

Glastir Woodland Creation Plan

Customer Reference Number (CRN)	Expression of Interest (EOI) Reference number
A0026440	7575720

1. Property, Applicant and Planner / Agent Details

New Woodland Property Name	Applicant Name	Status
Pen yr Allt Woodland	Mrs A J Mason	<i>Owner</i>

Email Address	Contact Number	Does the applicant have management control of the land?
Alison Mason <ajpen207@gmail.com>		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

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
1.78 ha	Enhanced Mixed Woodland	SN 624 604	Llangeithio

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)
Ceredigion County 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)
Yes	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 Pen yr Allt is to take a steep field out of agricultural production and extend an existing ASNW woodland. The new woodland will be planted with a mixture of species, including a minor conifer element, to offer a good range of habitat diversity for wildlife, with particular reference to pollinating insects. The woodland will offer long term landscape, environmental and biodiversity benefits to the local area as well as creating a source of sustainable domestic firewood and fencing material for the farm.

It is envisaged that the area will be managed on continuous cover principles and may be thinned in the future to add age class diversity and structure. Natural regeneration from the adjoining oak woodland will be welcomed, including any regeneration from existing ash trees, which currently appear not to show symptoms of Chalara dieback.

Set out the objectives for the new planting

1.	To establish an enhanced mixed woodland at 2500stems/ha
2.	To create a biodiverse new woodland with habitat linkage to existing ASNW oak woodland.
3.	To create a high quality habitat for insect pollinators, especially bees, by the addition of flowering tree species.
4.	To manage the woodland in accordance with the UKFS at all times.
5.	To sequester carbon in both growing and using timber.
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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)
Water vole	SN6260 3838	Water vole	Watervole sensitivity layer is within 300m of new planting. Species mixture and extension of woodland cover will be broadly beneficial to water voles.	n/a	No
Watercourse	SN6260 3838	Watercourse	The Afon aeron is downslope of the new planting area. Tree planting will slow run-off from the slope which will have a positive impact on local flood hydrology. The land will not be cultivated prior to planting, so removing the risk of sediment release to the watercourse. Fertilizers will not be used, and chemical use will be minimised in the new planting area.	n/a	no

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4. Design of New Planting

Brief description of new planting site	<p>The new planting site is semi-improved grazing land, ploughed and reseeded some years ago. Soil is moderately fertile free draining brown earth. The field is a steep slope with a south easterly aspect. Altitude ranges from 190m ASL on the council road at the top of the slope to 120m ASL adjacent to the existing ASNW woodland at the bottom, with the Afon Aeron below this.</p> <p>The planting site is fenced and is stock proof. There is an entrance gate for access from the tarmac road. An overhead telephone line runs along the roadside edge of the field.</p>
Pre-planting ground preparation	Pre planting ground preparation will be by hand screefing. The land is too steep for contour ploughing or excavator mounding.
Design of new planting scheme	The roadside boundary will be planted with crab apple, hawthorn and hazel to give a graded edge. Silver birch, oak, wild cherry, small leaved lime and minor non-native components including Douglas fir, Norway spruce and beech will make up the remainder of the planting. The oak and conifers will be planted in groups of 6-12, to maximise their benefit to wildlife and mitigate their landscape impact to surrounding houses. Other species will be planted in groups of 2 – 6.
Type of planting stock and size of trees/shrubs	Trees will be bare root UK grown stock (transplants) ranging from 20-60cm. They will be planted during the period from December to March, when they are dormant.
Tree protection – what type of tree shelters/spiral guards will be used and why?	0.6m guards or shelters will be used if rabbits are found to be present.
Fencing (livestock)	The planting boundary is already fenced and stock proof. The fences will be maintained in a stockproof condition while the trees are establishing.
Deer protection (if an issue)	No Deer protection is necessary as there are currently no deer in the area.
Open ground	A 15 x 15m area will be left unplanted at the entrance gateway to allow small vehicles to come into the field and turn around. A 5m roadside strip will be left unplanted to allow access for a tractor to cut the roadside hedge from the field side. No planting will be carried out under the canopy of existing edge trees. Planting spacings will be tightened in the remainder of the areas to ensure an overall average stocking density of 2500 stems/ha.
Is the new planting within an open access area?	No
Are standing trees present?	There are existing woodland trees (sessile oak, hazel and rowan) on the south eastern and south western edges of the field. The north eastern and north western edges of the field have overgrown hedges with thorn, ash, hazel and birch present. 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 December 2020 and 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 weeds around trees.	The owner or a qualified contractor will either apply an approved herbicide e.g. glyphosate around the trees, or trees will be fitted with mulch mats.	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	Owner or certified contractor.	Any dead trees will be replaced annually between December and March until the trees are established at 2500 trees/ha.
Fencing	Boundary fencing around the site boundary to ensure stock are excluded.	Owner or qualified contractor.	As required throughout the 12 year contract period.
Tree protection	0.6 m tree Guards or shelters, if used. Currently no evidence of rabbits on site.	Owner or qualified contractor.	At the same time as beating up or weeding operations above.
Removal of tree protection	Tree shelters (if used)	Owner or qualified contractor	At the end of the maintenance period when the trees are large enough to be safe from browsing

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
n/a					

Public Participation

Date Commenced

28/01/2020

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
Neighbour	Neighbour		7/2/20			
T. A Thomas	Neighbour	Phone	12.02.2020	12.02.2020	Positive	None
M Davies	Neighbour	Phone	12.02.2020	12.02.2020	Positive	None
M Widdicombe	Neighbour	Visit	26.12.2019	12.02.2020	Positive	None
G Davies	Neighbour	Visit	13.09.2019	13.09.2019	Positive	None

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	SN6260	3838	GWC 001	803	Enhanced Mixed Woodland	Sessile Oak	35%	1.78ha
						Wild Cherry	10%	
						Silver Birch	15%	
						Beech	5%	
						Small leaved lime	5%	
						Norway Spruce	5%	
						Scots pine	5%	
						Hazel	5%	
						Crab Apple	5%	
						Hawthorn	5%	
						Rowan	5%	

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

7.1. Planting breakdown by field parcel.

As above (only one field parcel)

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.

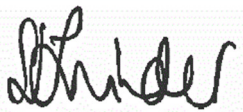
I confirm all of the information contained in this Glastir Woodland Creation plan is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I confirm I have visited all proposed planting sites. I understand and accept it is my responsibility to ensure this is the case. I confirm if there 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: 07/02/20

Printed Name:

Sonia Winder

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:

A J Mason

Date:

13.02.2020

Printed Name:

Alison Jane Mason

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: