Woodland Management Plan

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| To be completed by the plan author: |
| Woodland or Property name |  |
| Woodland Management Plan case reference |  |
| **The landowner agrees this plan as a statement of intent for the woodland** | **Yes / No** |
| Plan author name |  |

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

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| **Revision No.** | **Date** | **Status (draft/final)** | **Reason for Revision** |
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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 check list below.

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| **UKFS management plan criteria** | **Minimum approval requirements** | **Author check þ** |
| 1 | **Plan Objectives:**Forest management plans should state the objectives of management and set out how an appropriate balance between social, economic, and 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.
 | Yes/No |
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* Any potential threats to and opportunities for the woodland, as identified under woodland protection (***Sect. 5***).
* Relevant comments received from stakeholder engagement and documented in ***Sect. 7***.
 | Yes/No |
| 3 | **Identification of designations within and surrounding the site:**For designated areas, e.g. National Parks or SSSI, particular account should be 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.
 | Yes/No |
| 4 | **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 so that they meet UKFS requirements.Forests should be designed to achieve a diverse structure of habitat, species and ages 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).
 | Yes/No |
| 5 | **Consultation:**Consultation on forest management plans and proposals should be carried out according to forestry authority procedures and, where required, the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations. | * Stakeholder engagement 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.
 | Yes/No |
| 6 | **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 per management objective.
 | Yes/No |

Section 1: Property Details

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| Woodland Property Name |  |
| Name |  | Owner  | Tenant  |
| Email |  | Contact Number |  |
| Agent Name (if applicable) |  |
| Email |  | Contact Number |  |
| County |  | [Local Authority](https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council) |  |
| Grid Reference(e.g. ST 625 785) |  | Single Business Identifier  |  |
| What is the total area of this woodland management plan? (In hectares) |  |
| You have included an Inventory and Plan of Operations with this woodland management plan? | Yes/No |
| You have listed the maps associated with this woodland management plan? (PLEASE NOTE: Google Maps/ images of maps will not be accepted because they are copyright protected and should not be used commercially without the appropriate licencing from Google).  | Yes/No |
| Do you intend to use the information within this woodland management plan and associated Inventory and Plan of Operations to apply for the following? | Felling Licence  | Yes/No |
| Thinning Licence  | Yes/No |
| Woodland Regeneration Grant | Yes/No |
| You declare that there is management control of the woodland detailed within the woodland management plan? | Yes/No |  |
| You agree to make the woodland management plan publicly available? | Yes/No |  |

Section 2: Vision and Objectives

To develop your long term vision, you need to express as clearly as possible the overall direction of management for the woodland(s) and how you envisage it will be in the future. This covers the duration of the plan and beyond.

2.1 Vision

Describe your long term vision for the woodland(s). (*Suggest 300 words max*)

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2.2 Management Objectives

State the objectives of management demonstrating how sustainable forest management is to be achieved. Objectives are a set of specific, quantifiable statements that represent what needs to happen to achieve the long term vision.

| **No.** | **Objectives (include environmental, economic and social considerations)** |
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Section 3: Plan Review – Achievements

Use this section to identify achievements made against previous plan objectives. This section should be completed at the 5 year review and could be informed through monitoring activities undertaken.

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| **Objectives** | **Achievement** |
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Section 4: Woodland Survey

This section is about collecting information relating to your woodland and its location, including any statutory constraints i.e. designations.

4.1 Description

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| Brief description of the woodland property: |
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4.2 Information

Use this section to identify features that are both present in your woodland(s) and where required, on land adjacent to your woodland. It may be useful to identify known features on an accompanying map. Woodland information for your property can be found on the [Magic website](https://magic.defra.gov.uk/magicmap.aspx) and the [Forestry Commission Land Information Search](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/use-the-land-information-search).

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| **Feature** | **Within Woodland(s)** | **Cpts** | **Adjacent to Woodland(s)** | **Map No** |
| [Biodiversity - Designations](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-benefit-species-and-habitats-biodiversity-in-your-woodland) |
| [Site of Special Scientific Interest](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-project-checks-constraints#SSSIs) | Yes/No |  | Yes/No |  |
| [Special Area of Conservation](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-project-checks-constraints#special-areas)  | Yes/No |  | Yes/No |  |
| [Tree Preservation Order](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-project-checks-constraints#tree-preservation-orders) | Yes/No |  | Yes/No |  |
| [Conservation Area](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-project-checks-constraints#conservation-areas) | Yes/No |  | Yes/No |  |
| [Special Protection Area](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-project-checks-constraints#special-protection) | Yes/No |  | Yes/No |  |
| [Ramsar Site](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-project-checks-constraints#ramsar-sites) | Yes/No |  | Yes/No |  |
| [National Nature Reserve](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-project-checks-constraints#national-nature-reserves) | Yes/No |  | Yes/No |  |
| [Local Nature Reserve](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-project-checks-constraints#local-nature-reserves) | Yes/No |  | Yes/No |  |
| Other (please Specify):       | Yes/No |  | Yes/No |  |
| **Notes** |  |

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| **Feature** | **Within Woodland(s)** | **Cpts** | **Map No** | **Notes** |
| Biodiversity - [European Protected Species](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/manage-and-protect-woodland-wildlife) |
| Bat  | Species (if known)  | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Dormouse | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Great Crested Newt | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Otter | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Sand Lizard | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Smooth Snake | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Natterjack Toad | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Biodiversity – [Priority Species](http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/4958719460769792) |
| [Schedule 1 Birds](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/advice/wildlife-and-the-law/wildlife-and-countryside-act/schedules/) | Species:  | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Mammals (Red Squirrel, Water Vole, Pine Marten etc) | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Reptiles (grass snake, adder, common lizard etc) | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Plants | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Fungi/Lichens | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Invertebrates (butterflies, moths, beetles etc) | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Amphibians (pool frog, common toad) | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Other (please Specify):  | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Historic Environment |
| [Scheduled Monuments](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-project-checks-constraints#scheduled-monuments) | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| [Unscheduled Monuments](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-project-checks-all-projects#contact-your-local-historic-environment-or-archaeology-service) | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| [Registered Parks and Gardens](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-project-checks-constraints#registered-park) | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| [Boundaries and Veteran Trees](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-project-checks-all-projects#conduct-a-walk-over-survey-of-your-site) | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| [Listed Buildings](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-project-checks-all-projects#contact-your-local-historic-environment-or-archaeology-service) | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| [Burial Grounds](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-project-checks-constraints#burial-grounds) | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Other (please Specify):  | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Landscape |
| [National Character Area](http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/category/587130) (please Specify):  |
| [National Park](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-project-checks-constraints#national-parks) | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| [Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-project-checks-constraints#areas-of-outstanding-natural-beauty) | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Other (please Specify):  | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| People |
| [CROW Access](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-project-checks-constraints#crow-land) | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| [Public Rights of Way (any)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-project-checks-constraints#public-rights-of-way) | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Other Access Provision | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Public Involvement | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Visitor Information | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Public Recreation Facilities | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Provision of Learning Opportunities | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Anti-social Behaviour | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Other (please Specify):  | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Water |
| Watercourses | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Lakes | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Ponds | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Other (please Specify):  | Yes/No |  |  |  |

4.3 Habitat Types

This section is to consider the habitat types within your woodland(s) that might impact/inform your management decisions. Larger non-wooded areas within your woodland should be classified according to broad habitat type where relevant this information should also help inform your management decisions. Woodlands should be designed to achieve a diverse structure of habitat, species and ages of trees, appropriate to the scale and context of the woodland.

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| **Feature** | **Within Woodland(s)** | **Cpts** | **Map No** | **Notes** |
| **Woodland Habitat Types** |
| Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland  | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Planted Ancient Woodland Site (PAWS) | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Semi-natural features in PAWS | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Lowland beech and yew woodland | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Lowland mixed deciduous woodland | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Upland mixed ash woods | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Upland Oakwood | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Wet woodland | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Wood-pasture and parkland | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Other (please Specify):  | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| **Non Woodland Habitat Types** |
| Blanket bog | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Fenland | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Lowland calcareous grassland | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Lowland dry acid grassland | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Lowland heath land | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Lowland meadows | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Lowland raised bog | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Rush pasture | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Reed bed | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Wood pasture | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Upland hay meadows | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Upland heath land | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Unimproved grassland | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Peat lands | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Wetland habitats | Yes/No |  |  |  |
| Other (please Specify):  | Yes/No |  |  |  |

4.4 Structure

This section should provide a snapshot of the current structure of your woodland as a whole. A full inventory for your woodland(s) can be included in the separate Plan of Operations spreadsheet. Ensuring woodland has a varied structure in terms of age, species, origin and open space will provide a range of benefits for the biodiversity of the woodland and its resilience. The diagrams below show an example of both uneven and even aged woodland.

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| **Woodland Type (Broadleaf, Conifer, Coppice, Intimate Mix)** | **Percentage of Mgt Plan Area** | **Age Structure (even/uneven)** | **Notes (i.e. understory or natural regeneration present)** |
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Section 5: Woodland Protection

Woodlands in England face a range of threats; this section allows you to consider the potential threats that could be facing your woodland(s). Use the simple Risk Assessment process below to consider any potential threats to their woodland(s) and whether there is a need to take action to protect their woodlands.

**Note:** To add more tables, Copy the table and Paste below.

5.1 Risk Matrix

The matrix below provides a system for scoring risk. The matrix also indicates the advised level of action to take to help manage the threat.

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| **Impact** | High | Plan for Action | Action | Action |
| Medium | Monitor | Plan for Action | Action |
| Low | Monitor | Monitor | Plan for Action |
|   |  | Low | Medium | High |
|   |  | **Likelihood of Presence** |

5.2 Plant Health

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| Threat (e.g. [Ash Dieback](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/managing-ash-dieback-in-england), [*Phytophthora*](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/forestry-project-checks-constraints#tree-health--phytophthora-ramorum)*,* Needle Blight etc) |  |
| Likelihood of presence (high/medium/low) |  |
| Impact (high/medium/low) |  |
| Response (inc protection measures) |  |

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| Threat (e.g. Ash Dieback, *Phytophthora,* Needle Blight etc) |  |
| Likelihood of presence (high/medium/low) |  |
| Impact (high/medium/low) |  |
| Response (inc protection measures) |  |

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| Threat (e.g. Ash Dieback, *Phytophthora,* Needle Blight etc) |  |
| Likelihood of presence (high/medium/low) |  |
| Impact (high/medium/low) |  |
| Response (inc protection measures) |  |

5.3 [Deer](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/manage-threats-to-woodland-destructive-animals-invasive-species#deer-and-feral-wild-boar)

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| Species - Likelihood of presence (high/medium/low) |  |
| Impact (high/medium/low) |  |
| Response (inc protection measures) |  |

5.4 [Grey Squirrels](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/manage-threats-to-woodland-destructive-animals-invasive-species#grey-squirrels)

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| Likelihood of presence (high/medium/low) |  |
| Impact (high/medium/low) |  |
| Response (inc protection measures) |  |

5.5 Livestock and Other Mammals

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| Threat (Sheep, Horse, Rabbit etc) |  |
| Likelihood of presence (high/medium/low) |  |
| Impact (high/medium/low) |  |
| Response (inc protection measures) |  |

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| Threat (Sheep, Horse, Rabbit etc) |  |
| Likelihood of presence (high/medium/low) |  |
| Impact (high/medium/low) |  |
| Response (inc protection measures) |  |

5.6 Water & Soil

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| Threat (Soil Erosion, Acidification of Water, Pollution incidents etc) |  |
| Likelihood of presence (high/medium/low) |  |
| Impact (high/medium/low) |  |
| Response (inc protection measures) |  |

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| Threat (Soil Erosion, Acidification of Water, Pollution incidents etc) |  |
| Likelihood of presence (high/medium/low) |  |
| Impact (high/medium/low) |  |
| Response (inc protection measures) |  |

5.7 Environmental

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| Threat (Pollution, Fire, Flood, Wind, Invasive Species, etc) |  |
| Likelihood of presence (high/medium/low) |  |
| Impact (high/medium/low) |  |
| Response (inc protection measures) |  |

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| Threat (Pollution, Fire, Flood, Wind, Invasive Species, etc) |  |
| Likelihood of presence (high/medium/low) |  |
| Impact (high/medium/low) |  |
| Response (inc protection measures) |  |

5.8 Social

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| Threat (Rights of Way, CROW, permissive access, events sporting rights, Anti-social Behaviour etc) |  |
| Likelihood of presence (high/medium/low) |  |
| Impact (high/medium/low) |  |
| Response (inc protection measures) |  |

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| Threat (Rights of Way, CROW, permissive access, events sporting rights etc) |  |
| Likelihood of presence (high/medium/low) |  |
| Impact (high/medium/low) |  |
| Response (inc protection measures) |  |

5.9 Economic

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| Threat (Timber forecasting, markets, products, operational costs etc)  |  |
| Likelihood of presence (high/medium/low) |  |
| Impact (high/medium/low) |  |
| Response (inc protection measures) |  |

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| Likelihood of presence (high/medium/low) |  |
| Impact (high/medium/low) |  |
| Response (inc protection measures) |  |

5.10 [Climate Change Resilience](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/climate-change-and-resilient-woodlands)

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| Threat (Uniform Structure, Provenance, Lack of Diversity etc) |  |
| Likelihood of presence (high/medium/low) |  |
| Impact (high/medium/low) |  |
| Response (inc protection measures) |  |

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Section 6: Management Strategy

This section requires a statement of intent, setting out how you intend to achieve your management objectives and manage important features identified within the previous sections of the plan. A detailed work programme by sub-compartment can be added to the Plan of Operations.

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Section 7: Stakeholder Engagement

There can be a requirement on both the FC and the owner to undertake consultation/engagement. Please refer to [Operations Note 35](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/stakeholder-engagement-for-woodland-management-plans-operations-note-35) for further information. Use this section to identify people or organisations with an interest in your woodland and also to record any engagement that you have undertaken, relative to activities identified within the plan.

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| **Work Proposal** | **Individual/ Organisation** | **Date Contacted** | **Date feedback received** | **Response** | **Action** |
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Section 8: Monitoring

Indicators of progress/success should be defined for each management objective and then checked at regular intervals. Other management activities could also be considered within this monitoring section. The data collected will help to evaluate progress.

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| **Management Objective/Activities** | **Indicator of Progress/Success** | **Method of Assessment** | **Frequency of Assessment** | **Responsibility** | **Assessment Results** |
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**UK Forestry Standard woodland plan assessment**

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 | **Yes/No** |  |
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* 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).
 | **Yes/No** |  |
| **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.
 | **Yes/No** |  |
| **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
 | **Yes/No** |  |

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| **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:** |