



## Expression of Interest Guidance

Please email [grants@southdowns.gov.uk](mailto:grants@southdowns.gov.uk) with any queries relating to the Expression of Interest – please note that we cannot offer arboricultural advice at this stage of the process.

### Please note the following important points:

- The site which you intend to plant the trees **must lie within the South Downs National Park boundary** to be eligible. Please see <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning-applications/residents/> to check whether the site falls within the National Park.
- We will not accept any applications for trees that are required for the fulfilment or discharge of planning conditions.
- We will be carrying out constraints checks to ensure that planting will not have any impact on Cultural Heritage sites for example
- Unfortunately, we are **unable to provide arboricultural advice at this stage** of the programme – we will work directly with landowners in further phases but in the meantime, we have included links to further information and funding if you would like to conduct your own research and planning.
- Please note that **we do not require you to undertake any detailed planning or research before you submit your Expression of Interest**. At this stage we just want to establish the general level of interest along with a few detail of your proposed site. We will be carrying out constraints checks to ensure that there are no issues on-site relating to, for instance cultural heritage monuments
- **Tree protection suitable for the site** (rabbit spiral and cane, tree guard and stake) will also be provided.
- We hope to start allocating trees for planting this winter and will be contacting individual landowners once we have prioritised the Expressions of Interest – please be patient whilst we work through them all.
  - Please note the species list guide at the end of this document.

- The following **conditions** will be applied to each tree supplied through a **Memorandum of Understanding** which each landowner/tree recipient will be asked to sign:

- **Applicants must cover the planting** and ongoing care costs of any trees provided
- **Monitoring information** on the status of any trees supplied must be submitted on an annual basis for a minimum of 5 years

## **Submitting your Expression of Interest:**

- 1) Visit [projects.southdowns.gov.uk](http://projects.southdowns.gov.uk) and register as a new user with.
- 2) Login to [projects.southdowns.gov.uk](http://projects.southdowns.gov.uk) using your email address and password.
- 3) Click on “My applications” and then “New Applications”
- 4) Click on “Apply” next to “Expression of Interest – Trees for the Downs”
- 5) Complete the Expression of Interest and ensure you fill out each section which is mandatory (marked with a red dot).
- 6) Submit the application.

Please see below for specific guidance relating to each question on the EOI.

1. **Site Address** – please provide the street address of the site.
2. **Site Town** – please provide the name of the town, village or parish in which the site sits.
3. **Site County** – please provide the name of the county in which the site sits.
4. **Site Location** – please provide the Easting and Northing coordinates for the site using [www.gridreferencefinder.com](http://www.gridreferencefinder.com):

1. Access the website; enter whichever location details you have into the search bar on the left of the screen and click "go".
2. Ensure that you have the correct location selected by checking the location using the map which is represented by a drawing pin.
3. If you would like to create a new drawing pin closer to the actual location Right Click on the desired location
4. Details of the location will appear when you hover over the drawing pin. The X and Y coordinates are the Easting and Northing coordinates.
5. Copy both sets of the 6 digit accurately and insert them into the Easting (X) and Northing (Y) fields in the form.

5. **Site Type** – Please indicate which of the below categories would describe your site

- i. School
- ii. Woodland
- iii. Farmland
- iv. Side of the road
- v. Public space (park or town/parish council land)
- vi. Historic parkland
- vii. Hedgerow

6. **What is the total size of the site** – please provide your answer in m<sup>2</sup>
  
7. **Tree species** – Please provide the names of up to 5 native tree species that you would like to plant. Please note that you do not have to have researched or planned this but it would be useful to know if you have a preference at this stage. Links to sources of further information, should you want to research and plan, are available at the end of this document.
  
8. **Describe the proposed site** - is the site publicly accessible? Why have you selected this site for tree planting?
  
9. **Simple site map** – please upload a simple site map, this could be from google earth or hand drawn.
  
10. **Current biodiversity** - What tree, plant and animal species are present on the site? What impact do you hope the tree planting will have? Have trees in the area or on the site been lost to ash dieback or any other diseases?
  
11. **Resources** – What funding and resources are you or your partners able to bring to the project?
  
12. **What added value can you, your organisation or the site itself bring:**  
Some examples of added value may be:
  - Cash contributions to the project's cost
  - In-kind contribution of equipment, materials or volunteer time to the project's delivery and maintenance.
  - Will it be accessible for educational and/or research visits?

## **Other sources of trees:**

WT More woods [initial enquiry form](#)- useful section on how to decide how many trees a person may want to plant

[WT grant offer area](#)- interesting threshold to note of 500 trees plus for their morewoods scheme- worth considering as an upper threshold to suggest to applicants for TftD, ie if you want to plant >500 trees you may want to consider applying for more woods as well as match. Also a link to the tree pack shop which we might use to purchase general native trees

[Woodland Creation and Maintenance Grant](#) - for larger schemes (over 3ha and/or larger than 0.5ha individual block and/or over 20m wide strip) people should consider applying for woodland creation grant

[FC tree health grant](#)- this is for restocking areas of cleared woodland (minimum total area 0.25ha, minimum block size 0.1ha) following tree health issue (e.g ash dieback). Will not cover trees thinned from a woodland- which is where the trees for the downs scheme could step in.

<a href="#">Woodland Trust</a>	Thresholds	Further information
<b>Subsidised tree packs</b>	30-420 trees	<a href="#">Online tree shop</a>
<b>Trees for your farm</b> (for farm businesses)	500+ trees	<a href="#">Enquiry form</a>
<b>MOREwoods</b>	500+ trees over minimum 0.5ha (1.2 acres)	<a href="#">FAQs and apply</a>
<b>MOREhedges</b>	>100m of hedging	<a href="#">FAQs and apply</a>
<a href="#">Forestry Commission</a>		
<b>Woodland Creation Grant</b> (requires land to be registered with the Rural Payments Agency first)	Gross area for planting over 3ha and/or each block larger than 0.5ha and/or over 20m wide	<a href="#">Further information</a>
<b>Tree Health grant</b> (requires land to be registered with the Rural Payments Agency first)	Restocking cleared areas of woodland following a tree health issue (e.g. ash dieback) minimum gross area of 0.25ha, each block size 0.1ha minimum	<a href="#">Further information</a>

## **Other sources of information:**

- TDAG- [Species selection for green infrastructure](#)- has a really useful tree selector tool and summary of different species' requirements
- [Right trees for a changing climate database](#)- requires a login but gives a useful tool to help select species suitable for future climate based on site factors
- Woodland trust guidance [here](#)
- [Hillier](#)- tree selection and size guide- note for more ornamental/larger trees
- [Woodland trust](#)
- [Barcham](#)- good guides and videos

## Species List Guide

		Tftd 2020	Coastal Plain	Chalk	Chalk Escarpment	Upper Greensand	Gault & Wealden Clays	Lower Greensand	River / wetlands
Alder	<i>Alnus glutinosa</i>	y							
Aspen	<i>Populus tremula</i>								
Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	y							
Birch (Silver)	<i>Betula pendula</i>	y							
Birch (Downy)	<i>Betula pubescens</i>								
Black Poplar	<i>Populus nigra</i>								
Blackthorn	<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	y							
Buckthorn (Alder)	<i>Rhamnus frangula</i>								
Buckthorn (Purging)	<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>	y							
Cherry (Wild)	<i>Prunus avium</i>	y							
Crab Apple	<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	y							
Dogwood	<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	y							
Elm (Ademuz)	<i>Ulmus minor</i> 'Ademuz'								
Elm (Fiorente)	<i>Ulmus</i> Fiorente								
Elm (White)	<i>Ulmus</i> Laevis								
Elm (Lutece / Nanguen)	<i>Ulmus</i> Nanguen								
Elm (New Horizon)	<i>Ulmus</i> 'New Horizon'								
Elm (Sapporo Autumn Gold)	<i>Ulmus</i> 'Sapporo'								
Elm (Whigham FL493)	<i>Ulmus</i> Wingham								
Field Maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	y							
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	y							
Hazel	<i>Corylus avellana</i>	y							
Holly	<i>Illex aquifolium</i>								
Hornbeam	<i>Carpinus betulus</i>	y							
Juniper	<i>Juniperus communis</i>								
Lime (Small-leaved)	<i>Tilia cordata</i>	y							

Lime (Common)	<i>Tilia x europaea</i>								
Oak (Sessile)	<i>Quercus petaea</i>	y							
Oak (Pedunculate)	<i>Quercus robur</i>	y							
Rowan	<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>	y							
Spindle	<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>	y							
Sweet chestnut	<i>Castanea sativa</i>	y							
Whitebeam	<i>Sorbus aria</i>	y							
Wild Service Tree	<i>Sorbus tormnalis</i>								
Willow (Crack)	<i>Salix fragilis</i>								
Willow (Goat)	<i>Salix caprea</i>	y							
Willow ( White)	<i>Salix alba</i>								
Yew	<i>Taxus baccata</i>	y							