| Customer Reference Number (CRN) | Expression of Interest (EOI) Reference number  | Plan Reference number (WPR) |
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| **A0076252** | **7841299** |  **WPR00115** |

| **1. Property, Applicant and Planner / Agent Details** |
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| New Woodland Property Name | Applicant Name | Status |
| Silica Field | Carmarthenshire County Council | Owner |
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| Email Address | Contact Number |
| ghellier@carmarthenshire.gov.uk | 07919 592770 |
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| Registered Woodland Planner Name | Email Address | Contact Number |
| Gus Hellier | ghellier@carmarthenshire.gov.uk | 07919 592770 |
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| Agent Name and Company (If Applicable) | Email Address | Contact Number |
| n/a | n/a | n/a |
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| **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 | 23-CJ-154 |
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|  Area (Ha) | WCPS Woodland Category | Six-figure Grid Reference for Planting Site |
| 1.14 | Native Woodland - Biodiversity | SN400 061 |
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| Local authority of Planting Site | Nearest town |
| Carmarthenshire | Kidwelly |
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| **Information for Environment Impact Assessment (Forestry)** |
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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):

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

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| a. Has there been any recent afforestation (in the last 5 years) adjoining your proposed woodland creation? | No |
| b. What is the adjoining project’s size (Hectares)? | n/a |
| If there is more than one afforestation project, list all that would apply and their individual sizes: |
| n/a |

**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.

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| **2. Long Term Vision and Objectives**  |
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| **Describe your long-term vision for the proposed 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 proposed planting** |
| **1.** | Provide a wildlife habitat for fauna and flora  |
| **2.** | Provide an amenity resource for local people |
| **3.** | Protect the ecological landscape |
| **4.** | Sequester carbon |
| **5.** |  |
| **6.** |  |
| \* 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** |
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| **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 Landscape Areas (HLA) |  | The planting area lies within an HLA | Potential impacts on landscape character. | Via consultation with Heneb | No | Yes |
| SSSI Buffer |  | SSSI site near the proposed planting scheme. In response to consultation the Carmarthenshire Environment team have recommended that an Ecological Survey / overwintering birds survey is done.  | If the area is used by overwintering birds tree planting could impact on these species. | Overwintering birds survey completed – no potential for overwintering birds found. No impacts from tree planting expected. | No | Yes |
| Priority habitat |  | NRW Habitat Specialist / Environment team requested that the site will need a habitat survey as it could potentially be priority habitat. | If the site contains priority habitats these could be impacted by tree planting | Habitat survey completed – found to be ‘species poor grassland on disturbed land’. No impacts from tree planting expected. | No | No |
| Special Landscape Area |  | The planting area lies within a SLA | Potential impacts on landscape character | Via consultation with CCC – no  | No | Yes |
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\* **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](https://naturalresources.wales/guidance-and-advice/business-sectors/forestry/woodland-creation/glastir-woodland-creation-planners-guide/?lang=en). Note that scoring layers do not need to be listed here.

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

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|  **4. Design of Proposed Planting** |
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| **Brief description of proposed planting site** | The planting site is an area of species poor grassland on disturbed land currently used as an amenity area at Kidwelly Quay in Carmarthenshire. The land is flat, at 10masl with mineral soils. It forms part of the Carmarthenshire County Council Kidwelly Quay holding which is a mixture of woodland, shrub, open land and open water habitats. The planting area is approximately 50 m from a lake and 100m from the Kymer cannal but has no watercourses following through it. There are dense areas of scrub on three sides of the proposed planting so there will be no significant impact on the landscape and the nearest residential property is over 200m away. There is a PROW about 100m from the planting site and there is permissive access through the site which will be retained after planting. |
| **Pre-planting ground preparation** [\* hover for requirements](https://gov.wales/woodland-creation-planning-scheme-rules-booklet-html%22%20%5Co%20%22Does%20drainage%20statement%20for%20ground%20preparation%20comply%20with%20UKFS%20Forest%20%26%20Water%20guidelines%2C%20especially%20if%20ploughing%20taking%20place%2C%20adjacent%20to%20watercourse%20and/or%20steep%20ground.) | Grass will be mown or topped prior to planting. Direct planting will be used to avoid trip hazards from mounding etc as permissive access will be allowed. |
| **Design of proposed planting scheme** | Planting will consist of a mix of native broadleaved species with 1600 stems/ha at variable spacing. Two wide paths will be left through the planting area to allow permissive public access. |
| **Type of planting stock and size of trees/shrubs** | 40-60cm bare-rooted stock. Local provenance (303) will be preferred if available. |
| **Tree protection – what type** **of tree shelters/spiral guards will be used and why?** | Spiral guards and canes are recommended to protect from rabbit and vole damage |
| **Fencing (livestock)** | N/a – no grazed areas adjacent to planting area |
| **Deer protection (if an issue)** | N/A |
| **Open ground** [\* hover for more info](file:///D%3A%5CUsers%5CWilliamsDL%5CObjective%5CObjects%5C) | *Ensure any access tracks/gateways to be maintained are disclosed and their maintenance discussed in section 5.* |
| **Is the proposed planting within an open access area?** | No |
| **Are standing trees present?** | None within proposed planting area. |
| **Timing of proposed planting** | October 2025 to March 2026 |

|  **5. Maintenance and monitoring of proposed planting site** |
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| **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 licenced operator  | If required, 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 to ensure there are 1,600 trees/ha. | The owner and/or a contractor. | 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** | N/a – no grazed areas adjacent to planting area | N/a – no grazed areas adjacent to planting area | N/a – no grazed areas adjacent to planting area |
| **Tree protection** | Damaged or missing spiral guards and canes will be replaced whilst trees are vulnerable to rabbit damage. | The owner and/or a contractor. | 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. |
| **Removal of tree protection** | Tree guards will be removed when the trees are no longer vulnerable to rabbit damage. | The owner and/or a contractor. | Tree guards will be removed from site once trees have established and be either reused or recycled. |
| **Rides and paths****through wood** | Paths will be mown or flailed | The owner and/or a contractor. | Annually or as required |

|  **6. Consultation and Public Participation** |
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| **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. |
| *Required: Welsh Archaeological Trust (WAT).* |  |  |  |  |  |
| Carmarthenshire County Council | 11.2.25 | 11.2.25 | Looks good | N/a | None required |
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| **Public Participation**

| **Date Commenced** | 10/02/2025 |  | **Date Concluded** | DD/MM/YYYY |
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| **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** |
| Kidwelly Town Council | neighbour | email | 10.2.25 |  | *\* Evidence required of contact attempts on 14th and 28th day in the case of no response.* |  |
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| **If you feel that no public participation is required, please state why** |
| n/a |

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| **7. Information Required to Support Plan Verification** |

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| **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 | *Please Select >>* |
| Welsh Archaeological Trust consultation | *Please Select >>* |
| 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 | Not Applicable |
| 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**

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| **Signed:** |  |  **Date:** |  |
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| **Printed Name:** | Gus Hellier |

**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**

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| **Applicant Signature:** |  |  **Date:** |  |
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| **Printed Name:** | Gus Hellier |

**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.

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| **Agent Signature:** |  |  **Date:** |  |
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| **Before submitting, have you:** | **Yes / No / Not applicable** |
| Undertaken and provided evidence of consultation with the relevant Welsh Archaeological Trust AT | *Please Select >>* |
| Undertaken the required level of a Public Participation exercise and provided evidence | *Please Select >>* |
| 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. | *Please Select >>* |
| 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)  | *Please Select >>* |
| Ensured that any open areas >0.5ha have been mapped out of the submitted Shapefile  | *Please Select >>* |
| Ensured that the species mix complies with the WCPS Woodland Category specification  | *Please Select >>* |
| Reflected on all consultation responses received – if you are not following the recommendations, have you provided your reasoning? | *Please Select >>* |
| Attached any other relevant documentation? (e.g. ecological survey, community consultation, landscape design map) | *Please Select >>* |