

Standard Clauses for Wood Creation Grant

1a. Woodland creation by planting

Grant is offered to establish woodland over the site before the end of the plan period. In order to achieve this the site will be planted, weeded, protected, losses replaced and any other necessary maintenance performed to ensure establishment of the agreed species at the required stocking density/spacing.

1b. Woodland creation by natural colonisation

Grant is offered to establish woodland over the site before the end of the plan period. In order to achieve this, conditions must be created to encourage natural colonisation of the site. The site will be weeded, protected, enriched by planting where necessary and any other maintenance performed to ensure establishment of the agreed species at the required stocking density/spacing.

1c. Woodland creation by direct seeding

Grant is offered to establish woodland over the site before the end of the plan period. In order to achieve this, the site will be prepared and sown. The site will be weeded, protected, enriched by planting where necessary and any other maintenance performed to ensure establishment of the agreed species at the required stocking density/spacing.

2a. Standard woodland

At least 2250 trees per hectare must be established at no wider than 2.5 metre spacing.

2b. Small standard woodland

At least 1100 trees per hectare must be established at no wider than 3 metre spacing.

2c. Native woodland

At least 1600 trees per hectare must be established at varied spacing to mimic natural colonisation and the principles of FC Bulletin 112 – *Creating New Native Woodlands* (Rodwell & Patterson). Species will match what would naturally occur on the site according to the National Vegetation Classification.

2d. Special broadleaves

At least 100 trees per hectare must be established at no wider than 10 metre spacing.

3. Public access provision

Public access on foot will be permitted across the whole site for at least 11 months per year and for a minimum of 30 years from first grant payment. Woodland welcome signs will be erected at site entrances clearly showing public access is welcome on foot. Open space will be managed to facilitate easy access over the site on foot throughout the contract period. The site will be kept litter free and maintained to ensure access is safe for the public.