



Framework for inclusion of new methodologies to the Woodland Carbon Code

Issues to be considered in a methodology proposal

Section 1: Setting the standard:

Outline how the following issues will be addressed. See the [WCC Standard](#) for how they are addressed for woodland creation. Be clear whether the current rules would also apply to the new methodology or where different rules or guidelines are needed:

1. Eligibility

- 1.1 Key project dates
- 1.2 Eligible activities (type of activity allowed under methodology)
- 1.3 Eligible land (legal control of land)
- 1.4 Compliance with the law
- 1.5 Conformance to the UK Forestry Standard (or other 'sustainable management' standards for the landuse/habitat in question).
- 1.6 Additionality

2. Project governance

- 2.1 Commitment of landowners and project/group managers
- 2.2 Management plan
- 2.3 Management of risks and permanence
- 2.4 Consultation
- 2.5 Monitoring
- 2.6 Registry and avoidance of double counting
- 2.7 Carbon statements and reporting

3. Carbon sequestration

- 3.1 Carbon baseline
- 3.2 Carbon leakage
- 3.3 Project carbon sequestration
- 3.4 Net carbon sequestration

4. Environmental quality

5. Social responsibility

Section 2: Robust Greenhouse Gas accounting

Outline the data/ research that will allow both the prediction of greenhouse gas emissions or sequestration from projects following the methodology, and the monitoring and assessment of those changes over time.

Clarify whether prediction tools could be incorporated as part of the WCC Carbon Calculator or would be published separately.

Clarify the monitoring protocol for projects using the methodology.

Section 3: Project and Credit Registry

Outline how projects/ credits using this methodology would be represented on the UK Land Carbon Registry, and whether any changes are necessary to the registry infrastructure to enable the inclusion of units from projects using the method.

Section 4: Independent Validation and Verification

Outline how projects using this methodology would be independently validated/verified by bodies accredited to ISO 14065 and ISO 14064/3 (and future versions) by the UK Accreditation Service. This could be Soil Association, Organic Farmers & Growers or any other bodies working towards accreditation.

Section 5: Demand on secretariat function

Outline the likely demand for the methodology, the likely time/cost implications of managing additional projects as part of the WCC with the inclusion of the methodology, and your proposal to generate revenue to cover the secretariat function.