

Glastir Woodland Creation Plan

Customer Reference Number (CRN)	Expression of Interest (EOI) Reference number
A0060916	7576546

1. Property, Applicant and Planner / Agent Details

New Woodland Property Name	Applicant Name	Status
PANT YR ESGAIR	Geoff Saunders	Owner

Email Address	Contact Number	Does the applicant have management control of the land?
mail@geoffsaunders.net	01558 685 331	Yes

Management Planner Name	Email Address	Contact Number
Gus Hellier	ghellier@carmarthenshire.gov.uk	01558 825303

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
0.92	Native Biodiversity	SN 645 205	Llandeilo

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)
Carmarthenshire	No	Not Applicable

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)
Not Applicable	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	0.92
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

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.	Provide a future source of firewood and timber
2.	Provide a wildlife habitat for fauna and flora
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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)
National Park	SN6420 6248	Covers whole field parcel	Planting with native broadleaves consistent with surrounding landscape and habitats.	n/a	Y
Historic Landscape Area	SN6420 6248	Covers whole field parcel	Planting with native broadleaves consistent with surrounding landscape and habitats	n/a	Y
SSSI 300m buffer	SN6420 6248	Covers whole field parcel	Planting with native broadleaves consistent with surrounding landscape and habitats. Planting is not adjacent to SSSI and does not include priority habitat land.	no	Y (via GWC verification process)
PROW	SN6420 6248	Public footpath crosses planting area	A 3 m strip of open ground will be maintained along the public footpath, the existing style on to the footpath will be retained and a field gate installed in the new fence.	n/a	Y

* Needs to include GWC GEOPDF layers, other potential sensitivities and other determining factors - public rights of way, wayleaves, rivers and lake

4. Design of New Planting

Brief description of new planting site	Planting will be carried out in improved grassland used for sheep grazing situated at approximately 160 masl near Llandeilo in Carmarthenshire. The land is on a gentle slope adjoining an area of existing woodland. The soil is mineral and wet but not waterlogged. The landscape is characterised by agriculture with patches of woodland and mature hedgerows. A small un-named watercourse runs adjacent to the planting area, this is already bordered by a mature hedgerow and the planting will not affect this. The nearest dwelling is over 300m from the planting areas and is screened by existing mature hedgerows, other dwellings are over 500m away. The planting will not affect the view from any dwellings. There is a public footpath running through the planting area.
Pre-planting ground preparation	Grass will be kept short by sheep grazing up until the point of planting. The land will be prepared by mounding prior to planting if weather conditions allow.
Design of new planting scheme	The species listed in section 7 will be planted in a random pattern in single species groups of around 10-30 trees with an average spacing of 2.37m (allowing for open ground and existing trees in the planting area – see below). Shrubs (hawthorn, guelder rose, alder buckthorn, spindle in equal numbers) will be planted along the edge of the planting area to provide a woodland edge habitat.
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 or tree tubes and stakes will be used to protect from rabbit and vole damage.
Fencing (livestock)	A new fence will be erected along the edge of the planting area and existing fencing will be replaced as this is in poor condition. Post, wire and netting fencing will be erected in compliance with Glastir specifications.
Deer protection (if an issue)	There are deer in the area. Alder (which makes up 30% of the planting) is unpalatable to deer and will not need extra protection but the other species will be protected with 1.2m tree tubes and stakes.
Open ground	A 3 m strip of open ground will be maintained along the public footpath this will account for 0.02ha (2%) of the planting area. An open area of ground will be maintained to the south of the planting area as an apiary, this is excluded from the GWC area.
Is the new planting within an open access area?	No
Are standing trees present?	There are mature trees in the adjacent hedgerow which accounts for 0.07ha (8% of the planting area). No trees will be planted under the dripline of these trees.
Timing of new planting	October 2020 to March 2021

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 to ensure there are 1,600 trees/ha.	The owner and/or a contractor.	Trees will be surveyed in summer for survival and replaced as required in the winter. This will be especially important until the trees are established (expected 3-4 years) but will be continued for the duration of the contract (12 years).
Fencing	Existing and new fencing around the planting areas.	The owner and/or a contractor.	Fence will be checked annually over the GWC contract commitment period (12 years), and repaired as necessary.
Tree protection	Damaged or missing tree guards will be replaced whilst trees are vulnerable to rabbit and deer damage.	The owner and/or a contractor.	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 and deer damage.	The owner and/or a contractor.	Expected to be approximately 8 -10 years after planting.
Rides and paths through wood	Footpath through the planting area	The owner and/or a contractor.	As required to maintain access.

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
Brecon Beacons National Park	12.2.20	pending	pending	pending	pending
Dyfed Archaeological Trust	12.2.20	pending	pending	pending	pending
Carmarthenshire County Council Countryside Access Team	12.2.20	pending	pending	pending	pending

Public Participation

Date Commenced

12/02/2020

Date Concluded

pending

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
Dyffryn Cennen Community Council	community council	email	12.2.20	pending	pending	pending

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
1a	SN6420	6248	GWC 001	801	Native woodlands - biodiversity	Common alder Silver birch Pendunculate oak Bird cherry Rowan Woody shrubs	30 20 10 10 10 20	0.92ha
1a	SN6420	6248	GWC 002	595	Post and wire fencing and stock netting	n/a	n/a	510m

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

Consents and Consultation responses	Provided: Yes / No / Not applicable
Natural Resources Wales: consent within Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	Not applicable
CADW: response within 100m of Scheduled Ancient Monument	Not applicable
Welsh Archaeological Trust consultation	pending
Additional documents e.g. ecological survey, community consultation, landscape design map	pending
Consultation responses e.g. National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty over 2Ha	pending
Other non-designated areas (e.g. RIGS, Historic Parks and Gardens, etc.)	Not applicable

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	<i>Y</i>	(Applicant / Agent declaration MUST NOT be signed)
GWC Final Plan	<i>N</i>	(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.

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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: