

Woodland Management Plan

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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Plan Period <i>(dd/mm/yyyy - Ten years)</i>	Approval Date:		Approved until:
Five Year Review Date			

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.

UKFS management plan criteria		Minimum approval requirements	Author check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1	<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management plan objectives are stated. Consideration is given to environmental, economic and social objectives relevant to the vision for the woodland. 	Yes/No
2	<p>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.</p>	<p>Management intentions communicated in Sect. 6 of the management plan are in line with stated objective(s) Sect. 2.</p> <p>Management intentions should take account of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant features and issues identified within 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 and documented in Sect. 7. 	Yes/No
3	<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>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.</p> <p>Forests should be designed to achieve a diverse structure of habitat, species and ages of trees, appropriate to the scale and context.</p> <p>Forests characterised by a lack of diversity, due to extensive areas of even-aged trees, should be progressively restructured to achieve age class range.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

Woodland Property Name			
Name		Owner	Tenant
Email		Contact Number	
Agent Name (if applicable)			
Email		Contact Number	
County		Local Authority	
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*)

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.

Objectives	Achievement

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

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](#) and the [Forestry Commission Land Information Search](#).

Feature	Within Woodland(s)	Cpts	Adjacent to Woodland(s)	Map No
Biodiversity - Designations				
Site of Special Scientific Interest	Yes/No		Yes/No	
Special Area of Conservation	Yes/No		Yes/No	
Tree Preservation Order	Yes/No		Yes/No	
Conservation Area	Yes/No		Yes/No	
Special Protection Area	Yes/No		Yes/No	
Ramsar Site	Yes/No		Yes/No	
National Nature Reserve	Yes/No		Yes/No	
Local Nature Reserve	Yes/No		Yes/No	
Other (please Specify):	Yes/No		Yes/No	
Notes				

Feature	Within Woodland(s)	Cpts	Map No	Notes
Biodiversity - European Protected Species				
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				
Schedule 1 Birds	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	Yes/No			
Unscheduled Monuments	Yes/No			
Registered Parks and Gardens	Yes/No			
Boundaries and Veteran Trees	Yes/No			
Listed Buildings	Yes/No			
Burial Grounds	Yes/No			
Other (please Specify):	Yes/No			
Landscape				
National Character Area (please Specify):				
National Park	Yes/No			
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Yes/No			
Other (please Specify):	Yes/No			
People				
CROW Access	Yes/No			
Public Rights of Way (any)	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.

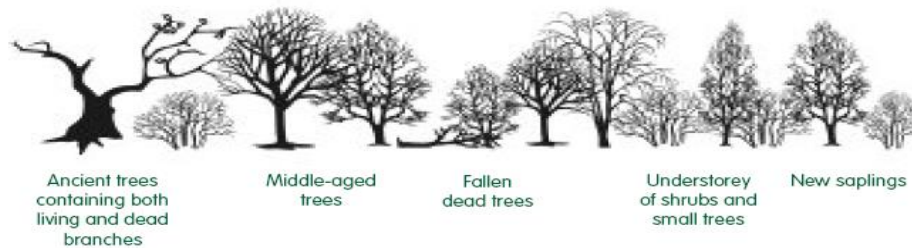
Feature	Within Woodland(s)	Cpts	Map No	Notes
Woodland Habitat Types				
Ancient Semi-Natural Woodland	Yes/No			
Planted Ancient Woodland Site (PAWS)	Yes/No			
Semi-natural features in PAWS	Yes/No			
Lowland beech and yew woodland	Yes/No			
Lowland mixed deciduous woodland	Yes/No			
Upland mixed ash woods	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.

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

Uneven-aged woodland – many wildlife habitats because of high diversity



Even-aged woodland – tidy but of low diversity



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.

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

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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Impact (high/medium/low)	
Response (inc protection measures)	

5.3 [Deer](#)

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

5.4 [Grey Squirrels](#)

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

5.5 Livestock and Other Mammals

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

5.6 Water & Soil

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

5.7 Environmental

Threat (Pollution, Fire, Flood, Wind, Invasive Species, etc)	
Likelihood of presence (high/medium/low)	
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5.8 Social

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)	

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

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

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Impact (high/medium/low)	
Response (inc protection measures)	

5.10 Climate Change Resilience

Threat (Uniform Structure, Provenance, Lack of Diversity etc)	
Likelihood of presence (high/medium/low)	
Impact (high/medium/low)	
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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.

Management Objective / Feature	Management Intention

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](#) 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.

Work Proposal	Individual/ Organisation	Date Contacted	Date feedback received	Response	Action

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.

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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<p>Approved in Principle</p> <p><i>This means the FC is happy with your plan; it meets UKFS requirements.</i></p> <p>a) You can use it to support a CS-HT or other grant application.</p> <p>b) You do not yet have a licence to undertake any tree felling in the plan.</p>	<p>Name (WO or FM):</p>	<p>Date:</p>
<p>Approved</p> <p><i>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).</i></p>	<p>Name (AO, WO or FM):</p>	<p>Date:</p>