

Construction of Bell-mouth Junction

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This cost is for the construction of a bell-mouth junction where it meets the objectives of the [Forest Infrastructure](#) option. This item is only eligible for accessing small, unmanaged woodlands of less than 50 hectares in size. Woodlands over 50ha which also include areas of native woodland (as shown on the Native Woodland Survey of Scotland) not producing timber may be eligible as long as the productive woodland area is less than 50ha.

The construction cost of the bell-mouth includes bitumen macadam road, base and surfacing layers to full highway standard and an allowance for traffic management. The construction should use on-site material wherever possible.

Road junctions should be right angles where conditions permit. Vegetation must be kept back from sight lines. Where this is not possible a skew junction would be used.

Forest roads and quarries [may need consent](#) under the Forestry Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Regulations 2017. Please discuss this with Scottish Forestry during the application process. In addition, you may need to get further permission from your local planning authority.

Any groundwork adjoining a public road (A, B, or C categories) and up to 25 metres from the public road will require planning permission. If your application includes the construction of forestry tracks (private ways), prior notification to the local planning authority will also be required.

As this is a new regulatory requirement (2014) further guidance and final arrangement are still to be confirmed. Please discuss with your local conservancy office or local planning authority.

Further information

Please ensure you abide by conditions set out in the Forestry Grant Scheme claim form and guidance.

- Forest Research Technical Note: [Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from forest civil engineering](#)
- Timber Transport Forum: [The design and use of the structural pavement of unsealed roads 2020](#)
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