

Ethy Forest Plan

2013 - 2023

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FORESTRY COMMISSION - Application for Forest Design Plan Approval

Forest District: West England Forest District (FD)

Woodland or property name: **Ethy**

Nearest town, village or locality: **St Winnow**

OS Grid reference: **SX12555656**

Local Authority district/unitary Authority: **Cornwall Council**

1. I apply for Forest Design Plan approval for the property described above and in the enclosed Forest Design Plan.
2. I confirm that the scoping, carried out and documented in the Consultation Record attached, incorporated those stakeholders which the FC agreed must be included. Where it has not been possible to resolve specific issues associated with the plan to the satisfaction of consultees, this is highlighted in the Consultation Record.
3. I confirm that the proposals contained in this plan comply with the UK Forestry Standard.
4. I undertake to obtain any permissions necessary for the implementation of the approved Plan.

Signed Signed.....
(FE) Forest Management Director (FS) Regional Director

District Region

Date Date of Approval

Date approval ends:

(ha)	Conifers	Broadleaves	Open Space
New planting	0	0	N/A
Felling	7.54	0	N/A
Restocking *	0	6.78	0.76
Managed under continuous cover	29.76 (see p8 for breakdown)		

* Restocking areas using natural regeneration. Composition between Broadleaves, Conifer & Open space is estimated.

Other woodland 13.8 hectares
Total plan area 51.1 hectares

1.0 Policy & context

The Forestry Commission has been independently audited against the UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) and its management standards have been endorsed by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC). The FC is committed to maintaining woodland management to these standards.

This plan has been prepared in order to achieve compliance with UKWAS and comply with FSC and PEFC standards.

Ethy Lies within West England Forest District, an amalgamation of the former Peninsula, Forest of Dean and West Midlands Forest Districts that were combined in April 2012. West England Forest District covers the west of England as far as North Shropshire.

1.1 Strategic Objectives

Management of woodlands on the Public Forest Estate will deliver Government aims for forestry in England as described in the Forestry Policy Statement which is available from the DEFRA website. In Summary we will seek to achieve the following key objectives:

- **Protecting** the nation's trees, woodlands and forests from increasing threats such as pests, diseases and climate change,
- **Improving** their resilience to these threats and their contribution to economic growth, people's lives and nature,
- **Expanding** them to increase further their economic, social and environmental value.

Further details on how these objectives will be achieved and implemented in West England are available in our strategic plan due for publication in 2013.

1.2 Consultation

Consultation has been carried out with identified stakeholders as shown in the consultation record at appendix 1.

Our method of identifying consultees is based upon the three major sensitivities of any particular woodland : landscape, recreation and environment, coupled with the level of change we anticipate being caused by the renewed Plan.

1.3 Implementation of plan objectives

Before major forest operations are undertaken a documented Operational Site Plan is completed for the proposed operation. This identifies site constraints and opportunities and ensures that all actions are consistent with current statutory and UKWAS requirements.

1.4 Protected Species and habitats

Where the Operational Site Plan has confirmed that European Protected Species (EPS) or other protected species or habitats are present on a site, operations are undertaken in accordance with guidelines agreed by Natural England.

1.5 Cultural Heritage

Scheduled Monuments

All Scheduled Monuments are subject to a separate Management Plan, agreed with English Heritage.

At Forest Design Plan (FDP) level Scheduled Monuments will simply be mapped on the Heritage map layer.

Consultation with either English Heritage, Local Authority or National Park Heritage Departments on any potentially damaging operations to Scheduled Monuments will take place at the Operational Site Plan Stage.

Other Heritage Features

Work on all other heritage features are subject to an agreement with Local Authority or National Park Historic Environment Record Services.

Heritage features will be identified by liaising with the relevant representative within the organisation and a suitable working method agreed prior to operations via the Operational Site Plan process.