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If you want to carry out tree felling (including thinning) then you normally need a Felling Licence. Felling Licence application forms are available from your local Conservancy office or from our web site. If the felling or thinning is part of a SFGS application then you will get a Felling Licence with your approved SFGS contract. After any felling you must comply with the restocking conditions of the Licence.

Stump protection

If you are felling conifers you may need to protect the stumps in areas where there is a notified tree. You can get advice about stump protection from your local Conservancy office or from Forest Research.

Tree Preservation Orders

Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) are made by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to protect specific trees and woodland from deliberate damage and destruction. TPOs prevent the felling, topping, lopping or uprooting of trees without permission from the planning authority. When we get an application for a licence to fell trees covered by a TPO we will send it – along with our comments – to the LPA who will decide whether or not to give permission for the felling.

Felling Codes for Non Grant Aided and Licensable Operations

Activity	Operation	Ref no.	Description	Units
Felling Operations	F1: Clear-felling	9000	The cutting down of an area of woodland. If within a larger area of woodland, this is typically a felling greater than 0.25ha.	hectare
	F2: Selective Felling	9001	The cutting down of an area of woodland (typically between 0.10ha and 0.25ha) within a larger area of woodland. The area cleared should allow enough light in for restocking through planting and/or regeneration operations.	hectare
	F3: Continuous Cover	9002	Felling as part of an 'alternative to clear-felling' silvicultural system. This includes group felling, where the extent of felling and restocking is no more than necessary to achieve satisfactory regeneration based on species requirements for light.	hectare
	F4: Thinning	9003	Felling of trees throughout woodland that occurs after canopy closure to promote growth and greater value in the remaining trees. Thinning operations are expected to only temporarily reduce the woodland's standing volume.	hectare
Other Land (OL)	O1: Other Land	0	Non grant aided land within the scheme boundary which is included to provide a full picture to help explain the proposals.	hectare