

EIA deforestation application form (England)

Use this 'stage 1' Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) form to seek the Forestry Commission's (FC) view of the environmental impact of your deforestation proposal, and whether you will be required to submit a 'stage 2' EIA Application for Consent, incorporating an Environmental Statement before commencing your project.

Help filling in this form

It is recommended that you refer to the [deforestation application guidance](#) when filling in this form. This provides guidance on how to complete each individual question listed below, should you need it.

These questions are asked in order to assess your proposal against the [UK Forestry Standard](#), government policies and statutory criteria.

All responses to free text questions are expected to be **proportionate to the size of your proposal**. Therefore, if you are proposing a smaller project, your answers may be correspondingly brief, but you must still ensure that you provide the minimum necessary information for the FC to make a decision. Likewise, proposers of larger projects will be expected to provide more in-depth responses. The FC will request for further information if required.

Do I need to complete this form?

Is my proposal considered deforestation?

Deforestation means permanent removal of woodland cover for conversion to another land use. This can include proposals for the removal of short rotation coppice (SRC) and short rotation forestry (SRF), including the removal of energy crops and Christmas tree plantations.

Deforestation projects completed within the last five years that are **adjacent** to your proposal will be considered part of your new proposal when determine your project's area for the purpose of assigning it a 'threshold'. 'Adjacent' means any part of the project is within 500m of your proposal. Part 5 and 7 below make it clear whether to include any adjacent project details or not. You should complete the remainder of the form solely in relation to your proposed project (i.e. not in relation to any adjacent project).

Is my proposal considered development?

If your proposal is **development-related** (i.e.: requiring **planning permission**) then it will normally be considered by the local planning authority under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, providing that the planning application or approval has explicitly identified the location for the forestry proposal. Where this is the case, you do not need to complete this form.

However, **permitted development** in the context of forestry is covered by the EIA Forestry Regulations. If your proposal contains permitted development in relation to forestry, you will need to fill in this form. You will also need to provide confirmation from the local planning authority that they have accepted that the work qualifies as permitted development.

Can I presume that I do not need to submit this EIA deforestation application form?

The forestry EIA regulations create a **presumption** that some deforestation proposals will not have a likely significant effect on the environment, and therefore that they will not require an EIA 'stage 2' Application for Consent. This presumption relates to proposals that are:

- Less than 1ha (including any adjacent project – see [Part 7](#) below) AND
- Outside of any 'sensitive area' (see [Part 4](#) below).

Or

- Less than 0.5ha (including adjacent projects – see [Part 7](#) below) AND
- Located within a National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and outside any other 'sensitive area' (see [Part 4](#) below).

Please refer to Annex 1 of this form for the EIA threshold tables for deforestation, to further understand when you may presume that a project will not have a likely significant effect on the environment, and to assess the risk in choosing not to submit an EIA 'stage 1' application.

These proposals are presumed, at EIA 'stage 1' (applications made using this form), not to have a likely significant effect on the environment. Therefore, they are unlikely to require an EIA 'stage 2' and you are unlikely to be liable to enforcement action being taken under the regulations. However, **this presumption is not certain**. The unique qualities of a site or a proposal may still cause the proposal to have a significant effect on the environment. The FC may 'call in' such proposals as having a likely significant effect on the environment; requiring you to submit an EIA 'stage 2' Application for Consent, or requiring you to undertake remedial works such as restoring the land to its original condition at your own expense.

For these proposals, where a presumption can be made, the proposer may, **at their own risk, choose not to submit an EIA 'stage 1' application** (i.e. this form), and simply proceed with their proposal (subject to obtaining an FC approved felling licence and other relevant consents being granted where necessary). By doing so, proposers forego the certainty of receiving a definitive EIA 'stage 1' decision from the FC as to:

- whether an EIA 'stage 2' Application for Consent is required;
- whether the proposal will have a likely significant effect on the environment; AND
- whether the proposer risks the FC taking enforcement action against them (for instance, by requiring the proposal proposer to restore the land to its previous condition at their own expense).

If you are prepared to assume this risk, you need not complete or submit this form. You will require an [FC approved felling licence](#). You may still require other consents from other relevant authorities before being able to proceed with your proposal (for example, SSSI consent from Natural England); and you should ensure that your proposal is compliant with the [UK Forestry Standard](#).

Open habitats policy

There is a presumption against the conversion of forest land to other land uses unless there are compelling reasons in the public interest for doing so. As a result, applications to convert to woodland to open habitat must comply with [When to convert woods and forests to open habitat: Government policy](#).

You'll be asked to provide evidence that your proposal will comply with open habitat policy as part of this deforestation application form.

Tree felling licence

It's an offence to fell trees in England without an FC-approved felling licence, unless an exception to the need for a licence applies. Everyone involved in the [felling of trees](#) must ensure that a licence has been issued, or be able to provide evidence that one of the exceptions to the need for a licence applies, before any felling is carried out.

The EIA decision that you are requesting by submitting this application form does not remove the need for a felling licence. Exemptions to the requirement for a felling licence may apply. If no exemptions apply you will need to [submit a separate felling licence application](#) in order to lawfully enact the EIA decision provided by the FC. It is unlikely that the entirety of a deforestation project will be exempt from the need for a felling licence.

If you do not submit a felling licence application, you must provide an explanation and further information for this decision in your Proposal Overview (Part 6).

Timescales

Under the Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999 (the EIA regulations), the FC has 28 days to give an EIA 'stage 1' deforestation decision, unless the following applies.

The FC can, in exceptional cases, extend the deadline of giving their EIA 'stage 1' decision under regulation 6(1A). If you submit a felling licence alongside your EIA application, the FC will consider this to be an exceptional case and consider your felling licence application as your acceptance that your EIA decision will be made at the same time as your felling licence decision, even if this takes longer than 28 days. The Forestry Commission has 90 days within which to make a felling licence decision.

Map Browser and Land Information Search

The FC has developed the [FC map browser on GOV.UK](#), which you can use to look at data layers relevant to forestry in England. You can use this tool to check the extent of designations such as National Nature Reserves or Special Protection Areas.

Within this map browser you can also use the FC's Land Information Search tool. This runs a check on your proposal area and shows you a list of national designations or features on your land. Other map browsers, such as [DEFRA's MAGIC map](#), can provide additional data layers.

For more information on searching for constraints, please see [Forestry Projects: Constraints](#).

Project maps

In line with DEFRA and other Government departments the FC has adopted Ordnance Survey MasterMap® (OSMM) as the preferred standard of mapping for applications. MasterMap® is the most up-to-date large-scale digital map of Great Britain.

Applicants can get free copies of an Ordnance Survey MasterMap® (OSMM) map by completing the [Map Request Form on GOV.UK](#). Allow two weeks for delivery of a hard copy, or three days for an electronic copy.

If you do not use OSMM, you must provide an original map or a good quality photocopy. The FC will return applications that include maps that are not presented to an acceptable standard, without registering the proposal.

If you would like to submit an application using digital mapping data, rather than OSMM, please [contact your local FC admin hub](#) to check which file formats are acceptable. Please note that shapefiles alone do not provide any detail other than the shape and

location of a polygon. When submitting a shapefile (files typically with the extension *.dbf, *.shp, *.shx), make sure that you provide additional explanation as to what your shapefiles are depicting, unless they are simply illustrative of your total project area.

Privacy notice

Applications are disclosed on request and may be published under the Environmental Information Regulations. Disclosure and publication will take into account the requirements of the Data Protection Act 2018 in respect to any personal information included in the application.

The FC may share your details with other government departments, professional bodies or trade associations for compliance, inspection or other purposes. The FC may publish details of enforcement notices served under the forestry EIA regulations in relation to carrying out a project without 'stage 2' consent where that consent was required, or non-compliance with the conditions attached to a consent.

Part 1 – Applicant details

Title:		First name:		Surname:	
Organisation:				Position:	
Single Business Identifier (SBI): (if applicable)				Customer Reference Number (CRN): (if applicable)	
Address:					
Postcode:					
Main contact number:			Secondary contact number:		
Email:					
Is this the address for correspondence with the applicant about this application?				Yes	No
If No, please provide the correspondence address:					

Part 2 – Agent or woodland manager’s details

If you have an agent or woodland manager, please provide their details.					
Title:		First name:		Surname:	
Organisation:				Position:	
Customer Reference Number (CRN): (if applicable)					
Address:					
Postcode:					
Main contact number:			Secondary contact number:		
Email:					
Is this the address for correspondence with the agent about this application?				Yes	No
If No, please provide the correspondence address:					

Part 3 – Property details

Please give details of the location of the proposal.	
Name of property:	
Ordnance Survey six figure grid reference for the proposal: (for example, XX123456)	
County Parish Holding (CPH) number: (if applicable)	
Nearest town:	
Local planning authority:	

Part 4 - Proposals on or affecting sensitive areas

4.1 Is your proposal on any of the following 'sensitive areas'? If not, mark 'No' for all. Use the Forestry Commission's Land Information Search and Defra's MAGIC Map to identify sensitive areas.				
a) Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) or Proposed SSSI (PSSSI)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) National Park	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) The Norfolk Broads	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) World Heritage Site, including its designated buffer zone	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Scheduled Monument	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Special Area of Conservation (SAC)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Special Protection Area (SPA)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) Ramsar site	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) National Nature Reserve	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
k) 'Local' Nature Reserve that is not designated by a local authority	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

4.2 If you have indicated 'yes' to any of the sensitivities listed in Part 4.1 please provide details of its features and of the reason for designation(s) below.

Note that forestry proposals within some sensitive areas, and other statutory designations, require a separate consent from the authorities responsible for those sites. It is up to applicants to ensure that all necessary permissions are in place prior to enacting any forestry proposal.

4.3 If your proposal sits outside a sensitive area, does it still have the potential to affect the features of interest within a sensitive area?

Yes

No

If you indicated yes, please give details below.

4.4 If the site is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), what is its listed condition? Refer to [Natural England's designated sites website](#), or ask your Natural England advisor.

For SSSIs that have multiple condition assessments across the site, tick all that apply.

Favourable		Unfavourable recovering		Unfavourable no change	
Unfavourable declining		Destroyed / Part destroyed			

Part 5 – Proposal size

What is the size (area in hectares) of your deforestation proposal? Tick one box below. You will be asked about any adjacent projects in Part 7, so do not include adjacent projects here.

Proposal size 0.50 ha or less	Proposal size >0.50 – 1.0 ha	Proposal size over 1 ha
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 6 – Proposal overview

6.1 Please tick the purpose that best applies to your proposal.		
I'm felling to restore open habitat.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
I'm felling to preserve geological features or restore a historic site.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
I'm felling to create open space in woodland.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
None of the above (If so, please describe below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
6.2 Please provide the information below as an overview of your deforestation proposal. You will be asked about any adjacent proposals in Part 7, so do not include adjacent proposals here.		
Proposed work: Deforestation		
Proposal area (total deforestation in ha)	Deforested conifer (ha)	Deforested broadleaf (ha)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Area of proposal in sensitive area (as defined in Part 4.1) (ha)	Area of proposal outside of sensitive area (as defined in Part 4.1) (ha)	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

6.3 Please outline below the aims and objectives of your deforestation proposal.

This includes the purpose of your forestry proposal and the measurable outcomes you want the completed project to deliver. Comment upon the design of your scheme and how it will help deliver your aims and objectives.

Part 7 – Adjacent projects

Any EIA deforestation projects completed within the last five years adjacent to (wholly or partly within 500m of) your proposal must be considered as part of your proposal. This will be added to your total proposal area, and may affect how the FC processes your application.

If there is a recently completed project adjacent to your proposal you must detail this below. If you are in doubt as to whether a project is adjacent or not, please [contact your local Woodland Officer](#).

7.1 is there a deforestation project adjacent to your proposal that has been completed within the last five years?	Yes		No	
7.2 How many hectares of deforestation have been completed in adjacent projects within the past five years?	hectares			
7.3 Adding adjacent projects to your current proposal (as listed in 6.1), what is the combined total area of your proposal and adjacent projects?	hectares			
7.4 Do adjacent projects sit within or affect additional sensitive areas (as defined in Part 4) not also covered by your proposal (and set out in your response to 4.2 and 4.3 above)?	Yes		No	
If yes, give details below.				

Part 8 – Information about the trees to be felled

Please indicate what trees you are intending to fell for your proposal.

Species to be felled	Yield class	% of area to be felled	Estimated age of trees (years)

Part 9 – Creating open habitat

Please confirm the type of open habitat you are creating, and where on your map / plan (i.e. within which management units or compartments) they sit.		
Habitat Type	Compartment numbers	Area (ha)
Blanket bog		
Lowland fens		
Wood pasture and parkland		
Unimproved grassland		
Upland or Lowland calcareous grassland		
Lowland dry acid grassland		
Lowland heathland		
Lowland meadows		
Lowland raised bog		
Purple moor-grass and rush pasture		
Reed bed		
Upland hay meadows		
Upland heathland		
Other (please state)		

Part 10 – Open habitats policy criteria

Indicate which open habitat policy criteria your proposal aims to fulfil.
Refer to Part 5.2.1 of [When to convert woods and forests to open habitat: Government policy](#) for more information.

10.1 Will the proposal extend or buffer existing high quality habitat?	Yes		No	
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If yes, detail how below.
If there is evidence that fragmentation of the current habitat is having a detrimental impact on the wildlife in that habitat, you should explain how the new open habitat will extend or buffer areas of existing high quality open habitat.

10.2 Will the proposal link high quality habitats?	Yes		No	
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If yes, detail how below.
If there is evidence that lack of connectivity is having a significant detrimental impact on the wildlife in that habitat, you should explain how the new open habitat will form a viable wildlife link between areas of existing high quality open habitat (improving 'connectivity').

10.3 Will the proposal remove woodland that is adversely impacting on designated areas?	Yes		No	
If yes, detail how below. <i>When the woodland is growing on a site with a national or international conservation designation you should explain how the woodland adversely impacts on its open habitat characteristics.</i>				

10.4 Will the proposal enhance opportunities for species of principal importance?	Yes		No	
If yes, detail how below. <i>Describe how converting the woodland to open habitat presents significant opportunities to enhance species of conservation concern.</i>				

10.5 Does the proposal extend or introduce conservation grazing (grazing used to restore and maintain rare habitats)?	Yes		No	
If yes, detail how below. <i>Explain how the conservation grazing will be established and maintained once the open habitat is created.</i>				

10.6 Will the proposal preserve or restore geological features or the historic environment?	Yes		No	
<p>If yes, detail how below.</p> <p><i>Describe how converting the woodland to open habitat presents significant opportunities to protect and enhance geological features and the historic environment.</i></p>				
Empty space for detailing the response				

Part 11 – Proposed implementation and management

In accordance with the [policy for converting woodland to open habitat](#), the FC support the creation of sites there is a long-term plan for management in place, and the long term management will be effective in maintaining high quality habitat that fulfils its biodiversity potential.

<p>11.1 - How will the site be managed and maintained in the long-term?</p> <p><i>Please include below how the site will be managed to prevent long term reversion to woodland through natural processes.</i></p>	
<p>11.2 - How will the proposal change the site’s overall ability to cope with climate change?</p> <p><i>Show below that your proposal will follow good practice guidelines to minimise the effect of climate change, particularly on the biodiversity of the site.</i></p>	
<p>11.3 - Please provide details of how carbon emissions will be minimized</p> <p>Tick all that apply.</p>	
<p>Timber and other harvested wood products will be used in activities which ensure long term carbon storage e.g. furniture, construction.</p>	
<p>Tree stumps will not be removed.</p>	
<p>Trees will not be felled before economic maturity.</p>	
<p>Brash will not be burnt.</p>	
<p>Topsoil will not be removed.</p>	
<p>Peaty soils will not be disturbed.</p>	

Part 12 - Environment checks

Use this checklist to tell the FC how your proposal may affect the environment. Where environmental impacts are identified, provide further evidence and/or design statements in the box below each question, showing how the proposal will avoid, mitigate (if avoidance is unachievable) or compensate for (if neither avoidance nor mitigation is achievable) any impact.

Use this form's [deforestation application guidance](#) to find sources of relevant environmental information, data and expertise for each section.

A.	Land use				
A.i. Does the site contain established native woodland (50 years plus)? This includes (but is not limited to):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wet woodland ● Ancient semi-natural woodland (ASNW) ● Plantations on ancient woodland sites (PAWS) 	Yes		No	
<p><i>If you answer yes, please use the box below and your map/plan to provide details of where these features are.</i></p> <p><i>Please use Part 14.1 to record what stakeholder engagement you have undertaken and your proposed mitigation.</i></p>					

B.	Biodiversity			
<p>B.i. Have any priority habitats (under section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006) or habitat features been identified within, or which may be affected by, the proposal area?</p> <p>For example, species-rich grassland or heathland, or habitat features such as a veteran tree, ancient hedgerow or blanket bog.</p>	Yes		No	
<p><i>If you answer yes to B.i., please use the box below and your map/plan to provide details about these features, where they are, and how your proposal accounts for them.</i></p> <p><i>Use Part 14.2 of this form to attach evidence that you have undertaken the appropriate record and field checks (e.g. copies of data searches or reports from local records centres or other experts).</i></p>				
<p>B.ii. Have any protected species, species of principal importance, or other species important to the area been identified within, or may be affected by, the proposal area?</p>	Yes		No	
<p><i>If you answer yes to B.ii., please use the box below to provide details of species you have identified.</i></p> <p><i>Use Part 14.2 of this form to attach evidence that you have undertaken the appropriate record and field checks (e.g. copies of data searches or reports from local records centres or other experts).</i></p>				
<p>B.iii. Have you considered the effect your proposal will have on wild birds in the area and diversity of habitat(s) for wild birds?</p>	Yes		No	

B.iv. Are you aware of the Good Practice guidance to safeguard European Protected Species when undertaking forestry operations and the need to obtain a licence if you cannot comply with the Good Practice?				Yes		No			
B.v. Are you aware of the Good Practice guidance to safeguard badgers when undertaking forestry operations and the need to obtain a licence if you cannot comply with the Good Practice?				Yes		No			
B.vi. Have any of the following Local Sites been identified that may be affected by your proposal?				Yes		No			
Local Wildlife Site	Yes		No		Site of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCI)	Yes		No	
Local Geological Site	Yes		No		Regionally Important Geological Site (RIGS)	Yes		No	
Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC)	Yes		No		County Wildlife Site	Yes		No	
Other (please specify)									
If yes, please describe the features identified.									
<p><i>If you answer Yes to B.vi. use the box below and your map/plan to give details about these features, where they are, and how your proposal accounts for them.</i></p> <p><i>Please use Part 14.1 of this form to record what stakeholder engagement you have undertaken and your proposed mitigation.</i></p>									

C.	Water and soils			
C.i. Have any public or private drinking water supplies been identified within or which may be affected by your proposal?	Yes		No	
<p><i>If you answer yes to C.i., please use the box below and your map/plan to provide details about these features, where they are, and how your proposal accounts for them.</i></p> <p><i>Please use Part 14.1 to record what stakeholder engagement you have undertaken with neighbours and water companies, and your proposed mitigation.</i></p>				
C.ii Is your proposal in an area identified by the Environment Agency as a Nitrate Vulnerable Zone or a Drinking Water Safeguard Zone?	Yes		No	
C.iii. Is your proposal in an area identified by the Environment Agency where groundwaters are at poor quantitative status?	Yes		No	
C.iv. Is your proposal in an area identified by the Environment Agency where the quality of riparian and/or surface water is an issue?	Yes		No	
C.v. Is your proposal in an area identified by the Environment Agency where acidification of surface water is an issue?	Yes		No	
C.vi. Is your proposal adjacent to a watercourse and/or does it affect flood defence structures or facilities?	Yes		No	
C.vii. Have any other water features been identified within, or which may be affected by your proposal?	Yes		No	

If you answer yes to C.ii – C.vii., please use the box below and your map/plan to provide details about these features, where they are, and how your proposal accounts for them.

Please use Part 14.1 to record what stakeholder engagement you have undertaken and your proposed mitigation.

C.viii. Is your proposal on or near an area of peaty soil?

Yes

No

If you answer yes to C.viii., please use the box below and your map/plan to provide details about these peaty soils, where they are, and how your proposal accounts for them.

Please use Part 14.1 to record what stakeholder engagement you have undertaken and your proposed mitigation.

D.	Landscape character				
	D.i. What is the national landscape character area?				
	D.ii. What is the local landscape character type?				
	D.iii. Does the local / national landscape character support deforestation in this location?	Yes		No	

E.	Historic environment				
	E.i. Have any local historic environment records identified features which may be affected by your proposal?	Yes		No	
	<p><i>If you answer yes to E.i., please use the box below and your map/plan to provide details about these features, where they are, and how your proposal accounts for them. Please use Part 14.1 to record what stakeholder engagement you have undertaken and your proposed mitigation.</i></p> <p><i>Use Part 14.2 of this form to attach evidence that you have undertaken the appropriate record and field checks. You must supply evidence from the local authority historic environment/ archaeology service.</i></p>				

F.	Open access land			
F.i. Is your proposal in an area of open access land, or within dedicated (open access) woodland, as defined by the Countryside and Rights of Way (CROW) Act 2000?			Yes	No
<p><i>If you answer yes to F.i., please use this box and your map/plan to provide details about where this open access land is, and how your proposal accounts for it.</i></p> <p><i>Please use Part 14.1 to record what stakeholder engagement you have undertaken with the Local Access Forum, and your proposed mitigation.</i></p>				
F.ii. What area (ha) of your proposal is on land subject to CROW open access?			hectares	

G.	Wildfire			
G.i. Has a risk from wildfire been identified in your proposal?			Yes	No
<p><i>If you answer yes to G.i., please use the box below to show how you intend to mitigate this risk or attach a wildfire risk assessment. Record any attachments in 14.2 as required.</i></p> <p><i>Please use Part 14.1 to record what stakeholder engagement you have undertaken, and your proposed mitigation.</i></p>				

Part 13 – Compensatory tree planting

The FC may require that individuals or organisations who are proposing deforestation create new woodland elsewhere before approving their proposal.

The FC will consider your proposal against the criteria set out in Section 5.3.3 ‘Compensatory tree planting’ of the [policy for converting woodland to open habitat](#), in conjunction with where the compensatory ‘bar’ is set at the time of application. The FC monitors the level of deforestation against the level of new woodland creation on an annual basis. The level at which the bar is set to require compensatory planting may be adjusted, in order to ensure that there is no overall loss of woodland.

If you are proposing compensatory planting, please submit an EIA afforestation application form in addition to your EIA deforestation application form. Compensatory tree planting should be near your proposal site.

If you consider that compensatory tree planting is not required, the FC recommend you attach all relevant email communication from Natural England and / or Historic England supporting your proposal.

13.1 Are you proposing compensatory tree planting?	Yes		No	
13.2 If compensatory planting is not proposed, please explain why not in the box below.				
13.3 Are you submitting an EIA afforestation application form?	Yes		No	
13.4 If you are not submitting an EIA afforestation application form, please explain why not in the box below.				

Part 14 – Stakeholders and evidence log

14.1 In the table overleaf, record the individuals and organisations who have been contacted (e.g. the local authority historic environment/archaeology service) regarding your proposal.

The Forestry Commission will not undertake stakeholder engagement on your behalf that is necessary to finalise your proposal. However the FC may consult with other bodies to validate the information, and interpretation of that information, that you provide in your completed application.

Part 6 of your deforestation application should demonstrate how views and perceived negative effects have been addressed and/or how the proposal has been adapted to capture opportunities to improve its design.

See section 5.5 of the [policy for converting woodland to open habitat](#) for more information about developing your proposal with local involvement.

Individual or Organisation	Date contacted	Date feedback received	Correspondence attached in evidence log				Mitigation agreed/ action required
			Yes		No		
			Yes		No		
			Yes		No		
			Yes		No		
			Yes		No		
			Yes		No		
			Yes		No		
			Yes		No		
			Yes		No		
			Yes		No		
			Yes		No		

14.2 Use the evidence log below to list supporting information which you are including in your application. This can include stakeholder engagement, survey results, records checks, and any other details that support your application e.g. a SSSI condition assessment, photographs of nearby target open habitat, or a grant scheme work schedule.

Document name	Which question (e.g. Part 12 B.i.) does this document support?	Brief description

Part 15 – Project maps

15.1 Project maps must show the boundary of your proposal and identify details of the operations you intend to undertake. Additional maps should be used as required to show further information about the site, constraints and surrounding influences.

Please indicate that your map(s) fulfils FC requirements by confirming the statements below.

My map is up to date, and of Ordnance Survey origin and has not been used for a previous application. It is presented at a suitable scale of either 1:10,000, 1:5,000 or 1:2,500. The map scale is shown, and relevant detail is not hidden by folds, marks or labels. At least two horizontal and two vertical Ordnance Survey grid lines are shown.	Yes		No	
I have marked the access point to the site on the map	Yes		No	
I have marked the boundary of any sensitive areas (these are listed in Part 4) on or impacted by my site.	Yes		No	
I have identified the land use on my proposal's area, and land use in adjacent fields.	Yes		No	
I have provided a separate map/plan from the local authority historic environment/archaeology service.	Yes		No	
15.2 Please mark 'Yes' or 'No' for the statements below to show whether or not they apply to your project map(s).				
I have marked adjacent completed deforestation projects from within the last five years.	Yes		No	
I have shown priority habitats, habitat features, and priority or protected of interest on the map including areas of peaty soils.	Yes		No	
I have identified Local Sites.	Yes		No	
I have identified water-related features, including the location of supplies, extraction points, wells and boreholes on the map.	Yes		No	
I have identified features of the historic environment.	Yes		No	
I have indicated open access land.	Yes		No	

Part 16 – Declarations

I apply to the Forestry Commission for its Opinion, under the Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) Regulations (England and Wales) 1999 (i.e. make a 'stage 1' EIA application) and I certify that:

	Applicant/agent Please tick
I have enclosed annotated map(s) of the deforestation proposal area and supporting environmental information.	
I have submitted an application to fell trees and I agree that the EIA to be processed to the timescale of my felling licence application.	
Forestry proposals within sensitive areas (as listed in Part 4.A) will require engagement with and potentially consent from the authorities responsible for the site designation. I declare that I, the applicant / agent, am aware of my legal responsibilities in connection with this forestry proposal.	
To the best of my knowledge and belief the information given in this application is accurate and complete.	
Signature of applicant/ agent: _____ Date: _____	

Please email or post completed applications to your [local FC admin hub](#).

Part 17 – Applying for EIA Consent (Optional)

Important: only complete this section if you require EIA Consent

You can ask the FC to immediately consider your application as a 'stage 2' EIA Application for Consent under the regulations, rather than wait for a 'stage 1' EIA Assessment or Opinion on whether the proposal is likely to have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, whether an EIA stage 2 Application for Consent is in fact required.

Proceeding immediately to stage 2 is only likely to be beneficial to you if you are confident that your proposal is highly likely to have a significant effect on the environment, because of its location within a designated or sensitive area, its scale, or for some other reason.

If you are planning to proceed immediately to 'stage 2', speak to the FC first, by [contacting your local woodland officer](#).

The FC strongly recommends that you apply for a 'stage 1' EIA Opinion or Assessment of your proposal first, (by completing and submitting this form) and allow the FC to evaluate if EIA 'stage 2' Consent would be required.

Nonetheless, you may proceed immediately to stage 2 by completing the section below.

If you do not wish to proceed immediately to stage 2, indicate 'No' in the table below, or leave this section blank.

I apply to the Forestry Commission for its Consent under the Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) Regulations (England and Wales) 1999 (i.e. a 'stage 2' EIA application), as I believe the deforestation proposal described in this application is a relevant project, and I certify that:				
The deforestation proposal is likely to have a significant effect on the environment, and I am applying for EIA Consent.	Yes		No	
I have completed a draft Environmental Statement for my proposal, and am submitting this as part of my application for	Yes		No	
I have enclosed annotated map(s) of the deforestation proposal area and supporting environmental information.	Yes		No	
To the best of my knowledge and belief the information given in this application is accurate and complete.	Yes		No	

Signature of applicant/ agent : _____

Date: _____

Annex 1 – Threshold tables for deforestation

Please use the appropriate threshold table for your proposal size, including any adjacent projects. When a proposal lies across multiple types of land, the most sensitive threshold applies to the whole proposal.

Threshold table for deforestation proposals 0.5ha or less

Land sensitivity	Can I presume the project is unlikely to have a significant effect?	If I <u>don't</u> submit a 'stage 1' EIA application, what's the risk?	Type of 'Stage 1' application
Any part of the proposal is in 'sensitive area' that is not a National Park or AONB	No	High risk	Application for Opinion
Any part of the proposal is in a National Park or AONB but no other sensitive area Or No part of the proposal is in a 'sensitive area'	Yes	Low risk	Application for Opinion

Threshold table for deforestation proposals >0.5ha – 1ha

Land sensitivity	Can I presume the project is unlikely to have a significant effect?	If I <u>don't</u> submit a 'stage 1' EIA application, what's the risk?	Type of 'Stage 1' application
Any part of the proposal is in a 'sensitive area'	No	High risk	Application for Opinion
No part of the proposal is in a 'sensitive area'	Yes	Low risk	Application for Opinion

Threshold table for deforestation proposals over 1ha

Land sensitivity	Can I presume the project is unlikely to have a significant effect?	If I <u>don't</u> submit a 'stage 1' EIA application, what's the risk?	Type of 'Stage 1' application
Anywhere	No	High risk	Application for Opinion