanded to fill in field corners. They have been mapped out of the planting area and have been linked with broadleaf in the new planting to improve the biodiversity value of the blocks. No planting will take place under the drip line of the existing trees or those in surrounding hedgerows.
Timing of new planting	The planting will take place between November and March 2021 with the continuous mounding done during the summer before.

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 weeds around trees.	A certified contractor will apply an approved herbicide around the trees.	Once annually between May and September until the trees are established.
Tree replacement	Dead trees will be replaced like for like to ensure a density of 2500 trees/ha	Certified contractor.	Trees will be replaced between November and March until the trees are established at 2500 trees/ha.
Fencing	Fencing around the site boundary to ensure stock are excluded.	Certified contractor.	As required throughout the 12 year contract period.
Tree protection	No Guards or shelters are to be used due to the lack of pests on site.	Certified contractor.	Dead trees will be replaced as above.
Removal of tree protection	NA	NA	NA
Rides and paths through wood	Access ride running North to South as well as several footpaths.	Certified contractor.	Tracks and footpaths will be sprayed with herbicide or cut as appropriate to ensure they remain open at all times.

6. Consultation and Public Participation

Consultation

Organisation	Date contacted	Date of Feedback	Their Response	How does the consultation response impact on the GWC plan?	Your Action
Dyfed Archaeological trust.	13/11/19	Not Recieved	NA	NA	NA
Cwmaman Town Council	14/11/19	Not Received	NA	NA	NA
Brynamlwg, Grenig Road, Glanamman, Ammanford, SA18 1YU	15/11/19	Not Received	NA	NA	NA
Maes y Deri, Grenig Road, Glanamman, Ammanford, SA18 1HQ	15/11/19	Not Received	NA	NA	NA
43, Grenig Road, Glanamman, Ammanford, SA18 1YU	15/11/19	Not Received	NA	NA	NA
41, Grenig Road, Glanamman, Ammanford, SA18 1YU	15/11/19	Not Received	NA	NA	NA
39 ,Grenig Road, Glanamman, Ammanford, SA18 1YU	15/11/19	Not Received	NA	NA	NA
37, Grenig Road, Glanamman, Ammanford, SA18 1YU	15/11/19	Not Received	NA	NA	NA
34, Grenig Road, Glanamman, Ammanford, SA18 1YU	15/11/19	Not Received	NA	NA	NA
33c, Grenig Road, Glanamman, Ammanford, SA18 1YU	15/11/19	15/11/19	Very positive response and in favour of planting trees on site and in general.	Not at all	None

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Gelli Caerdrim Farm, Ceidrim Road, Garnant ,Ammanford, SA18 1LP	15/11/19	Not Received	NA	NA	NA
Gelli Caerdrim Isaf, Ceidrim Road, Garnant ,Ammanford, SA18 1LP	15/11/19	Not Received	NA	NA	NA
Hafod, Grenig Road, Glanamman, Ammanford SA18 1YU	15/11/19	Not Received	NA	NA	NA
24, Grenig Road, Glanamman, Ammanford, SA18 1YU	15/11/19	Not Received	NA	NA	NA
24a, Grenig Road, Glanamman, Ammanford, SA18 1YU	15/11/19	Not Received	NA	NA	NA

Public Participation

Date Commenced

31/10/2019

Date Concluded

Awaiting response

Individual or Organisation	Connection to new planting (e.g. neighbour, community council, interested party)	Method of communication (e.g. event, letter, email, phone)	Date contacted	Date of Feedback	Their Response	Your Action

7. Plan of Operation

Compartment No.	Sheet Reference	Field Parcel	Map ID (e.g. GWC 001)	Capital Works Number	Capital Works Type	Species (include mapped open ground)	Species %	Estimated Quantity
1	7555804	3594 4109 5084 3079 2295	GWC 001		Enhanced Mixed Woodland	Sitka Spruce	44	14.17ha
						Lodgepole Pine	10	
						Norway Spruce	10	
						Silver Birch	10	
						Alder	10	
						Hazel	6	
						Crab Apple	6	
						Open Ground	4	

Please see table 7.1 for species mix and planting area by field parcel.

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7.1. Planting breakdown by field parcel.

	Field Parcel 4109		Field Parcel 2295		Field Parcel 3594		Field Parcel 5084		Field Parcel 3079		Total	
	Area	% of Planting area	Area	% of Planting area	Area	% of Planting area	Area	% of Planting area	Area	% of Planting area	Area	%
	5.50	38.81	1.77	12.49	3.26	23.01	3.00	21.17	0.64	4.52	14.17	100.00
	Area (field parcel)	% (field parcel)	Area (field parcel)	% (field parcel)	Area (field parcel)	% (field parcel)	Area (field parcel)	% (field parcel)	Area (field parcel)	% (field parcel)	Species area	Species %
Species												
SS	3.90	70.91	0.70	39.55	0.90	27.61	0.80	26.67	0.00	0.00	6.30	44
NS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.40	46.67	0.00	0.00	1.40	10
LP	1.40	25.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.40	10
Sbi	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	30.67	0.40	13.33	0.00	0.00	1.40	10
Alder	0.00	0.00	0.70	39.55	0.50	15.34	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.00	1.40	10
Hazel	0.00	0.00	0.17	9.60	0.23	0.00	0.20	6.67	0.20	50.00	0.80	6
Crab Apple	0.00	0.00	0.20	11.30	0.28	0.00	0.20	6.67	0.24	50.00	0.92	6
OG	0.20	3.64	0.00	0.00	0.35	10.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.55	4
Total	5.50	100.00	1.77	100.00	3.26	100.00	3.00	100.00	0.64	100.00	14.17	100

8. Information Required to Support GWC Plan Verification

Documents	Attached: Yes / No Please note that plans will be returned unchecked if required supporting documents are not present
Glastir Woodland Creation Plan	Yes
Glastir Woodland Creation GEOPDF	Yes

Glastir Woodland Planner Declaration

This declaration must be completed by the planner before submitting the finalised plan to the Welsh Government for verification by NRW.

I confirm all of the information contained in this Glastir Woodland Creation plan is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I confirm I have visited all proposed planting sites. I understand and accept it is my responsibility to ensure this is the case. I confirm 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, if any information is outdated, incomplete, misleading or false, the plan may be withdrawn by Welsh Government and passed to another Glastir Woodland Planner to complete. Application of Sanctions of the Terms & Conditions for the Registration of Glastir Woodland Management Planners will be initiated.

Please indicate here if you are submitting a draft plan verification, or you wish to declare this the finalised version of the GWC plan.

GWC Draft Plan		(Applicant / Agent declaration MUST NOT be signed)
GWC Final Plan	Y	(Applicant / Agent declaration MUST be signed)

In both instances this section of the Plan, the Glastir Woodland Planner declaration must be signed by the Glastir Woodland Creation Planner.

Signed:

Date:

Printed Name:

Declaration

Unless an agent has the authority to do so, this declaration must be signed by an applicant. 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 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 RPW online 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 2014-2020 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.

Applicant's Declaration

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Printed Name:

Or

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 finalised Glastir Woodland Creation plan and 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.

Agent Signature:

Date:

Printed Name: