

Eligibility for Carbon Funding

If a woodland owner is looking to benefit from the registration of a woodland creation scheme within the Woodland Carbon Code then the issue of carbon sequestration needs to be expressed within the objectives of the Management Plan. Communicating this objective within the EWGS contract for the woodland creation will support the validation of this.

We are encouraging field teams to discuss owner aspirations in relation to carbon sequestration. Should they wish the option of carbon funding to be available in the future then inclusion of the following statement can be added within the “General Details” element of the contract.

“One of the owner’s main objectives for creating this woodland is to sequester atmospheric carbon in line with the UKFS Forests for Climate Change Guidelines. Therefore the owner would like to retain the option to register and validate the scheme under the Woodland Carbon Code within the permitted timeframe”

There is a timeline in relation to registration and validation which is:

- a new planting scheme must be registered as a Woodland Carbon Code project within 2 years of planting
- it must then be validated within 3 years of registration
- no retrospective validation will be allowed after July 2013 for woodlands planted before July 2011

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