

Name of Community Woodland Group

Name of Woodland, Location.

Forest Harvesting / Thinning

This template can be adapted to send out to prospective timber agents/buyers to tender for an out-turn sale timber harvesting contract. This template is set up for harvesting in more than one block within a larger woodland area where there are significant differences in thinning/felling requirements between blocks. If only one block is being worked, the additional paragraph/s can be deleted.

Refer to a draft harvesting agreement to ensure that what you require in terms of information and conditions (other than general conditions) in a contract is included in the invitation to tender so that the buyer knows the full basis on which they are tendering. Try and put as much in the way of constraints information on an accompanying site map.

Invitation to tender – out-turn sale.

You are invited to tender for timber harvesting (thinning/selective felling/clear-felling) at [Name of woodland_]

Please can you specify in your tender:

- Prior work that needs to be carried out by [Owner/Seller_],
e.g. [the seller_] will undertake to ensure that roads for timber lorries are in suitable condition and that goal-posts are in place along forest roads where required;
- Price per tonne per category of log offered to [the seller_], exclusive of VAT, for each of the locations (if more than one);
- Estimated tonnage per category of log in each location (if more than one);
- A method statement for felling and extraction in each location (if more than one), including a description of the machines to be used.

[the seller_] is certified [certification ref number_] / is not certified.

Felling Permission [permission number_] applies to all areas. A copy of the approved forest plan harvesting map will be supplied prior to commencement of the contract.

[Site Name_]. [Cmpts No.]

Description,

e.g. 1st thin Scots pine, 7ha. Aim/Objective of thinning: Introduce felling racks with intermediate thinning between racks, retaining best trees, and opening up around stands of juniper.

Thinning small area (1.3ha) of native broadleaves, if viable.

Extraction e.g. is across 75 to 195m of open ground to get to the roadside stacking area.

Hazards & constraints:

Power lines, water supplies, phone lines, etc. Responsibility for goal posts and signs on work site and on access roads.

Urea: to combat the spread of *Heterobasidion* butt rot.

Designations:

Public access to the site is/is not promoted. Provide details of known public access to or through the work areas.

Archaeology:

Wildlife: Badger and/or squirrel licences, timing of operations .

Deadwood and broadleaves: e.g. along with riparian broadleaves, trees marked with red and white barrier tape are to be left standing and undamaged by harvesting operations. Minimise impact of harvesting on juniper.

[Type here]

Fences, gates:

Stacking areas: e.g. as shown on map

[Site Name]. [Cmpts No.]

Description: e.g.: 2nd thin Scots pine (11.7 ha) 1st thin Scots pine (6.8 ha), 2nd thin Douglas fir (7.2 ha).
Clear-fell checked/riparian/bog area of Sitka spruce (1.5 ha).

Thin to improve final crop and to ensure stability. Variable density thinning in the pine would be of benefit to capercaillie. Use existing racks where these are present.

Hazards and constraints:

Power lines, water supplies, phone lines:

Urea:

Access Road: e.g. requirements re machines working on access road, damage to road surface, maintaining access for neighbours or other estate activity.

Wildlife features:

Archaeology:

Fences:.

Water courses: e.g. specifications for avoidance of diffuse pollution.

General to all sites

Timing of work: Ideally the works would be started with by [date].

Harvesting & Extraction of trees will be completed by [date].

All roadside produce to be removed from site by [date]. An extension to this can be negotiated where delays are caused by poor weather and ground conditions, but for other reasons, if timber is left on site for longer, compensation will need to be made for weight loss in the timber.

The buyer will be responsible for providing and installing appropriate site safety signs to alert others to the presence of forestry operations and specific risks.

Record of the condition of roads, boundary & conservation features

To be noted at the pre-start meeting.

Sale operation

Copies of all weight tickets/delivery notes to be submitted to [seller] within 20 days of uplift. Invoices for the dispatched timber will be raised monthly, but with a deposit/advance payment agreed prior to contract signing.

Payment terms are to be agreed.

Tender submission

Please submit your tender in writing / email attachment by 9am on [day, date].

Tenders to include a description of working methods, time-scales and dates for start/completion.

Please use the spreadsheet attached.

Contacts for additional information or queries and to arrange site visits:

Name:	Name:
Mob:	Mob:
Email:	Email: