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# ***Felling Licences & Forest Roads***

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## **Felling Licences**

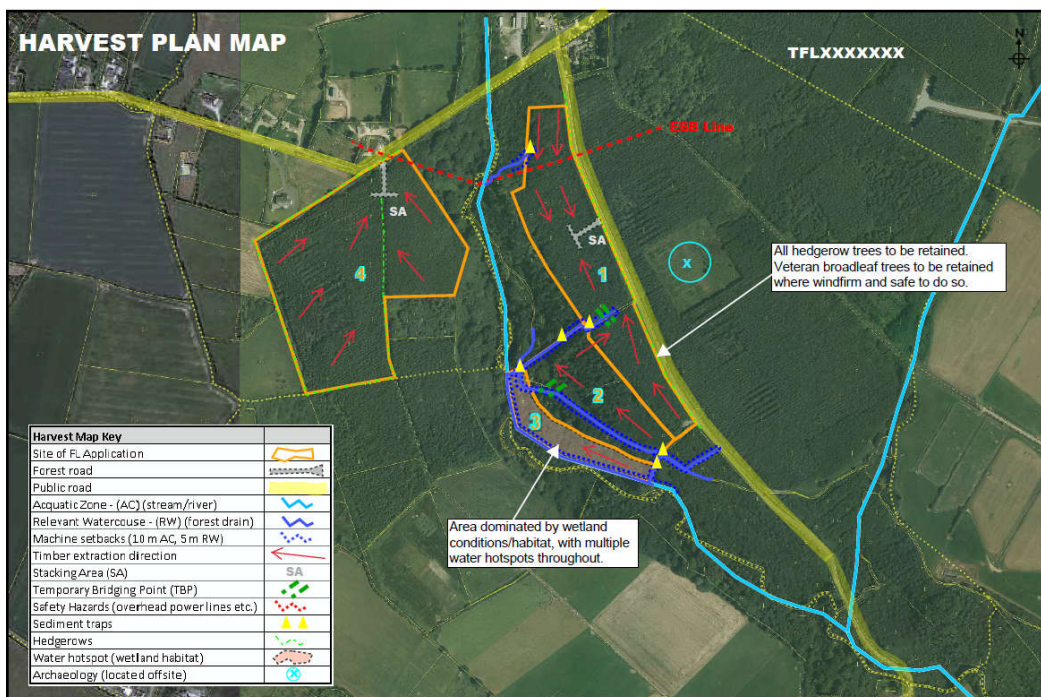
- Required in almost all cases when felling trees in a forest
- Forestry Act 2014 applies
- Some limited exemptions apply – please check with Felling Section in DAFM in advance
- Clearing ‘scrub’ in most cases not exempt
- Plan early and get application submitted



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## Completing a felling licence (TFL)

- Complete application form
- Important to complete every section
- Plot details and harvest years very important
- For clearfelling, ensure you complete replanting details
- DAFM recommend completion of a good harvest plan/map
- Key is a good application will result in a faster decision



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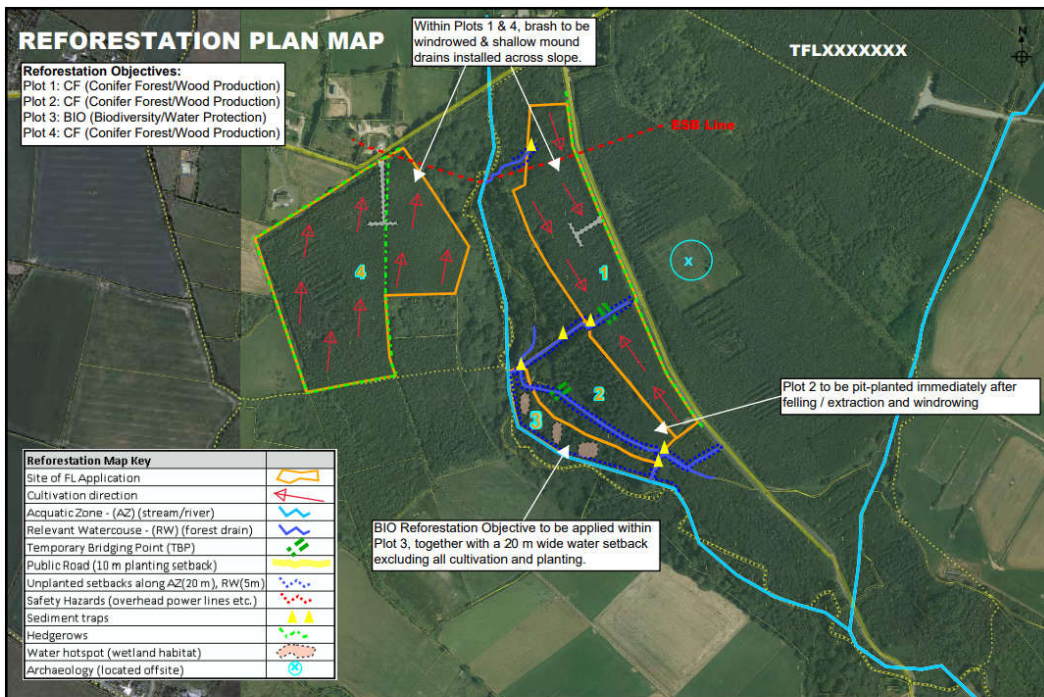
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## Completing a felling licence (TFL)

- Harvest plan & map should only outline/show features actually on site
- Reforestation map required for clearfells
- Plan should be concise and site specific
- If you have no forest road built, mark on map indicative outline
- Accurate information = faster decision



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## Harvesting operations

- Ensure you adhere to conditions of felling licence
- Environmental protection vital, ensure harvest map is accurate in advance of operations
- Harvesting contractor should have copy of both TFL & Harvest map
- Mark off set-backs, install silt traps & ensure good brash management



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## Harvesting operations

- Carry out regular site visits in your forest
- Silt control key
- Heavy rain and wet sites can cause issues – have a plan B
- Replenish brash if rutting occurs
- Felling & Reforestation Standards



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## Forest Road Scheme

- Open for applications
- Excellent grant rates – up from 40 e/m to 55 e/m
- 1000 euro for single consent applications
- SCW increased from 5000 euro to 10,000 euro
- 25 m/ha of eligible forest
- Eligible meaning area of forest should be ready for harvest within 5 years (50% or over – whole area eligible)



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# *Thank You*

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