

# Online Tool: Applying for a licence to burn on peat deeper than 30cm within a less favoured area



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### Are you the owner of the land?

☒

Yes

☐

No

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### What's the address of the land holding?

Defra will send correspondence about your application to this address

Address line 1

Address line 2 (optional)

Town or city

County (optional)

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## Land holding map

You must upload a map of the land holding that clearly shows the location.  
You can use:

- [MAGIC Maps \(opens in new tab\)](#)
- [Ordnance Survey maps \(opens in new tab\)](#)
- a photo of a printed map

### Upload a map of the land holding

No file chosen

### Uploaded files

0 files uploaded

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## Land size

**What's the total area of the land holding in hectares?**

**What's the total area of land you propose to burn in hectares?**

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### Individual burn plots

You must upload a map that shows the individual burn plots. You can use:

- [MAGIC Maps \(opens in new tab\)](#)
- [Ordnance Survey maps \(opens in new tab\)](#)
- a photo of a printed map

### Upload a map that shows the individual burn plots

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### Do you need the licence for more than 1 year?

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### Sites of special scientific interest (SSSI)

Use [MAGIC Maps \(opens in new tab\)](#) to check if the land you plan to burn on is designated as a site of special scientific interest (SSSI).

If the preconfigured link does not show the SSSI locations, accept the page cookies and try opening the link again.

If the SSSI locations still do not show, you can manually add them using the steps in the [heather and grass burning: rules and when you need a licence guide \(opens in new tab\)](#).

#### Do you plan to burn on land which is designated as a site of special scientific interest (SSSI)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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### What's the name of the site of special scientific interest (SSSI)?

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### Do you have site of special scientific interest (SSSI) consent to burn vegetation on peat?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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### Special scientific interest (SSSI) consent

You must provide evidence of the SSSI consent provided by Natural England. This can be a scanned copy or photo of the original document.

If you received the consent by email, you can upload the consent document that was attached to the email, or a scanned copy or photo of it.

#### Upload evidence of your special scientific interest (SSSI) consent

Choose File No file chosen

Upload file

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## Protected sites

There are different kinds of protected areas across the UK, such as Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) and Special Protection Areas (SPA). These can be wetland sites, national parks or special scientific sites.

[Find protected areas of countryside \(opens in new tab\)](#)

### Is any of the SSSI land also a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) or Special Protection Area (SPA)?

- ☐ The land is also a Special Area of Conservation (SAC)
- ☐ The land is also a Special Protection Area (SPA)
- ☐ The land is both a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and a Special Protection Area (SPA)
- ☐ The land is not part of a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) or Special Protection Area (SPA)

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## What's the name of the Special Area of Conservation (SAC)?

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### Protected site declaration

To apply for a licence to burn on peat deeper than 30cm within a less favoured area, you or the proposed licence holder must have the right to burn on the site.

Defra may ask you to provide evidence of your right to burn on the protected site in the future.

#### Do you have the right to burn on the protected site?

- ☒ Yes, I declare that I or the proposed licence holder have the right to burn on the protected site
- ☐ No, I do not have the right to burn on the protected site

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### Does anyone else have rights to burn on the land?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

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### Are there any other agreements on the land?

For example, an agri-environment scheme

☒ Yes ☐ No

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### List the other agreements on the land

Include the scheme reference number and the agreement holder name

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### Do you plan to burn on common or shared grazing land?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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### What's the name of the common or shared grazing land?

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### Common or shared grazing land owners

You can find the names of the owners using the [Register of Common Land and Village Greens \(opens in new tab\)](#) kept by your local council.

#### Provide the names of the owners of the common or shared grazing land

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### Provide the names of anyone else with common grazing rights on this land

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### Common or shared grazing land: declaration

To apply for a licence, you must confirm that you have the agreement of people with common or grazing rights on the land.

Defra may ask you to provide evidence of the agreements in the future.

#### Do you have the agreement of people with common or grazing rights on the land?

- ☐ Yes, I declare that I or the proposed licence holder have the agreement of people with common or grazing rights on the land
- ☐ No, I do not have the agreement of people with common or grazing rights on the land

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### Why are you are applying for a licence to burn?

You'll need to provide evidence for each option you select

- ☐ To conserve, enhance or manage the natural and historic environment
- ☐ For the safety of people
- ☐ To reduce the impact of wildfire
- ☐ For research or education purposes

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### Wildfire management plan

You must upload a completed [wildfire management plan \(opens in new tab\)](#).

You can also upload additional site-specific supporting evidence, such as site reports or surveys.

#### Upload a copy of your wildfire management plan

Choose File No file chosen

Upload file

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Plot 1

## Burn details

Provide the details for each burn you're planning under this licence.

Use the [Ordnance Survey \(OS\) website to get a grid reference \(opens in new tab\)](#).

### What's the Ordnance Survey (OS) grid reference for the location of the burn?

For example, SU 52736 97134

### What's the reason for the burn?

- ☐ To conserve, enhance or manage the natural and historic environment
- ☐ For the safety of people
- ☐ To reduce the impact of wildfire
- ☐ For research or educational purposes

### Explain why burning is necessary for this area

Include why alternative approaches such as grazing, cutting, or rewetting have proven ineffective or unsuitable

### What's the length and width of the burn area in metres?

For example, 10 metres x 20 metres

### Provide details of the main plant species on the burn area and the percentage of the land they cover

Include all varieties of sphagnum mosses and all other mosses and liverworts

### What's the average height of vegetation on this plot in metres?

### If you are burning heather, which of the following best describes the amount of time it has been growing for? (optional)

- ☐ Pioneer  
1 to 6 years
- ☐ Building  
6 to 15 years
- ☐ Mature  
15 to 25 years
- ☐ Degenerate  
25 years or more

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# You have added 1 Plot

**Plot 1**

SU 52736 97134

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# Do you want to provide additional evidence to support your application?

For example, photos and measurements of the burn site that may help illustrate height and accessibility challenges

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### What's your name?

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### Are you acting on behalf of an organisation?

For example, sporting land agents, shoot syndicate or a commoners association

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Yes

☐

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### What's the name of the organisation you represent?

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### What's your position or job role within the organisation?

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### Will you be the licence holder?

☐

Yes

☐

No

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