

Bracken Control Plan

CASE NUMBER:

CASE TITLE:

DATE OF PLAN:

Please ensure you meet the option requirements and supplementary guidance for this option before completing your plan.

(Please refer to the information provided in another specialist plan if it exists elsewhere in your application)

Section 1 – General Site Information

1.1 Details of site where bracken management will take place

State the name of the site, grid reference, area proposed for management, type of habitat (e.g. dry heather moorland), any adjacent habitats and any designations covering the site (e.g. SSSI, SAC, SPA).

Details for the bracken being controlled should be completed in Section 3.

1.2 Details of land condition

Describe how bracken is affecting the site with reference to the habitat or species you are trying to protect.

Section 2 – Current Management

2.1 Current management

Please provide details of the current site management.

2.2 Past management and any Previous funding obtained for this management

Please provide details of the past management and any current existing/expired management agreements or agri-environment funding received for bracken management on the site. Include dates and the area, type, and location of management supported

Section 3 – Management Requirements

3.1 Management Required – primary treatment

| Map code | Density of bracken (%) | Extent of bracken (ha) | Area of bracken management (ha) | Habitat likely to replace bracken (if eradicating) | Control method(s) (including any follow up treatments) |
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3.2 Management Required - follow up

| Map code | Area | Method(type of chemical control) |
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3.3 Management Required – No action

Please include reference in the table to any areas of bracken where you are proposing no action and state your reasons why.

3.4 Key constraints to management requirements

Examples include:

- wet areas vulnerable to vehicle tracking. Select vehicle routes to avoid damage and minimise the number of passes
- breeding birds that might be affected by bracken clearance. Avoid bracken clearance during the bird breeding season.
- water courses if proposing chemical control. If spraying is to occur close to water courses SEPA may need to be consulted
- steep or rocky terrain may make certain types of control more difficult and so will limit the options available. You should explain why certain options have been selected
- where there is a well-developed woodland flora, e.g. bluebells, under the bracken canopy
- archaeological features which might be damaged by mechanical control

If you propose to manage a designated site, the documentation for the site will include a list of Operations Requiring Consent. If you wish to carry out any of these operations, you should demonstrate how they will be done to avoid damaging the designated site.

Section 4 – Summary Work Programme

Please provide a timetable of work proposed and when it will be undertaken

Section 5 – Maps and Supporting Information

Provide a map showing where the proposed management activities are proposed to take place at an appropriate scale. Your map should show the extent of bracken, the habitats of conservation value which are being affected by bracken, the area of bracken to be managed, and any buffer zones around sensitive areas where there should be no bracken control.

Indicate whether any further supporting information has been supplied in support of the application for example, a Moorland Management Plan.