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Date of Grant Offer: 11th June 2026

Dear Mr Geary,

England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO) – Riverside Farm JK

Formal offer of Grant

I am pleased to confirm that following a technical review of your application by a Forestry Commission Woodland Officer, the Forestry Commission would be pleased to formally offer a EWCO Grant for the sum of £23,412.60. The table at the end of this letter provides a summary of your formal Grant Offer based on the content of the final EWCO Application Form we have agreed with you.

This formal Grant Offer is made subject to the contents of this letter, the enclosed:

- Final EWCO Application Form
- EWCO Declaration Form / EWCO Application Form Part A – Declarations
- EWCO Grant Funding Agreement Terms and Conditions
- Agreement Map
- Access Map (where applicable)
- Acceptance of Grant Offer Letter

By accepting the offer of an agreement, you are confirming the declarations made at the point of application stand, are still true and that the land remains eligible for the EWCO.

Please check the enclosed Application Form carefully. To meet the commitments, we made in 2023 on passing rate uplifts (for capital items and Maintenance Payments) and funding period extensions to all applicants, we have, in some cases, transferred application details on to a new form. Whilst great care has been taken to do this accurately, it is your responsibility to check the details before entering into the agreement.

It is also your responsibility to read and understand the EWCO Grant Funding Agreement Terms and Conditions. This includes clause 5.3.10 which confirms any liabilities incurred before the commencement of the Grant Funding Agreement will not be eligible for support unless this has been agreed in writing in advance with us.

Failure to meet the EWCO Grant Funding Agreement Terms and Conditions and to establish the trees by the end of the Agreement's Obligation Period may result in any Grant entitlement that has been paid being reclaimed in full.

You cannot use any land subject to a EWCO Agreement for any agricultural activity (regardless of when the trees are established) because this is the point at which land is set aside for non-agricultural use. You must submit an RLE1 to the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) form to notify them and register the land as a permanent non-agricultural area with an effective date of 1 January the year following the Agreement Commencement Date.

You may also need to submit a request to the RPA to adjust the boundaries of a land parcel if you wish to move only part of a land parcel into EWCO. This can be done via a new [RPA digital service](#) or by submitting a paper Rural Land and Entitlements (RLE1) form in the post. You can find [guidance on how to make changes to your rural land maps](#) on GOV.UK.

The End of Capital Funding Date is 3 years from the date we receive your signed Acceptance of Grant Offer Letter (this is the agreement's Commencement Date). You must make your final claim for Capital Items no later than 3 months after this date. The claims procedure is detailed in the [Claim your England Woodland Creation Offer payments](#) on the EWCO GOV.UK page. Failure to submit your final claim for Capital Items within the 3 months following the end of the Capital Funding Period, at the latest, may result in reclaim action being taken.

Once you sign the grant offer letter and return it to us, you cannot make any amendments to your application without following the formal Amendments process which is detailed in [Change your England Woodland Creation Offer agreement](#) on the EWCO GOV.UK page.

If you wish to formally accept this offer, please **sign the enclosed acceptance of grant offer and return it to us before date + 10 working days. Please retain a copy of all documents for your own records.**

All applications received from 22 June 2022 will be included in a Biosecure Procurement Requirement Pilot. To be eligible for support under EWCO during this pilot phase, you must source your plants from suppliers who can provide evidence that they meet the requirements set out in the [Plant Health Management Standard](#). This evidence can be provided in one of 2 ways. See [Apply for the England Woodland Creation Offer](#), section 9.5 and 9.5.1 on the EWCO GOV.UK page for further details.

The number of pest and disease threats to our trees and woodlands are increasing. Good biosecurity practices can make a big difference in limiting the introduction, establishment, spread, and impact of tree pests and diseases. From carefully considering provenance and biosecurity when planting, to ensuring machinery arriving on your sites is free from soil build up, to keeping kit, boots, and bikes clean, everyone can help protect trees. Find out more about the [problems tree health can cause](#) and the actions you can take to prevent the introduction and spread of tree pests and diseases by visiting [How biosecurity can prevent the introduction and spread of tree pests and diseases](#) on GOV.UK.

If you've not already registered your project with the [Woodland Carbon Code \(WCC\)](#), this must be completed prior to planting if you wish to sell the carbon that your woodland will sequester. Learn how to register with the [Woodland Carbon Code \(WCC\)](#) on our GOV.UK page or contact your [local FC Woodland Officer](#). Your EWCO application form consolidates the necessary information for WCC project registration if you choose to input this information.

If your application includes Recreational Infrastructure or Access Additional Contribution, follow the Woodland Welcome Symbol – customer style guide when installing signage. Find out more on protecting trees when opening access by visiting:

- [Managing visitors with dogs in your woodland](#)
- [Managing people and public access in your woodland](#)

We advise you to consider obtaining insurance for your planting scheme. This may include public liability insurance and woodland insurance to safeguard the investment in capital items and activity to create the woodland.

Thank you for applying for the England Woodland Creation Offer. The Forestry Commission care about your customer experience and we want to improve it where we can. To help us do this, [please complete our customer survey](#) about your recent experience applying for the England Woodland Creation Offer. The survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions regarding the creation of woodland at this site, please contact Saul Ashley on Tel: 07721235491. If you have any questions about the administration of your EWCO application, please contact the office at the top of this letter.

Please note: All applicants are required to submit a final claim form, even if no Standard Cost Items were applied for. In such cases, the Standard Cost section in the claim form should be left blank, but you must clearly indicate whether you are opting in or opting out of the Annual Maintenance payments. The final claim form must be submitted within your grant funding period, regardless of whether you are claiming any Standard Cost Items, this will ensure that Additional Contributions and Annual Maintenance payments are released in accordance with your Grant Agreement.

Kind regards,

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Summary of the Grant Offer

Funding item	Work required (in accordance with the enclosed EWCO grant funding agreement terms and conditions)	Amount
Standard Cost Items	Based on the agreed Standard Cost Items, which will contribute towards establishment of the woodland.	£10,660.60
Actual Cost Items – Woodland Infrastructure	Installation of infrastructure to improve access needed to carry out operations (planting, establishment activities and future harvesting), where agreed with the Forestry Commission.	£0.00
Actual Cost Items – Recreational Infrastructure	Recreational infrastructure installed as agreed with FC with access to the new woodland site maintained for at least 30 years and the signage displayed to promote permissive access agreed with Forestry Commission.	£0.00
Additional Contributions	Nature Recovery Premium – available where woodland creation will expand areas of existing ancient woodland with new native woodland.	£0.00
	Nature Recovery Higher – available where woodland creation will expand areas of existing native woodland with new native woodland.	£2,352.00
	Nature Recovery Lower – available where woodland creation will create areas of new native woodland or expand habitat for red squirrel populations.	£0.00
	Water Quality – available where woodland creation will help reduce pollutants through land use change that reduces fertiliser application and/or creating woodland that intercepts pollution and sediment before it reaches water courses.	£0.00
	Flood Risk - available where woodland creation can help reduce the risk of flooding.	£1,460.00
	Riparian buffers - available where woodland creation with native broadleaved species will provide the dappled shade that will improve aquatic ecology, and benefit wildlife dispersal (e.g., otter) along the corridors of habitat this creates.	£0.00

	Close to settlements – available where woodland creation will provide social benefits by being close to people.	£0.00
	Access – available where woodland creation will provide permissive access for recreation on new areas of land, i.e., land that does not currently have access to it, for at least 30 years.	£0.00
Low Sensitivity Land Payment	A payment to encourage EWCO applications on low sensitivity land for woodland creation.	£0.00
Annual maintenance payments	Supporting the ongoing activities needed to ensure tree establishment once the capital works are complete for 15 years.	£8,940.00
	Total grant	£23,412.60