

Construction of Lay-bys, Turning Areas or Loading Bays

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This cost is for the construction of forest lay-bys, turning areas or loading bays where they meet the objectives of the [Forest Infrastructure](#) option.

This item is only eligible for accessing small, unmanaged woodlands of less than 50 hectares in size. Woodland 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 should use on-site material wherever possible. Specifications are based on the Forestry Commission Standard Road Specification which can be found in Annex 1 of the Timber Transport Forum guide: [The design and use of the structural pavement of unsealed roads 2014](#) .

Please review this for the full specification.

Lay-bys:

- 20 metres long, 3 metres wide, with 10 metre splays

Turning areas:

- 26 metres in overall length, 4 metres wide with 11 metre radii

Loading bays:

- 30 metres long, 3 metres wide

Ensure that you minimise disturbance of peaty soils.

If tree clearance is required you must have an approved [felling licence](#) prior to starting work.

Forest roads and quarries [may need consent](#) under the Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) (Scotland) Regulations 1999.

Please discuss this with Forestry Commission Scotland 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 2014](#)
- Timber Transport Forum: [Tread Softly](#)
- Timber Transport Forum: Guidance Note 2015 Forestry operations on or adjacent to public roads (in preparation)

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