



# UK CARBON CODE OF CONDUCT



## HIGH-INTEGRITY CARBON CREDIT STANDARD

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Project Development Document

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**OUR VISION:** Climate change reversal through Greenhouse Gas Reduction and Removal+ and sustainable development for all.

**OUR MISSION:** To ensure UK Greenhouse Gas Reduction and Removal (GRR+) credits are effectively measured, reported and verified to give surety to those wishing to offset residual Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) units.

## 1. EFFECTIVE DATE, SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

Key Information	
Farm / Company name	
Project address	
Key Project host contact (name)	
Key contact (email)	
Key contact (phone)	
No. employees	
Company registration number if applicable	
Single Business Identifier (SBI) or Scottish and Welsh Alternative	
Date of first submission to UKCCC	
Planned project start date	
Project Name	
Project developer	
Project description	
Project Scope	
Project Reference (project developer prefix then 5-7-digit number)	
UKCCC appointed Commissioner	
Cost upfront (including implementation and all PDD costs) to finance project	



Are there annual maintenance costs (non-carbon credit related)?	
If yes, how much?	
Other than carbon are there any specific measures / metrics that will be part of the Annual Monitoring Report?	
What third-party implementation partners will be used, and what for?	FIPL Forestry Commission Natural England
Are all third-party costs included in the activity costs?	
<b>Carbon</b>	
How many carbon credits will be issued in total for the lifetime of the project?	
Annual Uncertainty Discount Factor to be applied %? (UKCCC use only)	
What is the annual national reserve allocation %?	3%
Net Carbon credits issued per year	
Verification years	2026, 2031, 2036, 2041, 2046, 2051,
Desired value per credit	
What is the preferred method of funding the credits for the farmer?	Credit Sale Project investment
<b>Engagement</b>	
Will the Credit buyer be able to engage directly with the Project?	
If yes, which of the following will be possible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct employee visits to the farm</li> <li>• Employee marketing involvement e.g., videos on the farm with the CEO.</li> </ul>	
How often will each engagement be possible?	

#### 4.1 ADDITIONALITY TEST

Item	Yes / No
In-line with the carbon credit program requirements were carbon credits considered prior to any mitigating activity being implemented and that the issuing of carbon credits as part of the mitigating activity was the main driver for implementing the activity	
Would the project host have been able to undertake this project without the investment of carbon credit sales?	
Has the additionality and financial test document been completed?	
Have accurate baselines been established	
Were any of the proposed project interventions required by law?	

#### 4.6 PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION PRINCIPLES

Subject & Project Expectations	Comments	ESG Action	Project Action
<b>Human Rights</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Project proponent and the Project shall respect internationally proclaimed human rights and shall not be complicit in violence or human rights abuses of any kind as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights</li> <li>The Project shall not discriminate with regards to participation and inclusion</li> </ol>	The UK has strong labour, equality and human rights laws. All UK projects are assumed to comply.		Through the project development process key staff have been met and extensive discussions held to ensure compliance with human rights, gender and labour laws.
<b>Gender Equality</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Project shall not directly or indirectly lead to/contribute to adverse impacts on gender equality and/or the situation of women</li> <li>Projects shall apply the principles of non-</li> </ol>			Interview staff at annual review

<p>discrimination, equal treatment, and equal pay for equal work</p> <p>3. The Project shall refer to the country's national gender strategy or equivalent national commitment to aid in assessing gender risks</p> <p>4. Summary of opinions and recommendations of an Expert Stakeholder(s) – where required</p>			
<b>Community Health, Safety and Working Conditions</b>			
The Project shall avoid community exposure to increased health risks and shall not adversely affect the health of the workers and the community			
<b>Subject &amp; Project Expectations</b>	Comments	ESG Action	<b>Project Action</b>
<b>Sites of Cultural and Historical Heritage</b>			
Does the Project Area include sites, structures, or objects with historical, cultural, artistic, traditional, or religious values or intangible forms of culture?			
<b>Forced Eviction and Displacement</b>			
Does the Project require or cause the physical or economic relocation of peoples (temporary or permanent, full, or partial)?	No		
<b>Land Tenure and Other Rights</b>			
Does the Project require any change, or have any uncertainties related to land tenure arrangements and/or access rights, usage rights or land ownership?	No, land owned and operated by the family		
<b>Corruption</b>			



The Project shall not involve, be complicit in or inadvertently contribute to or reinforce corruption or corrupt Projects	No		
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Subject & Project Expectations	Comments	ESG Action	Project Action
<b>Labour Rights</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Project proponent shall ensure that all employment is compliant with national labour occupational health and safety laws</li> <li>2. Workers shall be able to establish and join labour organisations</li> <li>3. Working agreements with all individual workers shall be documented and implemented and include:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Working hours (must not exceed 48 hours per week on a regular basis), AND</li> <li>b) Duties and tasks, AND</li> <li>c) Remuneration (must include provision for payment of overtime), AND</li> <li>d) Modalities on health insurance, AND</li> <li>e) Modalities on termination of the contract with provision for voluntary resignation by employee, AND</li> <li>f) Provision for annual leave of not less than 28 days per year, not including sick and casual leave.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. No child labour is allowed (Exceptions for children working on their families' property requires an Expert Stakeholder opinion)</li> <li>5. The Project proponent shall ensure the use of appropriate equipment, training of workers, documentation and reporting of accidents and incidents, and emergency preparedness and response measures</li> </ol>	<p>Staff interviewed</p>		<p>Enquire as to staff turnover, or major changes and ask project to confirm no action taken against it.</p> <p>On annual monitoring visits, look out for obvious health and safety breaches and advise accordingly</p>



Subject & Project Expectations	Comments	ESG Action	Project Action
<b>Negative Economic Consequences</b>			
Does the project cause negative economic consequences during and after project implementation?	None seen		
Legal requirements for any mitigating activity arising from local or governmental legislation/requirements are assessed and included in the PDD with relevant measures and impacts	None		
<b>Emissions</b>			
Will the Project increase greenhouse gas emissions over the Baseline Scenario?	No		
<b>Energy Supply</b>			
Will the Project use energy from a local grid or power supply (i.e., not connected to a national or regional grid) or fuel resource (such as wood, biomass) that provides for other local users?			
<b>Impact on Natural Water Patterns/Flows</b>			

Will the Project affect the natural or pre-existing pattern of watercourses, groundwater and/or the watershed(s) such as high seasonal flow variability, flooding potential, lack of aquatic connectivity or water scarcity?	No.		
Water bodies in project boundary (name all rivers and major tributaries and lakes over 1ha in size)			
<b>Landscape Modification and Soil</b>			
Does the Project involve the use of land and soil for production of crops or other products?			

### Benefit sharing

Item	Typical Allocation	Project Allocation
Landowner return / capital recovery	40-60%	60%
Project operation, monitoring & maintenance	15-25%	20%
Local benefit & community fund	5-10%	10%
Delivery partners / tenant incentives	5-10%	7%



Risk buffer / long-term stewardship reserve	3% National reserve	3%
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<b>Net Emissions Calculation</b>	<b>T CO2e</b>
Total current emissions (a)	
Total current sequestration (b)	
Planned additional sequestration (c)	
Soil, conversion to regenerative techniques	
Natural capital addition	
<b>Balance before buffer (b) –(a) + (c)</b>	
<b>Uncertainty discount Buffer %</b>	
<b>National Reserve contribution %</b>	
<b>Buffer total</b>	
<b>Annual Balance to Issue onto registry</b>	



<b>4.12 Development of The Annual Monitoring Plan</b>	
Update PDD Section one info	
Have proposed activities in previous year taken place	
Are there any elevated risks of reversal or rebound associated with this project or due to climatic changes	
Are there any significant changes to project emissions	
Has any new land been taken on by the project	
What parameters need to be monitored?	No livestock, areas of cover crops, hedgerow, new trees etc
Check anything identified under the Preservation and Protection section of the PDD	
Have any interested party feedback or grievances been identified	
Assessment of the suitability of the chosen MRV protocol	
Is Earth Observation used to monitor arable and grasslands, if so is the data available	Ask to see and confirm the trend shown
Review involvement in other carbon crediting or inseting scheme	
Any non-conformances identified	
Is this a verification year?	
Approved by the appointed UKCCC Commissioner	
<b>4.13 Proposed Land Use Activities:</b>	
Please confirm you have management control for project duration (evidence of tenure required)	
Describe the proposed land use activities	
Methodology used inc. version number	UKCCC Whole landholding V4.0
UKCCC Standard Version Number	V4.0
PDD Version number	V4.0
<b>Baselines required</b>	



Natural Capital and boundary map provider UK Hab map to 1m resolution	UKCCC Template
Link to project map, data and UKCCC Single Source of Truth map	
Soil Carbon audit UKCCC protocol V 2.0 date completed	
Full emissions audit	
<b>4.14 Project Approval Cycle</b>	
UKCCC Commissioner appointed	
Initial Project Approval	
VVB appointed and validated data	
Verification cycle confirmed	
Annual monitoring form	
Fifth year UKCCC performance review date set	
Fifth year (at the latest) VVB Verification date set	
<b>4.15 Preliminary Review</b>	
Date of UKCCC Preliminary review	
<b>4.16 Annual Reporting</b>	
Annual report created date	
Date by which annual monitoring visit must take place	
<b>4.17 Project Approval cycle review</b>	



Date by which next approval cycle confirmed (by end of year 4)	
<b>4.18 Avoidance of Double Counting</b>	
Confirmation of project map	
Confirmation of entry onto UKCCC Single Source of Truth Map	
Review involvement in other carbon crediting or insetting scheme	

## 5.0 PROJECT DOCUMENTATION AND TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Item	Date of completion	UKCCC use only	VVB use only
Signed UKCCC terms and conditions			
Completed PDD (1 <sup>st</sup> draft)			
Financial Additionality Test Complete			
Natural Capital and Boundary map			
Net Zero Report			
Interested Parties Consultation completed			
Sequestration strategy created			
Emissions Reduction strategy created			
Risk of reversal assessment completed Risk of leakage assessment completed			
Annual Monitoring Plan created			
Approval report completed			
<b>VVB appointed</b>			
<b>VVB approval</b>			

