

Woodland Creation Planning Scheme Plan v3.1 (WPR)



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Customer Reference Number (CRN)	Expression of Interest (EOI) Reference number	Plan Reference number (WPR)
A0055503	7818359	WPR00072

1. Property, Applicant and Planner / Agent Details

New Woodland Property Name	Applicant Name	Status
Pantyrhuad Farm Woodland	CO & SM STEWART	Owner

Email Address	Contact Number
office@bronwin.co.uk	01597 825900

Registered Woodland Planner Name	Email Address	Contact Number
Anna Georgiou	office@bronwin.co.uk	01597 825900

Agent Name and Company (If Applicable)	Email Address	Contact Number
Andrew Bronwin – Bronwin & Abbey Ltd	office@bronwin.co.uk	01597 825900

Planting Site Details

Has the Woodland Planner carried out a site visit to all field parcels tree planting is proposed?	Yes
Have you undertaken the mandatory pre-application enquiry for this site?	Yes
Pre-application Reference Number	24-CJ-183

Area (Ha)	WCPS Woodland Category	Six-figure Grid Reference for Planting Site
1.53	Enhanced Mixed Woodland	SN238116

Local authority of Planting Site	Nearest town
Carmarthenshire County Council	St Clears

Information for Environment Impact Assessment (Forestry)

New planting areas in the following designations – only include the actual amount of planting within that designation regardless of the overall size of the scheme unless applicable (fill in areas if known):

Designated areas	Area (hectares)
Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	0
SSSI with Nature Conservation Order (Section 29 of Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981)	0
National Park	0
World Heritage Site	0
Scheduled Monument (SM)	0
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)	0
National Sites Network (formerly known as Natura 2000 Sites i.e. Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) or Special Protection Areas (SPA))	0
National Nature Reserve (NNR)	0
RAMSAR Site	0

Has there been any recent afforestation (in the last 5 years) adjoining your proposed woodland creation?	Yes
What is the adjoining project's size (Hectares)?	4.41
If there is more than one afforestation project, list all that would apply and their individual sizes:	

Information Sharing

We use the information that you have given us in order to assess and approve your Woodland Creation Planning Plan.

We will also share this information along with any relevant accompanying information with the Natural Resources Body for Wales (NRW) Permitting Service so that they may give their Opinion as to whether your Woodland Creation Plan is a Relevant Project under the Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) Regulations 1999. Should NRW require more information to inform their Opinion they may contact you directly.

Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the lawful basis we rely on for sharing this information with NRW is:

- (e) We need it to perform a public task.

2. Long Term Vision and Objectives

Describe your long-term vision for the proposed planting

The new planting will become a productive woodland producing good quality timber. Any areas of ecological interest within the new planting area will be maintained.

Set out the objectives for the proposed planting

1.	The establishment of a productive woodland through good silvicultural practice.
2.	To ensure the woodland fits in with the existing landscape by careful design.
3.	To protect areas of ecological and historic value within the site by the sensitive location of species including the buffering of watercourses and other sensitive areas.
4.	The sequestration of carbon through long term woodland management.
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* All listed objectives should be site specific and realistic given the planting mixture and the size of the overall scheme.

3. Potential impacts of proposed planting

Sensitivities Layer and other unmapped sensitivities*	UniqueID(s) of planting area(s)	Description of sensitivity in proposed planting	How might your proposal impact on that sensitivity? What are the risks?	How will you reduce the risks and impacts? (this could be in accordance with UKFS, GN002 or other good practice)	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)
Historic Environment Features	2	A HEF is situated close to the western boundary of the proposed planting area.	Damage to the HEF	Consultation with Heneb. The HEF is not within the planting area. Access tracks will not cross the HEF. Use of heavy machinery in these areas will be avoided. A 5m buffer will be implemented to prevent any accidental damage during establishment.	No	Yes
Waterbodies	1-3	No waterbodies or watercourses exist within or in proximity to the planting areas	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	No
Utilities	1	An overhead powerline runs along the boundary of planting area 1	Damage to the powerline	A 4m no planting buffer for woody shrubs and 6m for trees will be implemented from the edge of the wires.	No	No
Private Water Supply	1-3	No private water supplies exist within or in proximity to the planting areas	Not applicable	Not applicable	No	No
Public Rights of Way	1	Footpaths 9/16/4 runs along the track to the north of the planting area	No risks as the footpath is on the track the other side of the hedge and is outside the field and planting area	Not applicable	No	No
Landscape	1-3	The proposed planting areas are within the Eglwys Cummin Historic Landscape.	Change in the landscape	Eglwys Cummin has areas of regular field enclosures, intermixed with some areas of irregular fields. The settlement pattern is generally one of dispersed farmsteads and cottages	No	Yes

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				but also encompasses the village of Red Roses (Rhos-goch). Woodland is important to the historical pattern of this area. The National Landscape Character Area is 44 Bröydd Taf a Chleddau / Taf and Cleddau Vales. Small blocks of broadleaved woodland and mixed or coniferous plantations are located on slopes and valley sides. The proposed planting is in keeping with the pattern of field enclosure and the edges of the planting areas are softened with mixed broadleaves. Consultation with Heneb		
Hedgerows and Veteran Trees	1-3	Native hedgerows exist along the boundaries of the proposed planting areas	Shading and competition for existing hedgerow trees and shrubs	Hedgerows will have an unplanted buffer of 3m with a further 2m shrub buffer or a 5m unplanted buffer	No	No

* **All sensitivities should be listed and dealt with appropriately according to UKFS.** This needs to include Woodland Opportunity Map layers, other potential sensitivities and other determining factors - public rights of way, wayleaves, rivers and lake as per NRW's GN002 Woodland Creation Planner's guide: [Natural Resources Wales / Woodland Creation Planners' Guide](#). Note that scoring layers do not need to be listed here.

* All identified sensitivities requiring necessary consultation should also be shown in Section 6.

4. Design of Proposed Planting

Brief description of proposed planting site	<p>The proposal is located 2.5km to the east of the village of Rhos-goch / Red Roses and 6km to south-west of the town of St Clears.</p> <p>Bedrock: Milford Haven Group - Argillaceous rocks and sandstone and conglomerate, interbedded. Sedimentary bedrock formed between 427.4 and 407.6 million years ago during the Silurian and Devonian periods.</p> <p>Soils: Freely draining slightly acid loamy soils.</p> <p>Elevation: Varies from 110 – 170m above sea level.</p>
Pre-planting ground preparation * hover for requirements	<p>Ground preparation The planting site may be prepared by mounding using an excavator prior to planting – 2m between mounds. Control of weeds may be undertaken with herbicides prior to planting. The purpose of the ground preparation work is to ensure the rapid establishment of the young trees minimising the duration and quantity of herbicide use.</p> <p>European Protected Species (EPS) potential presence There are no records of EPS within 2km of the site (NBN Atlas). Should any EPS be observed on site, method statements for all operations likely to impact on EPS will be agreed with the NRW species team prior to work commencing if appropriate. A schedule of operations will be created, and the species team kept informed as necessary.</p>
Design of proposed planting scheme	<p>This is a landscape scale design; not by field parcel. See planting design map.</p> <p>The proposed planting areas will provide shelterbelts and are aligned with existing field boundaries to be in keeping with the landscape pattern.</p> <p>Broadleaves will be planted to soften the hard, visible edges of the planting where possible in line with UKFS guidelines and will increase biodiversity value. Hedgerows will have a 3m unplanted buffer and a 2m buffer of woody shrubs adjacent to this.</p>
Type of planting stock and size of trees/shrubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conifers: 20-50cm transplant stock 1u1 or 1+1. • Broadleaves: 30-60cm transplant stock 1/0, 1u1 or 1+1. <p>Above subject to availability of appropriate provenance.</p>
Tree protection – what type of tree shelters/spiral guards will be used and why?	<p>It is expected that 60cm tree wraps will be used on broadleaf trees to protect them from rabbits.</p>
Fencing (livestock)	<p>Existing fences of good quality will be maintained as stockproof. Where no fencing exists or is in poor condition, new livestock fencing will be erected and maintained to WCPS specification which may be up to 1663m of P595.</p>
Deer protection (if an issue)	<p>Deer protection will not be used.</p>

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Open ground * hover for more info	There is no open ground within the proposed planting areas.
Is the proposed planting within an open access area?	No
Are standing trees present?	None present
Timing of proposed planting	Winter 2024/25

5. Maintenance and monitoring of proposed 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	Bracken, bramble, grasses and agricultural weeds using a forestry approved herbicide.	Agent or owner will arrange for a certified contractor to undertake site maintenance.	<p>Post planting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Treatment will be carried out until the trees are established and out competing the surrounding vegetation. The expectation is for a minimum of 2 growing seasons in the conifer areas and a minimum of 3 growing seasons in the broadleaf areas. Spot weeding of the trees to a 1m diameter in April/May. Selective treatment of bracken, bramble, gorse, grasses, and any weeds and will be carried out when necessary during growing seasons. <p>Herbicide will be applied by a qualified contractor – NPTC PA1, PA6 and PA6AW. (Any herbicide use will follow strict UKFS Forest and Water guidelines).</p>
Tree replacement	Losses will be replaced with a species mix that maintains the overall approved species percentages/mix and ensures full stocking of 2500/Ha.	Agent or owner will instruct a contractor to undertake operation.	Tree losses will be checked annually, and trees replaced to maintain the planting option stocking density for 12 years and/or the lifetime of the agreement, whichever is longer.
Fencing	Boundary fences to be maintained as stockproof for duration of the contract.	Agent or owner will instruct a contractor to carry out repairs or replacement.	Fencing will be checked at least once annually, for 12 years and/or the lifetime of the agreement, whichever is longer.
Tree protection	Tree wraps to be used on the broadleaves	Agent or owner will inspect the trees for browsing damage	Tree protection – will be checked and maintained at least once a year, for 12 years and/or the lifetime of the agreement, whichever is longer.

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Removal of tree protection	Tree wraps	Agent or owner will inspect the site and arrange removal of tree wraps when no longer needed	Tree wraps will be removed from site once trees have established and be either reused or recycled.
Rides and paths through wood	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

6. Consultation and Public Participation

Consultation					
Organisation	Date contacted	Date of Feedback	Their Response	How did the consultation response impact on this plan?	Your Action * Reason required if you are not following consultation requests/advice.
Heneb	23/10/2024				
<i>e.g. NRW consent for SSSI.</i>					
<i>Any other consultation required for sensitivities i.e. Butterfly Conservation, Red Squirrel Trust, Local Authority (for SINC)s, etc. Refer to GN002.</i>					

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Public Participation							
Date Commenced		DD/MM/YYYY		Date Concluded		DD/MM/YYYY	
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	
Mr S Banks – Cottage 1, Pantyrhuad Farm	Neighbour	Meeting in person between neighbour and land owner	TBC		<i>* Evidence required of contact attempts on 14th and 28th day in the case of no response.</i>		
Mr P Hayes – Cottage 2 Pantyrhuad Farm	Neighbour	Meeting in person between neighbour and land owner	TBC				
Mr K Jenkins – Lake Cottage	Neighbour	Meeting in person between neighbour and land owner	TBC				
Mr A Morris – Manor Court Farm	Neighbour	Meeting in person between neighbour and land owner	TBC				
Mrs Howells- Manor Court Farm	Neighbour	Meeting in person between neighbour and land owner	TBC				
Steve Jenden – Birrbi Ltd – Pencoed Farm	Neighbour	Meeting in person between neighbour and land owner	TBC				

If you feel that no public participation is required, please state why

7. Information Required to Support Plan Verification

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 50m of Scheduled Monument	Not Applicable
Public consultation / participation	No
Welsh Archaeological Trust consultation	No
Additional documents e.g. ecological survey, community consultation, landscape design map	Yes
Consultation responses e.g. National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty over 2Ha	No
Other non-designated areas (e.g. RIGS, Historic Parks and Gardens etc.)	Not Applicable

Woodland Planner Declaration

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

I confirm all of the information contained in this Woodland Creation Planning Scheme 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 Woodland Planner to complete. Where considered necessary, the Application of Sanctions of the Terms & Conditions for the Registration of Woodland Planners will be initiated.

The Registered Woodland Planner declaration must be signed by the Registered Woodland Planner submitting this plan

Signed:

A. Georgiou

Date:

15/10/2024

Printed Name:

ANNA GEORGIU

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 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 the use of an agent or Woodland 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 have read the Fair Processing Notice of the Woodland Creation Planning Scheme Rules Booklet. I understand that the Welsh Ministers may share, publish or disclose information, including personal information, about my 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 Woodland Creation 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.

Once my plan has been verified, I understand I am able to apply for Welsh Government funding for up to 5 years from the date of verification. Any changes to the plan that would require further verification by NRW are at my own cost and not eligible for Welsh Government support.

I am responsible for informing RPW via RPW Online if I subsequently choose to create the woodland without Welsh Government funding.

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 Woodland Creation Planning Scheme 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:

Andrew Bronwin

Date:

15/10/2024

Printed Name:

ANDREW BRONWIN

Before submitting, have you:	Yes / No / Not applicable
Undertaken and provided evidence of consultation with the relevant Welsh Archaeological Trust AT	Yes
Undertaken the required level of a Public Participation exercise and provided evidence	No
Undertaken and attached evidence of any other required pre-submission consultation (refer to GN002 for guidance). Please ensure that you provide the dates that communication was attempted, even where there hasn't been a response.	Not Applicable
Any consent required has been applied for/given and evidence attached (e.g. S38 permission for planting on common land, fencing across PROW, protected sites)	Not Applicable
Ensured that any open areas >0.5ha have been mapped out of the submitted Shapefile	Yes
Ensured that the species mix complies with the WCPS Woodland Category specification	Yes
Reflected on all consultation responses received – if you are not following the recommendations, have you provided your reasoning?	Not Applicable
Attached any other relevant documentation? (e.g. ecological survey, community consultation, landscape design map)	Yes