Specifications and Guidance Literature

Summary

The following information has been compiled to aid and guide applicants applying for the Woodlands In and Around Towns and Forestry for People Challenge Funds. The information relates to available best practice information sources. The specifications included within this document are regarded as the desired specifications that we would wish to see used as a first choice.

We would be willing to accept alternative specifications if they could be fully supported and can demonstrate a finished product that is the same or exceeds these specifications. Proposed work should be fit for purpose and adhere to latest best practice for all users.

This list is not exhaustive and will be reviewed periodically. Additional reference material that could be added is welcomed.

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1.0 FORESTRY MANAGEMENT

Author Forestry Commission
http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-5zad6a

Creating and Managing Woodlands Around Towns - Handbook 11
Author Simon Hodge - Forestry Commission
Provides practical information in the process of urban woodland planning, establishment and management.
http://www.forestry.gov.uk/website/publications.nsf/searchpub/?SearchView&Query=(Woodlands+and+Around+and+Towns)&SearchOrder=4&SearchMax=0&SearchWV=TRUE&SearchThesaurus=TRUE

Alternative silvicultural systems to clearcutting in Britain - Bulletin 115
Author - Chris P Quine, Forestry Commission
Provides a comprehensive summary of British experience of alternative systems to clear cutting covering shelterwood systems, group selection, single tree selection, and restructuring
http://www.forestry.gov.uk/website/publications.nsf/searchpub/?SearchView&Query=FIELD+Category+CONTAINS+*Bulletin*+AND+(Bulletin+and+115)&SearchOrder=4&SearchMax=0&SearchWV=TRUE&SearchThesaurus=TRUE

Managing and controlling invasive rhododendron Practice Guide
Author - Colin Edwards, Forestry Commission
This Practice Guide provides guidance on managing and controlling rhododendron in invaded habitats
http://www.forestry.gov.uk/website/publications.nsf/searchpub/?SearchView&Query=(Forestry+and+Practice)&SearchOrder=4&SearchMax=0&SearchWV=TRUE&SearchThesaurus=TRUE

Hazards from trees: A general guide Practice Guide
Author - David Lonsdale, Forestry Commission
This Practice Guide indicates the responsibilities of owners and managers for assessing the risk of hazards from trees, and considers what inspection procedures might be appropriate
http://www.forestry.gov.uk/website/publications.nsf/searchpub/?SearchView&Query=(Forestry+and+Practice)&SearchOrder=4&SearchMax=0&SearchWV=TRUE&SearchThesaurus=TRUE

Forests and water guidelines Guideline 4th Edition
Author Forestry Commission.
This fourth edition draws on continuing studies of the various environmental effects of land-use, pollutant inputs and forest operations, widens consideration of the impact of lowland and native woodland
expansion on the freshwater environment, updates information on legislation, and extends the guidelines to include Northern Ireland. 
http://www.forestry.gov.uk/website/publications.nsf/searchpub/?SearchView&Query=(Forestry+and+Practice)&SearchOrder=4&SearchMax=0&SearchWV=TRUE&SearchThesaurus=TRUE

Further management guidelines, Handbooks, publications and forestry information notes can be found at;
http://www.forestry.gov.uk/
http://www.snh.gov.uk/

2.0 ACCESS

Paths

A Technical Guide to the Design and Construction of Lowland Recreation Routes
Author: Scottish Natural Heritage
A handbook full of practical advice on the engineering elements of how to construct routes for walkers, cyclists and horse-riders on low ground in the countryside. With information on assessing the site and approaching construction - helping you to ensure that your path is safe, durable and a pleasure to use.
http://www.snh.org.uk/pubs/default.asp

Lowland path Construction – A Guide to good Practice
Author; Paths For all Partnership
This fully illustrated Manual covers all aspects of lowland path construction good practice from drainage to maintenance
http://www.pathsforall.org.uk/outdooraccess/article.asp?id=135

Foot Bridges

Path Bridges – Planning,Design,Construction and Maintainence
Author: Paths For All Partnership
A fully illustrated guide designed to help you negotiate the complex factors involved in planning, designing, constructing and maintaining bridges, whether you have a technical background or not.
http://www.pathsforall.org.uk/outdooraccess/article.asp?id=141

Car Parks

Car parks in the Countryside: a practical guide to planning, design and construction
Author: Scottish Natural Heritage
This guide is intended to assist all those involved in the planning, design, construction and management of small rural car parks in Scotland
http://www.snh.org.uk/pubs/default.asp
Barriers

Section One of the Countryside Access Design Guide
Author Scottish Natural Heritage
A publication providing design advice on a range of structures frequently used by managers to assist and manage public access to the countryside.
http://www.snh.org.uk/pubs/default.asp

Gates

Section Two of the Countryside Access Design Guide
Author Scottish Natural Heritage
A publication providing design advice on a range of structures frequently used by managers to assist and manage public access to the countryside.
http://www.snh.org.uk/pubs/default.asp

Stiles

Section Three of the Countryside Access Design Guide
Author Scottish Natural Heritage
A publication providing design advice on a range of structures frequently used by managers to assist and manage public access to the countryside.
http://www.snh.org.uk/pubs/default.asp

Steps and Ramps

Section Four of the Countryside Access Design Guide
Author Scottish Natural Heritage
A publication providing design advice on a range of structures frequently used by managers to assist and manage public access to the countryside.
http://www.snh.org.uk/pubs/default.asp

Boardwalks

Section Six of the Countryside Access Design Guide
Author Scottish Natural Heritage
A publication providing design advice on a range of structures frequently used by managers to assist and manage public access to the countryside.
http://www.snh.org.uk/pubs/default.asp

Seats and Picnic Tables

Section Seven of the Countryside Access Design Guide
Author Scottish Natural Heritage
A publication providing design advice on a range of structures frequently used by managers to assist and manage public access to the countryside.
http://www.snh.org.uk/pubs/default.asp
3.0 FENCES

*Wire and Timber Fences*

**Forest fencing Technical Guide 2006**
Author Forestry Commission - Roger Trout
This publication replaces Forestry Commission Bulletin 102: Forest fencing, published 14 years ago. It recommends best practice principles for managers and practitioners.
http://www.forestry.gov.uk/website/publications.nsf/searchpub/?SearchView&Query=(fencing)&SearchOrder=4&SearchMax=0&SearchWV=TRUE&SearchThesaurus=TRUE

**Section Five of the Countryside Access Design Guide**
Author Scottish Natural Heritage
A publication providing design advice on a range of structures frequently used by managers to assist and manage public access to the countryside.
http://www.snh.org.uk/pubs/default.asp

4.0 FORESTRY FOR PEOPLE

**Management for People**
Author – Scottish Natural Heritage
Management for people is a system and toolkit to help you gather and assess visitor information. It will help you meet the needs of visitors on your site.
http://www.snh.org.uk/pubs/default.asp

**Involving People in Forestry - Toolbox**
Author – Max Hislop Forest Research, Dr Mark Twery USDA Forest Service and Heini Vihemaki University of Helsinki.
This Toolbox aims to assist forest or woodland managers when considering the public involvement tools they could use to include people in forest or woodland planning decisions.
http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-5xmds8

Further information can be found at the following websites;

http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/hcou-4u4j35
http://www.snh.gov.uk/
http://www.csft.org.uk/
http://www.communitywoods.org/
http://www.scvo.org.uk
http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/