Woodland Management Plan

**This cover sheet is for use with an unfunded woodland management plan on a non-Forestry Commission woodland plan template that is submitted for Forestry Commission approval**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **To be completed by the plan author:** | | |
| **Woodland or Property name** |  | |
| **Plan author name** |  | |
| **Plan author email address** |  | |
| **Plan author phone number** |  | |
| **The landowner agrees this plan as a statement of intent for the woodland** | | **Yes / No** |

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **For FC Use only:** | | | | |
| **Woodland Management Plan case reference** |  | | | |
| **Plan Period**  *(dd/mm/yyyy - Ten years)* | **Approval date:** |  | **Approved until:** |  |
| **Five Year Review Date** |  | | | |

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Revision No.** | **Date** | **Status (draft/final)** | **Reason for Revision** |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

**UK Forestry Standard management planning criteria**

Approval of this plan will be considered against the following UKFS criteria.

Prior to submission, review your plan against the criteria using the checklist below.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **UKFS management plan criteria** | **Minimum approval requirements** | **Author check 🗹** |
| **Plan Objectives:**  Forest management plans should state the objectives of management and set out how an appropriate balance between social, economic, environmental objectives will be achieved. | * Management plan objectives are stated. * Consideration is given to environmental, economic and social objectives relevant to the vision for the woodland. |  |
| **Forest context and important features in management strategy:**  Forest management plans should address the forest context and the forest potential and demonstrate how the relevant interests and issues have been considered and addressed. | Management intentions communicated in ***Sect.6*** of the management plan are in line with stated objective(s) in ***Sect. 2***.  Management intentions should take account of:   * Relevant features and issues identified in the woodland survey (***Sect. 4***). * Any potential threats to and opportunities for the woodland, as identified under woodland protection (***Sect. 5***). * Relevant comments received from stakeholder engagement are documented in ***Sect. 7***. |  |
| **Identification of designations within and surrounding the woodland site:**  For designated areas, e.g. National Parks or SSSI, particular account is taken of landscape and other sensitivities in the design of forests and forest infrastructure. | * Survey information (***Sect. 4***) identifies any designations that impact on woodland management. * Management intentions (***Sect. 6***) have taken account of any designations. |  |
| **Felling and restocking to improve forest structure and diversity:**  When planning felling and restocking, the design of existing forests should be re-assessed and any necessary changes made to meet UKFS requirements.  Forests should be designed to achieve a diverse structure of habitat, species and age range of trees, appropriate to the scale and context.  Forests characterised by a lack of diversity, due to extensive areas of even-aged trees, should be progressively restructured to achieve age class range. | * Felling and restocking proposals are consistent with UKFS design principles (for example scale and adjacency). * Current diversity (structure, species, age structure) of the woodland has been identified through the survey (***Sect. 4***). * Management intentions aim to improve / maintain current diversity (structure, species, and ages of trees). |  |
| **Consultation:**  Consultation on forest management plans and proposals should be carried out according to forestry authority procedures and, where required, the Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) Regulations. | * Stakeholder consultation is in line with current FC guidance, and recorded in ***Sect. 7***. The minimum requirement is for statutory consultation to take place, and this will be carried out by the Forestry Commission. * Plan authors undertake stakeholder engagement (ref FC Ops Note 35) relevant to the context and setting of the woodland. |  |
| **Plan update and review:**  Management of the forest should conform to the plan, and the plan should be updated to ensure it is current and relevant. | * A 5 year review period is stated on the 1st page of the plan * ***Sect. 8*** is completed with 1 indicator of success identified per management objective |  |

**UK Forestry Standard woodland plan assessment**

**For FC office use and approval only:**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **UKFS management plan criteria** | **Minimum approval requirements** | **Achieved** | **Review notes** |
| **Plan Objectives:**  Forest management plans should state the objectives of management and set out how an appropriate balance between social, economic, environmental objectives will be achieved. | * Management plan objectives are stated. * Consideration is given to environmental, economic and social objectives relevant to the vision for the woodland. |  |  |
| **Forest context and important features in management strategy:**  Forest management plans should address the forest context and the forest potential and demonstrate how the relevant interests and issues have been considered and addressed. | Management intentions communicated in ***Sect.6*** of the management plan are in line with stated objective(s) in ***Sect. 2***.  Management intentions should take account of:   * Relevant features and issues identified in the woodland survey (***Sect. 4***). * Any potential threats to and opportunities for the woodland, as identified under woodland protection (***Sect. 5***). * Relevant comments received from stakeholder engagement are documented in ***Sect. 7***. |  |  |
| **Identification of designations within and surrounding the woodland site:**  For designated areas, e.g. National Parks or SSSI, particular account is taken of landscape and other sensitivities in the design of forests and forest infrastructure. | * Survey information (***Sect. 4***) identifies any designations that impact on woodland management. * Management intentions (***Sect. 6***) have taken account of any designations. |  |  |
| **Felling and restocking to improve forest structure and diversity:**  When planning felling and restocking, the design of existing forests should be re-assessed and any necessary changes made to meet UKFS requirements.  Forests should be designed to achieve a diverse structure of habitat, species and age range of trees, appropriate to the scale and context.  Forests characterised by a lack of diversity, due to extensive areas of even-aged trees, should be progressively restructured to achieve age class range. | * Felling and restocking proposals are consistent with UKFS design principles (for example scale and adjacency). * Current diversity (structure, species, age structure) of the woodland has been identified through the survey (***Sect. 4***). * Management intentions aim to improve / maintain current diversity (structure, species, and ages of trees). |  |  |
| **Consultation:**  Consultation on forest management plans and proposals should be carried out according to forestry authority procedures and, where required, the Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) Regulations. | * Stakeholder consultation is in line with current FC guidance, and recorded in ***Sect. 7***. The minimum requirement is for statutory consultation to take place, and this will be carried out by the Forestry Commission. * Plan authors undertake stakeholder engagement (ref FC Ops Note 35) relevant to the context and setting of the woodland. |  |  |
| **Plan update and review:**  Management of the forest should conform to the plan, and the plan should be updated to ensure it is current and relevant. | * A 5 year review period is stated on the 1st page of the plan * ***Sect. 8*** is completed with 1 indicator of success identified per management objective |  |  |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Approved in Principle**  *This means the FC is happy with your plan; it meets UKFS requirements.*   1. *You can use it to support a CS-HT or other grant application.* 2. ***You do not yet have a licence to undertake any tree felling in the plan.*** | **Name (WO or FM):** | **Date:** |
| **Approved**  *This means FC is happy with your plan; it meets UKFS requirements, and we have also approved a felling licence for any tree felling in the plan (where required).* | **Name (AO, WO or FM):** | **Date:** |