

Glastir Woodland Restoration Plan

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Customer Reference Number (CRN)	Expression of Interest (EOI) Reference number
A0039125	7602448

1. Property, Applicant and Planner / Agent Details

Woodland Property Name	Applicant Name	Status
Gaer Fawr	Diana Raisman	<i>Owner</i>

Email Address	Contact Number	Does the applicant have management control of the land?
-	-	Yes

Management Planner Name	Email Address	Contact Number
Sonia Winder	Sonia.winder@tilhill.com	07721 566091

Agent Name and Company (If Applicable)	Email Address	Contact Number
Sonia Winder - Tilhill	Sonia.winder@tilhill.com	07721 566091

Restocking Site Details

GWR area (Ha)	Area of PAWS (ha)	Six-figure Grid Ref (centre of felling area)	Local Authority
0.52	0	SN 629282	Carmarthenshire County Council

Altitude in metres (above sea level)	Is there an existing Felling Licence (give FLA reference)	Does the FLA restocking prescription list the same species and species % as Section 6 (GWR plan)?
250m	FLA39 20-21	No

Is there a Tree Preservation Order (TPO)?	Is there a European Protected Species licence?	Do you intend to make an insurance claim or have you received an insurance payment for the loss of trees due to Phytophthora ramorum ?
No	No	No

2. Site Background

2a. Management Objectives

The property is an uneven age mixed species woodland plantation. Its primary function is that of a commercial forest and is in an area surrounded by other commercial forests but the management objectives are to also enhance the amenity and conservation value. The long-term vision is to maintain the commercial viability of the forest through the continual growth of productive species whilst ensuring a native broadleaf element is maintained using sound silvicultural techniques to grow quality timber.

Over the duration of the management plan the phased felling programme aims to increase the structural diversity in the forest

The short-term management aims are to ensure good restocking and by removing the larch infected with Phytophthora will enhance productivity and help stop the spread of the disease.

2b. Site description

Gaer Fawr is found at the western end of the Taliaris woodland complex, which is located approximately 5 km north of Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire. The property extends to 19.63 ha in size, and is found on OS Landranger map series 146, grid reference: SN 627 283.

Phytophthora ramorum has now spread in the woodland and all the larch (0.52ha) will now have to be removed from the woodland. The Sitka Spruce element surrounding the Larch will be first thinned at the same time. Restocking will be with as much productive conifer as possible to maintain the productive potential of the woodland but will also look to include a broadleaf element to increase overall broadleaved percentage at Gaer Fawr.

The elevation of the area within the Glastir Restoration Plan is less than 250m below sea level

There is a public road that runs through Gaer Fawr. Due care will be taken to ensure the public road is kept open and safe during forest operations and appropriate signage in place. The site does not currently have an area for loading timber and therefore planning permission will need to be granted in order to install a small layby for timber haulage.

Maes y Castell Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM) located 310m from the felling site at Gaer Fawr. CADW have been consulted as part of the felling licence and have indicated the forestry operations will not have an impact on the physical remains of the monument.

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)
Secondary Networks	Approx half of the western side of Gaer Fawr woodland is defined as a secondary network	No	In accordance with UKFS
ASNW	An area of ASNW is identified north of the property boundary	No	Area identified on map is out with the property boundary. However Mature broadleaves within conifer areas will be retained. Young regenerated broadleaves will be retained as much as possible during harvesting operations
Secondary cores	A small area defined as a secondary core is identified north-east of the property boundary	No	In accordance with UKFS
Public road (Not on GEO pdf)	Public road runs through the property	No	Ensure suitable signage is in place during harvest operations. Public road will remain clear of debris following harvesting operation. Loading bay to be installed (subject to planning approval)
Landscape (Not on GEO pdf)	Visibility of harvesting and restocking operation from surrounding area.	No	Gradient means the felling area will not be prominent in the wider landscape. The boundary against the forest road will be restocked with a broadleaf buffer
Maes y Castell Scheduled Ancient Monument	SAM located out with the property boundary	Included as part of fell licence	SAM is located 310m from the felling area. Consultation was made as part of felling licence and was concluded felling/restocking will not have any physical impact on the SAM

4. Planted Ancient Woodland Sites (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		
Priority habitats and species		
Woodland Habitat Networks		

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

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

Ecological Potential Score

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

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

5. Long term Vision and management operations

5a. Long term vision for restoration

Restocking of the *Phytophthora* infected larch with a productive mixture of Sitka spruce, Douglas Fir and native broadleaves to produce a viably productive small woodland block, while retaining an appropriate diversity of species to maintain biological diversity and future amenity benefits. Planting will be laid out to maintain a 'soft edge' to the property concentrating the birch/cherry element along the roadside boundary.

Operation	Statement of intent	Measure of success (within 10 years)
Clear fell and Restock	Clearfell infected larch (0.52ha) and restock (1x CF area) with a GWR Capital Works 619 compliant species mixture of 40% Sitka spruce, 50% Norway Spruce and 10% Mixed Broadleaves.	An established crop with an average stocking density of 2500 stems per hectare, comprising of 40% Sitka spruce, 50% Norway Spruce and 10% Mixed Broadleaves (Birch and Cherry) for GWR capital works 619

6. Stakeholder engagement

Stakeholder	Response
DAT	Response pending

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7. Plan of Operation

Compartment No.	Sheet Reference	Field Parcel	Map ID (e.g. GWR 001)	Capital Works Number	Capital Works Type	Species (include mapped open ground)	Species %	Estimated Quantity	PAWS Present (Y/N)
2	SN6228	7634	GWR 001	619	Restocking	40% - Sitka Spruce 50% - Norway Spruce 10% - Mixed Broadleaves (birch/cherry)	100	0.52ha	N

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8. Documents submitted in support of this plan

GWR Plan	Provided (Yes / No)
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	Y
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	No
European Protected Species (EPS) licence (if needed)	No
Consultation responses e.g. Archaeological Trusts	

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

Glastir Woodland Planner Declaration (PAWS Only)

This declaration must be completed by the registered Glastir woodland planner before submitting the finalised PAWS plan to the Welsh Government.

I confirm all of the information contained in this Glastir Woodland Restoration (PAWS) 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. Where considered necessary, the Application of Sanctions of the Terms & Conditions for the Registration of Glastir Woodland Management Planners will be initiated.

Signed:

Date:

Printed Name:

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.

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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.

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 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:

21/08/20

Printed Name:

Sonia Winder