



Felling Permission Application Form

Part 1 – Landowner’s Details

(If owned by a business, the details must be for that business)

Title: [REDACTED]	Forename: [REDACTED]
Surname: [REDACTED]	
Business: Balnamoon Farms Company	Position:
Primary Contact Number: [REDACTED]	Alternative Contact Number: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]	
Address: Farm Office, Balnamoon, Brechin	
	Postcode: DD9 7RH
	Country: Scotland

Please note: We do not accept applications ‘care of’.

Agent’s Details

(You must submit a mandate with the application. A template can be found on our [website](#))

Title: [REDACTED]	Forename: [REDACTED]
Surname: [REDACTED]	
Organisation: Highfield Forestry	Position: [REDACTED]
Primary Contact Number: [REDACTED]	Alternative Contact Number:
Email: [REDACTED]@highfield-forestry.com	
Address: Durn, Isla Road, Perth	
	Postcode: PH2 7HG
	Country: Scotland

Part 2a – Property Details

Name of Property: Balnamoon Farm		
Name of Wood: Balnamoon Woods		
Grid Reference (of centre of principal felling area): NO 559 648		
Nearest Town or Locality Name: Brechin		
Local Authority: Angus		
Do you give consent for Scottish Forestry to access your land?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>You are not obliged to give us consent to enter your land, however if we are denied access to your land, and cannot carry out an assessment because of this, we may reject your application. This consent is for access to assess this application as well as monitor compliance with any subsequent approval, where applicable.</p>		



Part 2b – Felling Operations

Please provide detailed information about the proposed felling operations.

When do you wish to start felling? ___ 08 ___ / ___ 02 ___ / ___ 22 ___

When do you wish to finish felling? ___ 08 ___ / ___ 02 ___ / ___ 25 ___

Felling Operations Table

- The type of operation (Op) should be either *Clear Felling (CF)*, *Thinning (T)*, *Selective Felling (SLF)*, *Felling of Coppice (FC)*, or the *Felling of Individual Trees (FI)*.
- The species that can be felled can be expressed by name (*e.g. Oak or Sitka Spruce*) or by standard forestry abbreviation (*e.g. OK or SS*). You must give only one species choice per row.
- You can use Mixed Conifer (MC) or Mixed Broadleaves (MB) but these must make up no more than 20% of the total area of species to be felled. You must give individual species names if they occupy more than 20% of the felling area.
- **If thinning, use the rightmost columns to insert the details based on your preferred method, chosen from the following (select one):**
 - **Pre/Post stocking density (stems per hectare)**
 - **Pre/Post Basal Area (square metres per hectare)**
 - **Volume to be removed (cubic metres)**



Felling Site/ Cpt	Type of Op	Species to be felled (one per row)	Marking of Trees	Est Area (ha)	Approx Age (Years)	No of Trees	Est Vol m ³	Thinning Details (per ha)	
								Pre	Post
2a	CF	SS	tape	0.96	50	499	305		
2a	CF	HL	tape	0.96	50	536	177		
2b	CF	SS	n/a	1.64	50	861	613		
2b	CF	SP	n/a	1.64	50	1376	247		
4a	T	MC	tape	3.34	50	2055	337.2	1124	786.8
4a	T	MB	tape	3.34	50	2008	83.4	278	194.6
5a	CF	SS	n/a	2.63	50	1381	983		
5a	CF	LP	n/a	1.13	50	1326	223		
6a	CF	NS	n/a	1.13	50	695	439		
6a	CF	SP	n/a	0.85	50	840	129		
6a	CF	HL	n/a	0.85	50	479	159		
6b	CF	SP	n/a	1.19	50	1176	180		
6b	CF	HL	n/a	1.19	50	671	222		
6c	CF	SS	n/a	6.05	50	3176	2262		
6c	CF	SP	n/a	0.67	50	662	101		
7a	T	SS	tape	2.49	50	1307	279.3	931	651.7
7a	T	HL	tape	2.49	50	1404	139.5	465	325.5
7b	CF	SP	n/a	4.34	50	4291	656		
7b	CF	OK	n/a	0.23	70	132	39		
7c	CF	HL	n/a	3.35	50	1890	625		
7c	CF	SP	n/a	3.35	50	3312	506		
6d	CF	SS	n/a	2.03	50	1066	759		
6d	CF	NS	n/a	2.03	50	1249	683		
8a	CF	NS	n/a	4.00	50	3788	994		
11a	CF	HL	tape	1.70	50	959	318		
11a	CF	SP	tape	1.70	50	2831	164		
11b	CF	NS	n/a	0.67	50	412	225		
11b	CF	SS	n/a	0.29	50	152	108		
11c	T	OK	tape	1.75	70	1003	120.8	302	181.2
11c	T	SY	tape	1.75	70	746	105.6	264	158.4
11c	T	BE	tape	1.25	70	1086	76.8	192	115.2
11c	T	AH	tape	0.25	70	107	14.8	37	22.2
11d	T	OK	tape	1.05	70	602	72.4	181	108.6
11d	T	SY	tape	1.05	70	448	63.2	158	94.8
11d	T	BE	tape	0.75	70	651	46.4	116	69.6
11d	T	AH	tape	0.15	70	64	9.2	23	13.8
11e	T	MB	tape	4.34	50	2610	165	550	385
11e	T	SS	tape	4.34	50	2279	486.9	1623	1136.1
12a	CF	MB	tape	2.72	50	1636	344		
12a	CF	SP	tape	2.72	50	4530	262		
13b	T	SP	tape	2.75	50	4580	79.8	266	186.2
14a	CF	SS	tape	2.22	50	1166	830		
14a	CF	NS	tape	0.12	50	74	40		
14b	CF	MC	n/a	0.79	50	572	229		
14b	CF	MB	n/a	0.79	50	475	100		
Total Area (ha)				83.47	Total Volume m³		15002.3		

You must give your reasons below for carrying out this work and any additional information that would help us consider your application, such as any constraints or sensitivities that you have planned for, particularly where you want the felling approval to go beyond 2 years. If you have selected thinning, you must provide us with the thinning prescription you intend to use.

This felling operation is to clear windthrow caused by Storm Arwen and Corrie, which has been catastrophic across the farm, with significant portion of the windthrow around the landowner's farm buildings and home. Where the type of operation has been indicated as a selective fell, only windthrown and damaged trees will be removed. Where clear felling has been selected, windthrow throughout the compartment has been deemed too extensive, and a wind firm crop cannot not be salvaged.

The felling approval is requested to be longer than two years because the landowner is keen to retain as many trees as is possible, however the likelihood of there being subsequent damage to newly vulnerable trees on brown edges is very high. For this reason, it would be beneficial to retain the ability to clear any further windthrow in the coming years.

Harvesting operations will be supervised and monitored by the forest manager who will keep site visit records and ensure compliance with industry standards. Production records will be kept assisting future planning and control financial returns. These will record areas, volumes, product breakdown and timber markets and values, all delivery notes and weight tickets will be retained and will display UKWAS certification reference and site name. Relevant environmental regulatory advice and rules will be followed during all operations and all operations will follow the Scottish Forest and Water Guidelines.

Timber extraction will be via the U420, U419 and C30 all of which are consultation routes as determined by the timber transport forum. Timber will then be taken south to the A90. No transport operations will commence until terms are stipulated.

Use of the LIS map search tool has indicated one significant constraint, which will affect compartment 4. The White Caterthuns hillfort (SM90069) scheduled monument overlaps with compartment 4 which needs to be cleared of windthrow. No operations will commence in this compartment until Scheduled Monument Consent from Historic Environment Scotland has been granted and specific constraints agreed upon. Constraints usually include an exclusion zone for machinery, clear and specific pre-commencement meetings, and comprehensive marking out. A second scheduled monument, Balnamoon souterrain (SM6513), is adjacent to compartment 11. The monument will not be affected and a 20m exclusion zone will be imposed for machinery.

Please provide details on the stakeholder engagement you have undertaken, this must include contact with adjacent properties and potentially affected neighbours.

Individual / Organisation	Date contacted	Date feedback received	Response	Action
HES	31/01/2022	awaiting		No operations will begin in relevant compartments until consent is granted.
Neighbours	31/01/2022	31/01/2022	No concerns, keen for felling to begin	
Timber Transport Forum	08/01/2022	awaiting		Timings and tonnages will be agreed before transport operations commence on consultation routes.

Please provide information on any features or issues that you have identified.

Feature / Issue	Constraint	Opportunity
Scheduled monument SM6513 Adjacent to felling area	Risk of damage to monument	Work with HES to set up exclusion zone around the feature
Scheduled monument SM90069	Risk of damage to monument	Highfield is currently in the process of applying for scheduled monument consent with HES which will agree exclusion areas and working conditions within the exclusion zone. No works will begin until consent is granted.
Scheduled monument SM4755	Risk of damage to monument	Highfield is currently in the process of applying for scheduled monument consent with HES which will agree exclusion areas and working conditions within the exclusion zone. No works will begin until consent is granted.

Part 3 – Proposed Restocking

We expect the area to be restocked unless you are thinning. Under the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018, we attach a continuing condition to the permission to secure restocking. You will be notified of these conditions before we issue the permission.

Restocking Proposal Table:

Use the table below to tell us how you intend to restock the areas felled. Please note that you can group felled areas together that are to be restocked in the same way. You must show a restock proposal for 100% of the felled area. If you intend to restock an alternative area, you must submit a map of the alternative area. You must give only one species choice per row.

Felling Site/Cpt(s)	Restocking proposal	Species (one per row)	% of site	Area (ha)	Density (stems per ha)	No of Trees	Alt Restock Site/Cpt (s)
6d, 14a, 6c	RP	Sitka spruce	20.6%	11.09	2500	27713	n/a
7b, 6b, 6d, 7c, 8a	RP	Norway Spruce	15.1%	8.13	2500	20315	n/a
2b, 5a, 7c, 6a, 7b, 2a, 6b	RP	Scots pine	27.1%	14.62	2500	36555	n/a
8a, 11a, 12a, 14b	RP	Douglas Fir	13.4%	7.21	2500	18023	n/a
14b, 11b	RP	Sessile Oak	1.3%	0.68	1600	1088	n/a
11b	RP	Silver Birch	0.5%	0.29	1600	458	n/a
2b, 2a, 14b, 5a	RP	Birch	4.9%	2.64	1600	4216	n/a
5a, 2a, 2b	RP	Alder	4.2%	2.24	1600	3584	n/a
11b	RP	Beech	0.4%	0.19	1600	304	n/a
5a, 2a, 2b	RP	Rowan	4.2%	2.24	1600	3586	n/a
11b	RP	Hazel	0.4%	0.19	1600	304	n/a
12a, 11a	RP	Mixed Broadleaves	8.2%	4.42	1600	7074	n/a
				Total Area:	53.93		

- The restocking proposal should be either to replant the felled area (RF), restock by natural regeneration (NR), plant an alternative area (AA), restock with coppice regrowth (CR), restock with individual trees (IT), plant an alternative area with individual trees (AAIT), or create designed open ground (OG).
- If you are intending to deforest the site, insert do not intend to restock (DIR) in the Restocking Proposal column. Note that your application is unlikely to be approved if the site is to be deforested and no alternative area of restocking is proposed (see the Scottish Government's Policy on Control of Woodland Removal).

Please give a detailed description of your restocking proposals here. Please provide an evidenced justification where you want the restocking approval to go beyond the standard 2 years, for example the submission of a *Hylobius* management plan. (Use a separate sheet if necessary)

The areas designated for selective felling will be inappropriate for restocking as the remaining canopy will be not thinned sufficiently to support restocking or underplanting.

The predominant soil type is mineral podzols and brown soils, therefore the ground will be cultivated using inverted mounding and disc scarification, as they are the recommended best practice for the soil type under current Scottish Forestry guidance.

Conifers will be stocked at a minimum density of 2500 trees per hectare.

Broadleaves will be planted at a stocking density of 1600 trees per hectare. The choice of native broadleaves planting material will be according to FSC guidance on 'Seed sources for planting native trees and shrubs in Scotland'. If availability of the plants from zone 203 will prove difficult, most suitable source will be agreed with Scottish Forestry prior to planting (202 south or 204 north are suggested by the guidance). Broadleaves will be protected by 1.2m tubes and stakes

which will be removed once the trees have grown sufficiently to no longer be threatened by deer browsing.

You must provide maps showing the felling and restocking areas of your application. The map must meet the standards we require. These are set out in the [mapping standards page](#) on our website.

Part 4 – The Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997

1. Are there any Tree Preservation Orders on the trees to be felled?

~~Yes~~ / **No** [Please delete as appropriate]

If Yes, give details below:

The following Tree Preservation Order applies to the trees in this application

Order Made by:	
Nearest Town or locality name:	
Title of Order:	Date of Order:

2. Are any of the trees to be felled in a Conservation Area?

~~Yes~~ / **No** [Please delete as appropriate]

The following Conservation Area applies to the trees in this application

Details of Conservation Area: _____

Part 5 – Declarations

I hereby apply for a permission to fell the trees described in this application and I certify that:

- I am the landowner or an occupier of the land with written permission of the landowner;
- Where the landowner is a business, I am authorised to sign legal contracts on behalf of that business;
- If I am acting on behalf of the landowner or occupier, I have submitted a signed mandate form with this application;
- Any necessary consents from any other person(s) if required, have been obtained;
- I have made the necessary checks with the local planning authorities regarding Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation Areas;
- I have notified all stakeholders that may be affected by the felling in this application and sought their views prior to submitting this application;
- I have read, understand and hereby acknowledge that Scottish Ministers may process any of my personal data contained in or relating to this application in accordance with the terms of [Scottish Forestry's Privacy Notice](#);
- Where applicable and appropriate I have submitted an EIA screening opinion form for operations contained within this application under the Forestry (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017;
- I have read and understand this application fully and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this application is complete, true, and accurate; and
- I accept that any false or misleading information provided in this application constitutes an offence and may result in any felling permission based on this application being revoked at any time.

Signed _____

Date 24/10/2023

[This application may only be signed by the owner of the land or the occupier of that land where they have written permission to do so. For land owned by a business it must be signed by someone with the authority to sign legal contracts on behalf of that business. If you are an agent signing this on behalf of the aforementioned you must append a copy of your mandate.]

DO NOT START FELLING UNTIL YOU HAVE AN APPROVED FELLING PERMISSION

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21-Feb-2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Felling Permission Application (Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018)

Case Reference: FPA-9088

Property Name: Balnamoon Farm

I refer to your application referenced above and I now enclose the approved Felling Permission. If you are an agent receiving this Felling Permission on behalf of the owner, you are obliged to forward a copy to the owner for their retention.

We approved your application on the basis that we consider it has addressed all known issues relating to the application area, and demonstrates sustainable forest management in line with the principles of the UK Forestry Standard

Please note the felling approval period associated with this Felling Permission. If felling has not been completed by the end of this period, a new permission will be required.

If this application has been approved with conditions, and you do not agree with the stated conditions, then you may appeal our decision for these under section 68 of the Act. For more information please see our website or contact the issuing office.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Admin Officer

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Permission to Fell Growing Trees

Permission Number:FPA-9088

To:

[REDACTED]
Balnamoon Farms Company
Estate Office
Balnamoon
Brechin
Angus
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This Felling Permission authorises you under section 27 of the Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018 to fell the trees described below and shown on the attached map.

This Permission expires on: 21-Feb-2025

Part 1: Felling

Name of Property:Balnamoon Farm
Name of Wood:Balnamoon Woods
Central Grid Reference: NO559648
Nearest Town or Locality Name:Brechin
Local Authority:Angus Council

Table 1: Felling Operations

Felling Site/C pt	Type Of Operation	Species to be Felled	Marking Of Trees	Est. Area (ha)	Approx Age (years)	No of Trees	Est Volume (m3)	Thinning details (per ha) Pre	Thinning details (per ha) Post
2a	CF - Clear Felling	Sitka spruce	tape	0.96	50	499	305.00	-	-
2a	CF - Clear Felling	Hybrid larch	tape	0.96	50	536	77.00	-	-
2b	CF - Clear Felling	Sitka spruce	-	1.64	50	861	613.00	-	-
2b	CF - Clear Felling	Scots pine	-	1.64	60	1376	247.00	-	-
4a	T - Thinning	Mixed conifers	tape	3.34	50	2055	337.20	1124	786
4a	T - Thinning	Mixed broadleaves	tape	3.34	50	2008	83.40	278	194

Felling Site/C pt	Type Of Operation	Species to be Felled	Marking Of Trees	Est. Area (ha)	Approx Age (years)	No of Trees	Est Volume (m3)	Thinning details (per ha) Pre	Thinning details (per ha) Post
5a	CF - Clear Felling	Sitka spruce	-	2.63	50	1381	983.00	-	-
5a	CF - Clear Felling	Lodgepole pine	-	1.13	50	1326	223.00	-	-
6a	CF - Clear Felling	Norway spruce	-	1.13	50	695	439.00	-	-
6a	CF - Clear Felling	Scots pine	-	0.85	50	840	129.00	-	-
6a	CF - Clear Felling	Hybrid larch	-	0.85	50	479	159.00	-	-
6b	CF - Clear Felling	Scots pine	-	1.19	50	1176	180.00	-	-
6b	CF - Clear Felling	Hybrid larch	-	1.19	50	671	222.00	-	-
6c	CF - Clear Felling	Sitka spruce	-	6.05	50	3176	2,262.00	-	-
6c	CF - Clear Felling	Scots pine	-	0.67	50	662	101.00	-	-
7a	T - Thinning	Sitka spruce	tape	2.49	50	1307	279.63	931	651
7a	T - Thinning	Hybrid larch	tape	2.49	50	1404	139.50	465	325
7b	CF - Clear Felling	Scots pine	-	4.34	50	4291	656.00	-	-
7b	CF - Clear Felling	Oak	-	0.23	70	132	39.00	-	-
7c	CF - Clear Felling	Hybrid larch	-	3.35	50	1890	625.00	-	-
7c	CF - Clear Felling	Scots pine	-	3.35	50	3312	506.00	-	-
6d	CF - Clear Felling	Sitka spruce	-	2.03	50	1066	759.00	-	-
6d	CF - Clear Felling	Norway spruce	-	2.03	50	2124	683.00	-	-
8a	CF - Clear Felling	Norway spruce	-	4.00	50	3788	994.00	-	-
11a	CF - Clear Felling	Hybrid larch	-	1.70	50	959	318.00	-	-

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11a	CF - Clear Felling	Scots pine	-	1.70	50	2831	164.00	-	-
11b	CF - Clear Felling	Norway spruce	-	0.67	50	41	225.00	-	-
11b	CF - Clear Felling	Sitka spruce	-	0.29	50	152	108.00	-	-
11c	T - Thinning	Oak	tape	1.75	70	1003	120.80	302	181
11c	T - Thinning	Sycamore	tape	1.75	70	746	105.60	264	158
11c	T - Thinning	Beech	tape	1.25	70	1086	76.80	192	115
11c	T - Thinning	Ash	tape	0.25	70	107	14.80	37	22
11d	T - Thinning	Oak	tape	1.05	70	602	72.40	181	108
11d	T - Thinning	Sycamore	tape	1.05	70	448	63.20	158	94
11d	T - Thinning	Beech	tape	0.75	70	651	46.40	116	69
11d	T - Thinning	Ash	tape	0.15	70	64	9.20	23	13
11e	T - Thinning	Mixed broadleaves	tape	4.34	50	2610	165.00	550	385
11e	T - Thinning	Sitka spruce	tape	4.34	50	2279	486.90	1623	1136
12a	CF - Clear Felling	Mixed broadleaves	tape	2.72	50	1636	344.00	-	-
12a	CF - Clear Felling	Scots pine	tape	2.72	50	4530	262.00	-	-
13b	T - Thinning	Scots pine	tape	2.75	50	4580	79.80	266	186
14a	CF - Clear Felling	Sitka spruce	tape	2.22	50	1166	830.00	-	-
14a	CF - Clear Felling	Norway spruce	tape	0.12	50	74	40.00	-	-
14b	CF - Clear Felling	Mixed conifers	-	0.79	50	573	229.00	-	-
14b	CF - Clear Felling	Mixed broadleaves	-	0.79	50	475	100.00	-	-

Total Felling Area (ha)	53.94
Total Volume (m3)	14,902.63
Total Thinning Area(ha)	31.09

Thinning Representation: Pre/Post stocking density

Note: Operations in Table 1 represent the total felling to be carried out within the approval period and not approval per year.

Part 2: Conditions

1. Site Preparation Conditions

The land on which felling took place, or the agreed alternative area, must be cleared, drained and prepared, as required, to allow restocking as specified in Table 2.

2. Restocking Conditions

Table 2 below details the restocking specification for each of the felled areas.

You must restock all felled areas as detailed in Table 2. Restocking must be completed by 31-Mar-2027

Table 2: Restocking Operations

Felling Site/Cpt	Restocking Proposal	Species	% of Site	Area (Ha)	Density (stems/Ha)	Number of Trees	Alternative Restocking Site/Cpt(s)
6d,14a,6c	RF - Replant felled area	Sitka spruce	20.5 6	11.0 9	2500	-	-
7b,6b,6d,7c,8a	RF - Replant felled area	Norway spruce	15.0 7	8.13	2500	-	-
2b,5a,7c,6a,7b,2a,6b	RF - Replant felled area	Scots pine	27.1 0	14.6 2	2500	-	-
8a,11a,12a,14b	RF - Replant felled area	Douglas fir	13.3 7	7.21	2500	-	-
14,11b	RF - Replant felled area	Sessile oak	1.26	0.68	1600	-	-
11b	RF - Replant felled area	Silver birch	0.54	0.29	1600	-	-
2b,2a,14b,5a	RF - Replant felled area	Birch	4.89	2.64	1600	-	-
5a,2a,2b	RF - Replant felled area	Alder	4.15	2.24	1600	-	-
11b	RF - Replant felled area	Beech	0.35	0.19	1600	-	-
5a,2a,2b	RF - Replant felled area	Rowan	4.15	2.24	1600	-	-
11b	RF - Replant felled area	Hazel	0.35	0.19	1600	-	-
12a,11a	RF - Replant felled area	Mixed broadleaves	8.19	4.42	1600	-	-

3. Maintenance Conditions

For a period of 10 years from the restocking date the trees must be protected from all damage and weeded adequately to allow effective establishment.

Failures or losses must be replaced as necessary to maintain a stocking density not less than is specified in Table 2, evenly distributed across the site.

4. Other Conditions

All forestry operations carried out under this permission will be planned and implemented within the scope of the UK Forestry Standard.

You will provide a summary to Scottish Forestry of restocking carried out against this permission immediately after the works have been carried out, or by the restocking deadline in Part 2, whichever is sooner.

5. Additional Conditions

No additional conditions specified for this site.

Permission approved by: [REDACTED] - Operations Manager **Date:** 21-Feb-2022

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Conservator: Cameron Maxwell

Additional Notes:

1. If a Tree Preservation Order is placed on any of the trees after this felling permission is issued, the consent of the Local Authority must be obtained before they are felled.
2. Others involved with the felling should be told about this felling permission e.g. by giving a copy of the permission and map to the person felling the trees. If the land is sold, the new owner should also be told about this felling permission.
3. Please refer to the agreed routes for timber haulage. The agreed routes map can be viewed on the Timber Transport Forum website (<http://timbertransportforum.org.uk/>). As many routes are subject to consultation or restrictions you should discuss and agree your haulage plans (routes and volumes) with the local authority in advance of commencing operations.
4. Under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 as amended by the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011, anyone planning, permitting or carrying out forest operations or other activities in woodlands should be aware of their wildlife protection responsibilities.
5. Under the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003, anyone planning, permitting, or carrying out forest operations or other activities in woodlands should be aware of their responsibilities for the protection and improvement of water quality and aquatic ecosystems. See <http://www.forestrywaterscotland.com/> for more information.

6. *Phytophthora ramorum*

Risk Reduction Zone (RRZ) and sites within 10km of a 'live' infection site in the Priority Action Zone (PAZ)*

All felling of larch within the Risk Reduction Zone (RRZ) and on sites within 10km of a 'live'* infection site in the Priority Action Zone (PAZ) must be managed as if the larch were infected with *Phytophthora ramorum*.

*A 'live' infection site in the PAZ, is where the Statutory Plant Health Notice (SPHN) felling has not been completed or completion was within the last 12 months.

Risk Reduction Zone

If the larch is in the RRZ but in an area known to be free from infection** and you wish to treat the larch as being uninfected, the local Conservancy Office must inspect the stand and confirm the absence of symptoms of *Phytophthora ramorum* when the trees are fully in needle. The Conservancy will state the felling period covered by the inspection, which will be either the end of August, or the end of February, following the inspection.

** Free from infection is classed as being at least 10 km from a known infection site, as shown on the 'Outbreak Update Map' on the Scottish Forestry website.



7. Forestry can be dangerous. The Forest Industry is working together to raise the standards of health, safety and welfare in the work place. More information can be found at: <http://www.ukfisa.com/>

UK Timber Regulation
Due Diligence checklist for timber grown in Great Britain

This document is intended to help meet the obligations placed on "operators" to undertake a risk assessment when placing timber or timber products on the market, as defined under UK legislation governing timber legality. It outlines the risk factors associated with timber grown in Great Britain (see overleaf).

The details of the timber species, timber volume etc. are listed on the Felling Permission or Forest Plan.

Evidence of Lawful Harvesting

1. Felling Permission Ref No(s) or Statutory Plant Health Notice (SPHN) number	Date Approved
FPA-9088	Mon, 21 Feb 2022

(If the recipient of the felling permission, or SPHN is felling the timber but not directly placing it on the market then the due diligence form must be passed to the agent or company who are doing so).

OR

2. Forest Management Plan Ref No (s)	Date Approved

Operations Manager, Scottish Forestry

Date:
Mon, 21 Feb 2022

3. In absence of felling permission, or SPHN or forest plan:
Where the timber came from :
Name & Address of Supplier/Land Owner:
Reason the timber does not derive from an approved felling permission or a forest plan:

Certification: If the timber is independently certified enter the certificate number below:

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Additional Risk Factors: If there are any factors (not covered overleaf) that indicate a risk that the timber could be illegally harvested, enter these below with an explanation of how that risk has been mitigated.

Factor	Means of Mitigation

Declaration by the operator: I declare that the timber referred to above is grown in Great Britain. I have identified any additional risk factors and the action taken to mitigate that risk, and I have no reason to believe that there are further risks of the timber being illegal.

Signed:

Dated:

Further guidance on timber regulations can be found at:

The timber described overleaf was produced from forests in Scotland, part of Great Britain, where the following risk factors apply.

1. **Illegality** - Forests in Scotland are regulated by Scottish Forestry, an executive agency of the Scottish Government. The incidence of illegal felling in Scotland is low, estimated at much less than 1% of the timber volume harvested.
2. **Governance** - Great Britain is ranked highly for good governance in independent assessments, such as The Worldwide Governance Indicators project (funded by The World Bank). Moreover forestry proposals in Great Britain are available for comment and Great Britain is well served by bodies from civil-society that contribute specialist knowledge and opinion to the assessment of forestry proposals.
3. **International Perspective** - There is no UN Security Council ban on timber exports from Great Britain and Great Britain is not associated with or designated as a source of 'conflict timber', both of which are key international indicators of illegality.
4. **Forest Regulation** - Scotland has specific forest laws (principally, The Forestry and Land Management (Scotland) Act 2018) which convey powers to regulate forestry activities, control felling, administer woodland grants and to manage state forests. The Forestry Commission issued a revised UK Forestry Standard (UKFS) in 2017 which provides a benchmark against which forestry is regulated and is explicit in terms of legal requirements and the assurances of legality and sustainability that can be given by the process of forest regulation. Scottish Forestry are the competent authority with respect to Forestry (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017. The Forestry Commission reports on behalf of the United Kingdom the sustainability of UK/Great Britain forests in the Global Forest Resources Assessment and Forest Europe indicators and compiles annual statistical information. Scottish Forestry contributes to this reporting. These various sources of information indicate that forests in Scotland, part of Great Britain/UK, are managed on a sustainable basis.
5. **Endangered Timber Species** - There are no endangered timber species present in Great Britain.
6. **Assessment of UK grown timber by the certification schemes** - The two major international certification schemes, FSC and PEFC, have assessed Great Britain as being of low risk in terms of their "Controlled Wood" and "Avoidance of Controversial Sources" respectively. This allows up to 30% of non-certified home grown timber to enter supply chains. Approximately 80% of timber coming to the market in Great Britain has been independently certified as coming from well managed forests. This is in addition to the regulatory processes outlined above.

Notes for completion of form

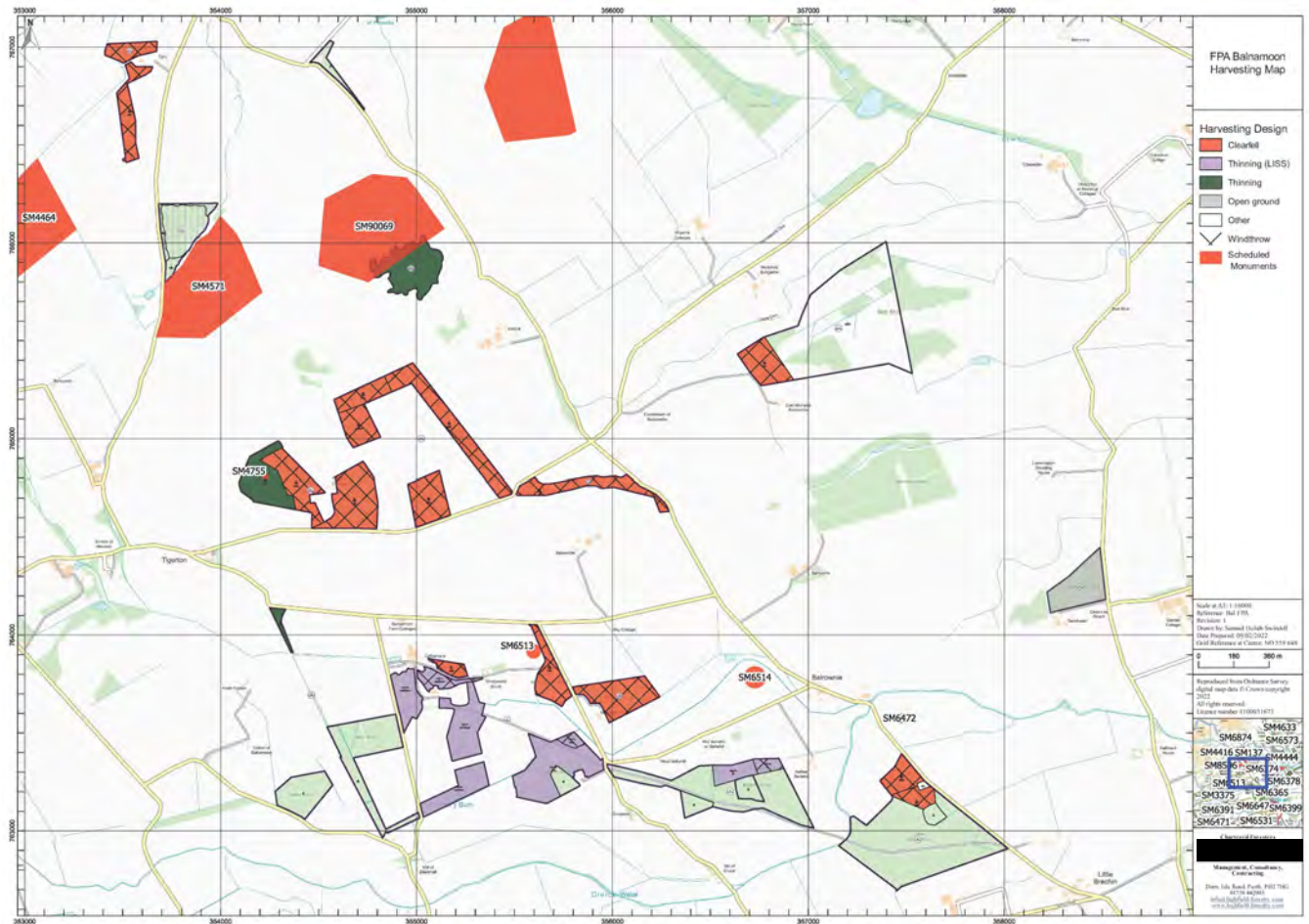
The person who first places timber / timber products on the market or uses them is defined as an 'Operator' under the Regulation:

If you are a landowner, harvesting and selling the trees, then complete this form and keep it with the felling permission/forest plan or other details (as appropriate) together with details of the contract for sale of the timber.

If you are buying the timber 'standing' and harvesting the trees, then complete this form, ask for a copy of the felling permission or forest plan approval from the owner and keep this form together with details of the contract for purchase of the timber.

It is important to keep a record for at least 5 years, as required by the legislation, of timber sales and purchases.

Felling Map(s)



Restocking Map(s)



Alternative Restocking Map(s)