**CHANGING LANDSCAPES APPLICATION FORM (NFCLS1)**

**GENERAL DETAILS**

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| **Official NFC Use Only**  CLS No. & Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  Date Received \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Property Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nearest Town \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

County & Grid Ref: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Local Authority \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**1 Main Applicant's Details**

Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Forename \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Nature of Business

Are you - please tick  Sole Owner  Partner  Lessee  Tenant

Trustee  Freehold Purchaser

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| Postcode |
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Are you the main contact  Yes  No (if no please give main contact details).

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**2 Managing Agent's Details**

Title \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Forename \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Surname \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Organisation / Business

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Are you the main contact  Yes  No (if no please give main contact details).

Please tick if the applicant wishes all correspondence, including the handling of contracts associated with this application, to be directed through the appointed agent up until contracts have been signed

**3 Which of the following categories best describes the ownership of the scheme land?**

Personal Occupier  Business Occupier  Voluntary Organisation

Public Ownership (e.g. Local Authority)  Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* 1. Is your land registered under the Rural Land Register?  Yes  No
  2. Single Business Identifier number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

For supporting information when completing this application form, please refer to the National Forest Strategy document, the CLS scoring assessment and CLS supporting notes, along with other available information from <http://www.nationalforest.org/woodlands/woodlandcreation/cls/>

**4 Which of the following best describes the current use of the scheme land?**

Farmland  Brownfield Land

(Specify past use) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Public Amenity Land  Other

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**5 Area Summary of Proposed Scheme** (*Enter the respective areas (hectares) by category of land use*)

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| **CATEGORY** | | **Area on Grassland/**  **Arable** | **Area on Brownfield Land** | **Area on Public Amenity Land** | **Other Land** |
| **Woodland**  **Creation**  **(ha)** | Broadleaf |  |  |  |  |
| Conifer |  |  |  |  |
| Special Broadleaf |  |  |  |  |
| Shrubs |  |  |  |  |
| **Open Ground (ha)** | |  |  |  |  |
| **Other habitats (non woodland) (ha)** | Wetland |  |  |  |  |
| Parkland |  |  |  |  |
| Orchard |  |  |  |  |
| Managed Grassland |  |  |  |  |
| Other non-grazed habitat (e.g. heathland, grassland etc.) |  |  |  |  |
| Existing Woodland |  |  |  |  |
| **Total CLS Area (ha)** | |  |  |  |  |

5.1 Applicant’s total landholding in The National Forest: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Hectares

**6 Landowner's Permission**

If you are a tenant, has the landlord given consent for the grant-aided work  Yes  No

(*Please provide written confirmation*)

**7 Tenant Permission**

If you are the owner, has the tenant given consent for the grant aid work?  Yes  No

(*Please provide written confirmation*)

**8 Land Resumed from Tenants**

Has any of the land been resumed from a tenant by means of a 'contested  Yes  No

notice to quit' or is it subject to such action?

**9 Common Land**

Is any of the land in this scheme designated as common land?  Yes  No

**10 Other Interests**

Provide details of any of the following that apply to the scheme land:

* Agri-environment schemes e.g. ELS, HLS or Countryside Stewardship  Yes  No
* Existing National Forest Tender Scheme or Forestry Commission EWGS  Yes  No
* Past or existing planning conditions or agreements  Yes  No
* Nationally or locally designated conservation areas e.g. NNR, SSSI,  Yes  No

county wildlife sites, other notable wildlife sites

* Is the site in the R Mease Catchment?  Yes  No

(<http://environment.data.gov.uk/catchment-planning/OperationalCatchment/3303>)

**If yes, please contact NFC to discuss proposals/enable Habitats Regulations Assessment**

* Scheduled Ancient Monument or archaeological features  Yes  No
* Any other funding, payments or grant aid secured or at application stage  Yes  No
* Considered the impact on wild birds, including area and diversity of habitat  Yes  No
* Considered the effect this project may have on European Protected Species and consulted the necessary guidance  Yes  No

­­­­­­­­­­­­­­Additional Info (*Amount of funding, date of award and expiry date if applicable*)

**11 Is the whole of the project within a LOW RISK area for woodland creation?**

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| **Check the project area using the** [**Land Information Search**](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/use-the-land-information-search) | **Insert Y/N** |
| The project is fully within a Low Risk area for woodland creation |  |

**12 Water and Soils**

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|  | **Insert Y/N** |
| Have any public or private drinking water supplies been identified within or which may be affected by the project? |  |
| Is the project adjacent to a main river and/or does it affect flood defence structures or facilities |  |

**13 Landscape and Design Considerations**

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| *Describe how your scheme demonstrates good design in relation to the surrounding landscape and will contribute to and enhance connectivity between adjoining woodland and other habitats.* |

**14 Public & Other Access**

14.1 Do you intend to allow access on any or all of the scheme’s area?  Yes  No

If no to Question 14.1 please explain the reasons for this decision in the box below*. (The CLS Assessment Scoring details instances where access is not a pre-requisite. If there is existing access or access routes planned to the site please detail there intended locations on the application site maps*. *For surfaced paths please describe their design and construction on a separate sheet)*.

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Ifyes to Question 14.1 please indicate the following forms of access you intend to permit:

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| **Access Type** | **Length of Route**  **(metres)** | **Area of Scheme Open for Access (ha)** | **% of Scheme Area**  **Open for Access** |
| Permissive Access surfaced  Permissive Access unsurfaced |  |  |  |
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| Existing PROW |  |  |  |
| New PROW surfaced  New PROW unsurfaced |  |  |  |
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| Specialist/Controlled Access | N/A |  |  |
| Dedicated Open Access (CROW Act 2000) | N/A |  |  |

14.2 Specialist/controlled access e.g. educational, specialist groups, community involvement *(Provide information of what & who it is of interest to & how often the site will be open).*

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14.3 Describe any other types of access you are providing: (e.g. car park, horse trail, cycle route, disabled access) and annotate on the application site maps.

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**15 Community Involvement & Engagement**

15.1 Have you had any indication of support from the local community?  Yes  No

*(Please detail in the box below).*

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15.2 Does your scheme involve a programme of community engagement and  Yes  No

participation? *(Detail any proposals together with intended timescales in the box below).*

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**16 Signage & Interpretation**

16.1 Will you be providing site information signage?  Yes  No

Will you be providing any literature in the form of leaflets?  Yes  No

Will you be providing any interpretative signage for special features?  Yes  No

Will you be providing any way marker signage for any access routes?  Yes  No

Will you be providing information on a website?  Yes  No

(D*etail locations of any signs on the application site maps and provide any additional information in section 21).*

**17 Nature Conservation**

17.1 If your scheme includes the creation and/or restoration of new/existing Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) habitats or species related works, detail how the proposed works reflect the nature conservation potential of the site and how they link to other/existing habitats. (*Detail locations and numbers where applicable on the application site maps*).

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If yes to question 15.1 please complete the following:

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| **Habitats** | **Measure** | **Area (Ha)/Length (m)/Number** |
| Hedgerows | Length created |  |
| Length restored |  |
| Ancient semi natural woods | Area of site extended |  |
| Lowland wood pasture and parkland\* | Area created |  |
| Area restored |  |
| Field margins | Area of fields with buffers |  |
| Linear waters – rivers, streams, ditches | Length of buffer strips |  |
| Length of restored river |  |
| Lowland dry acid grassland | Area created/managed\*\* |  |
| Reedbeds | Area created/managed\*\* |  |
| Wet woodland | Area created/managed\*\* |  |
| Wet grassland and marsh | Area created |  |
| Area restored |  |
| Lowland heathland | Area created/managed\*\* |  |
| Neutral grassland | Area created/managed\*\* |  |
| Open water | Number of sites created |  |
| Number of sites restored |  |
| Number over 1 Ha |  |
| Orchards | Number created |  |
| Number managed |  |
| Other |  |  |

\*Species to be used should be specified in box 15.1 \*\* Delete as appropriate

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| **Species** | **Measure** | **Number/Length(m)** |
| Adder\*\*\* | Number of sites created/enhanced |  |
| Barn Owl\*\*\* | Number of barn owl boxes erected |  |
| Bats\*\*\* | Number of boxes erected |  |
| Black Poplar\*\*\* | Number of trees |  |
| Bluebell\*\*\* | Number of new sites |  |
| Number of sites managed |  |
| Otter\*\*\* | Number of holts created |  |
| Length of riverside managed |  |
| Redstart\*\*\* | Number of boxes erected |  |
| Ruddy Darter | Number of sites enhanced |  |
| Water vole | Number of sites enhanced |  |

\*\*\* Locations required on the site design maps

* 1. If you have received any specialist nature conservation advice, please indicate who and what was advised, and which organisation, if any, they represent:

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| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Nature of Advice** |
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**18 Archaeology, Geology & Heritage**

18.1 Is there any archaeological, geological or heritage interest on the site?  Yes  No

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18.2 Type of interest and area covered (ha):

18.3 If you have received any specialist advice, please indicate who and what was advised, and which organisation, if any, they represent:

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| **Name** | **Organisation** | **Nature of Advice** |
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* 1. If yes to 16.1, how will you protect and enhance these features. Is there a management plan and will any interpretation be produced?

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1. **Woodland Economy & Silviculture Practice**

19.1 Detail how your scheme considers the future economic potential of the woodland within the scheme’s design and layout, and, if applicable, the strategy for developing the woodland economy e.g. woodfuel, crafts, timber production uses, etc.

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* 1. Does your scheme envisage the creation of the equivalent of one or more new job in the woodland economy sector?  Yes  No

(*If yes please detail the number of new jobs and the nature of new businesses)*

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19.3 How does your scheme comply with good forestry practices relating to stocking densities, species selection, provenance, silviculture or other innovation?

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**20 Climate Change**

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| *Detail what measures have been designed into the scheme to address climate change issues.* |

20.1 Is your proposed site accessible via public transport or sustainable transport

routes e.g. existing trails, cycles routes, PROW? (*Please detail in box above*)  Yes  No

**21 Statutory Permissions / Consents**

*(Please note that not having a permission at this stage does not disqualify you from the scheme)*

21.1 Are you required to obtain planning permission, consents, and licences for any elements

for your proposed scheme (e.g. car park, new public footpaths or bridleways, ponds, river floodplain planting)?  Yes  No

21.2 Have you sought advice from the relevant authority for the above?  Yes  No

21.3 Have you been granted permission or indication that permission will be forthcoming?

Yes  No

21.4 What was the outcome of the discussions?

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**22 Joint Working and Other Funding**

22.1 If your scheme has been developed in partnership with other organisations, individuals or companies please describe the partnership:

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If your scheme attracts additional finance beyond your CLS bid please indicate:

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22.2 Source of funding

22.3 Amount of funding

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22.4 Work covered by this funding:

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22.5 Is your bid dependent upon receipt of this money?  Yes  No

(*If yes, we will require evidence of your success)*.

1. **Additional Information & Declarations of Interest**

23.1 If you have any further information that you feel is relevant to this application please outline below or attach on a separate sheet.

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* 1. Applicants are requested to declare whether they have any interests covering the following headings; concerning NFC Trustees or NFC Staff:

i. Close personal friendship where there is a significant element of contact beyond the scope for NFC business

ii. Family members, residents of the same household, or individual or group in whom the Applicant may have a direct financial interest

iv. Any joint or direct financial, legal or business interest

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| Declarations: Declare any interests or state none: |

**24 Phasing**

24.1 If you wish to phase your scheme over 2 years, you must discuss this with the NFC as soon as possible. It is important that you identify the reason behind your decision to phase your scheme below:

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24.2 Please briefly detail the work you carry out in each year:

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**Year 1**:

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**Year 2:**

**25 Bid Funding**

Total CLS Scheme Bid Amount Years 1-10 £\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(*Based on all necessary works and costs itemised in the spreadsheet of CLS standard costs, to be submitted with this application form*).

Applicant’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**26 Enclosures** *(Before submission to the NFC, please ensure all relevant documentation is included).*

CLS completed & signed application form  Detailed CLS site plans and fire plan

CLS standard costs worksheets  Woodland Creation outline plan

Relevant supporting information  Annex 1 of NFCLS1 application form

For further information contact Charles Robinson, The National Forest Company, Bath Yard, Moira, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE12 6BA. Tel 01283 551211 Website [www.nationalforest.org](http://www.nationalforest.org) email [cls@nationalforest.org](mailto:cls@nationalforest.org)

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**The Data Protection Act (DPA) 1998**

Please note: Under the definition of the Data Protection act 1998, returning this form acknowledges that you consent to the information being held on the National Forest Company's database.  All information given will only be used by the National Forest Company.

**The Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000 & Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004**

The NFC is required on occasion to release information, which may include personal data and commercial information, to comply with the EIR 2004 and FOI Act 2004. However, the NFC will not permit any unwarranted breach of confidentiality, and will not act in contravention of its obligations under the DPA 1998.

**NFC Use Only**

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| **Proposed Work** | **Total Area in Hectares** | **Broadleaf (ha)** | **Conifer (ha)** |
| **Afforestation** |  |  |  |
| **Insert Y/N** | |
| No EIA Opinion Required | **0.25ha – 1.99ha**  Is the whole project **entirely outside of a Sensitive area** and between 0.25ha and 1.99ha in size? |  |  |
| EIA – Basic Notification  (Assessment) | **2ha – 5ha**  Is the whole project **entirely outside of a Sensitive area** and between 2ha and 5ha in size? |  |  |
| EIA – Full Notification  (Assessment) | **5ha – 50ha**  Is the whole project **entirely within a Low Risk area** and between 5ha and 5ha in size? |  |  |
| EIA Full Screening (Opinion) | For all other projects **over 5ha, entirely outside of a Sensitive area,** and not entirely within a Low Risk area, your project requires EIA screening to determine whether the project is a relevant project.  Is this your project? |  |  |
| If the afforestation project is likely to have a significant effect on the environment, are you applying for EIA Consent? | | | |
| EIA Consent | If a project is expected to have a significant effect on the environment you can ask for Consent rather than wait for an Assessment or Opinion on whether the project is a relevant project.  Is this your project? |  |  |

**Annex 1 - Woodland Creation Table - Details of Your Proposal**

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| **Work**  **Group** | **Current**  **Land**  **Use** | **Subcpts in**  **Work Grp** | **Area of**  **Work**  **Group (ha)** | **Woodland**  **Category** | **Species Mix** | | **% estab by**  **natural**  **regen** | **Planting**  **Season** | **Woodland description and**  **additional information** |
| Species | % |
| *A* | *IG* | *1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 3* | *8.3* | *Standard* | *POK*  *WCH*  *MB*  *MC*  *WSH*  *OG* | *30*  *20*  *10*  *10*  *10*  *20* | *0* | *2018/19* | *MB = Silver Birch, Field Maple, Small-Leaved Lime*  *MC = Douglas fir, Western Red Cedar, Silver Fir*  *WSH = Hazel, Spindle, Hawthorn, Rowan* |
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*See CLS Guidance Notes for Supporting Information Relating to Completion of Table*