



# Big Chalk Nature Recovery Fund

## Application Form Preview

### Purpose of this document:

This document provides a complete preview of the online application form for the Big Chalk Nature Recovery Fund. It contains all the questions and sections you will encounter when completing your actual application through our online portal. Note that you must have completed an Expression of Interest (EOI), and normally you will have then had a subsequent discussion with one of our Fund Managers, before you can proceed to a full application.

### How to use this preview:

- Review all sections to understand what information you'll need to provide
- Prepare your responses and gather required documents before starting your online application
- Use this as a checklist to ensure you have everything ready for submission
- Note you cannot submit applications using this Word document - it is for preparation purposes only

### Ready to apply?

Once you've [read the guidance](#) reviewed this preview and prepared your responses, [access the live online application form](#). All applications must be submitted through the official online portal.

### Questions or support needed?

Contact us at [bigchalk@national-landscapes.org.uk](mailto:bigchalk@national-landscapes.org.uk) or attend one of our information webinars (dates available on our website).



# Big Chalk Nature Recovery Fund Application

## Contact Details

1. Name
2. Name of organisation, company or individual
3. Email
4. Phone number
5. Alternative phone number

## Project overview

6. Explain what you would like funding for? (1 / 250 word)
7. Explain briefly why your project is important. (1 / 250 word)

## Additional project information

8. Postcode or grid reference for the project or site (not your postal address)
9. What Three Words (w3w) reference if a precise location is helpful
10. Please upload a map if possible
11. Total project cost?
12. How much funding are you seeking from us?
13. Is this a partnership project, and if so who else is involved?
14. If your project is on or adjacent to a SSSI, please provide the name of the SSSI if possible
15. Have you applied for funding from Big Chalk before?
16. Is this a single or multi year project?

## Your Organisation

17. Organisation, business, or personal name (as it appears on your governing document if you're applying on behalf of a business or organisation)
18. Organisation type (tick box)
  - Registered Charity
  - Company Limited by Guarantee
  - Community Interest Company
  - Community Group
  - Farm Business
  - Private Landowner
  - Partnership
  - Local Authority or Parish Council
  - Other, please specify
19. Charity registration number (if applicable)
20. Companies House number (if applicable)



### Additional Contact Details

21. Your role or Job title
22. Organisation, business, or personal address
23. Postcode
24. Website (if applicable)

### About Your Project

One of the objectives for Big Chalk is to support the ambition for 30% of England to be wildlife rich by 2030 (the 30by30 target). A significant part of our budget from

Defra is earmarked for projects that will qualify, or are on the pathway to qualifying, as 30by30 areas. The questions in this section help us to assess whether your project can count towards 30by30 targets.

25. Is there a purpose or management objective to conserve biodiversity within the area? Yes/No
26. Is the area free from activities or uses which are unsuitable for 30by30 areas? Yes/no
27. Does the area contain wildlife-rich habitat, or is action taking place to create or restore wildlife-rich habitat? Yes/no
28. Is there an intention to ensure conservation in this area for at least 20 years? Yes/No
29. Describe your project. Describe the specific environmental outcomes you aim to achieve. Note that, once agreed, the text here will form part of the final legal grant agreement. (0 / 300 words)
30. Please complete the table below to identify the area covered by the project, its current habitat type/s and the habitat/species recovery ambition in the medium to long term. If the exact site(s) are not known at this stage, leave column 1 blank and put your total area target(s) in

| Unique geographic identifier (Grid reference or field parcel number) | Area/length of habitat to be enhanced for nature (ha or m) | Current habitat type and condition and/or rare and threatened species this project will support | Target habitat type and condition and/or measure of species recovery |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                      |                                                            |                                                                                                 |                                                                      |

31. Does the project deliver additional outcomes, e.g. trying new approaches, enhancing skills, increasing wellbeing, strengthen community involvement or foster local pride in the landscape? 0 / 200 words
32. Describe your project timeline and key milestones. Include procurement, permissions, delivery phases. 0 / 200 words

33. How will you measure success? Detail how you will monitor the project's environmental outcomes and additional outcomes during the 5 year maintenance period of the agreement. 0 / 150 words
34. What new assets will you create? Describe the physical asset that will exist after your project. Use words like construct, create, purchase, establish. Note that, once agreed, the text here will form part of the final legal grant agreement. (0 / 200 words)
35. How long will this asset last?
- 5-10 years
  - 10-20 years
  - 20+ years
36. Project category or categories – tick all that apply
- Species-rich grasslands
  - Chalk streams
  - Ancient woodlands
  - Habitat connectivity
  - Wildlife-friendly farming
  - Recovery of rare or threatened native species
  - Other, please specify
37. How does this project contribute to Big Chalk priorities? Select all that apply (tick box)
- Species-rich grasslands
  - Chalk streams
  - Ancient woodlands
  - Habitat connectivity
  - Wildlife-friendly farming
  - Recovery of rare or threatened native species
  - Other, please specify
38. Do the proposed works in this application form part of a wider nature recovery ambition/project?
39. If yes, please tell us about the broader nature recovery ambition 0 / 300 words
40. Describe your project's strategic significance for nature recovery e.g. how it connects to other projects or existing habitats and/or how it contributes to the priorities and actions (measures) in the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for your area. 0 / 200 words
41. Name of Project Manager
42. Email of Project Manager
43. Name of senior accountable person (if different to above)
44. Email of senior accountable person (if different to above)

### Project Timeline

Multi-year projects: Grants can be formally awarded for work completed by 31 March 2027. As Big Chalk has a three-year funding agreement with Defra, we can also make provisional funding offers for multi-year projects running until 31 March 2029, subject to Defra confirming funding for future years.

45. Proposed completion date (Date)

46. Proposed completion date

47. I confirm all works will be completed by the 31st of March deadline within the funding year for which the grant is awarded. (Tick Box)

### Land Management Control, Permissions and Planning

48. Land ownership/control status

- We own the land
- We have a lease or formal Management Agreement (5+ years remaining)
- We have landowner permission
- Partner organisation owns/controls land
- Other, please specify

49. Please advise end date of lease or Management Agreement (If Applicable)

50. What permissions/consents are required for this project? Select all that apply

- No permissions required
- Planning permission
- Environmental permits (eg Environmental Impact Assessment, SSSI consent)
- Heritage/archaeological consent
- Water abstraction/discharge permits
- Flood Risk Permit (from the EA)
- Land Drainage Consent (from the IDB or your local council)
- Other EA consent or exemption
- Other, please specify

51. If you selected 'Other' above, please specify

52. Please upload copies of all the permissions/consents you have already obtained (if relevant)

53. If permissions are required, what is their current status? 0/200 words

54. I confirm all necessary permissions and consents will be in place before project start. Tick box (note mandatory field)

## Project Budget

55. Which funding year(s) would you like to apply for?

- 2026/27
- 2027/28
- 2028/29

56. Please list Project Costs for 2026/2027 in the table below. All figures should be inclusive of non-recoverable VAT No

| Cost Category       | Description by item | Cost by item (£) | Grant requested for total cost category (£) | Match funding total for cost category (£) |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Materials           |                     |                  |                                             |                                           |
| Labour/ Contractor  |                     |                  |                                             |                                           |
| Equipment/Machinery |                     |                  |                                             |                                           |
| Professional fees   |                     |                  |                                             |                                           |
| Other costs         |                     |                  |                                             |                                           |

57. Please list Project Costs for 2027/2028 in the table below. All figures should be inclusive of non-recoverable VAT

| Cost Category       | Description by item | Cost by item (£) | Grant requested for total cost category (£) | Match funding total for cost category (£) |
|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Materials           |                     |                  |                                             |                                           |
| Labour/ Contractor  |                     |                  |                                             |                                           |
| Equipment/Machinery |                     |                  |                                             |                                           |
| Professional fees   |                     |                  |                                             |                                           |
| Other costs         |                     |                  |                                             |                                           |

58. Please list Project Costs for 2028/2029 in the table below. All figures should be inclusive of non-recoverable VAT

| Cost Category       | Description by item | Cost by item (£) | Grant requested for total cost category (£) | Match funding total for cost category (£) |
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| Labour/ Contractor  |                     |                  |                                             |                                           |
| Equipment/Machinery |                     |                  |                                             |                                           |
| Professional fees   |                     |                  |                                             |                                           |
| Other costs         |                     |                  |                                             |                                           |

### Project Budget

- 59. Total project cost (£)
- 60. Total funding requested (£)
- 61. Match funding provided (£)
- 62. Please advise source of any match funding, if applicable
- 63. If your project is to be match funded, please advise if the match funding has been secured at time of application

### Your Organisation's Capacity

- 64. Please describe your organisation's experience delivering similar projects. Include relevant experience, skills, and previous capital projects. 0 / 200 words
- 65. Who will be responsible for delivering this project? Include names, roles, and relevant experience.
- 66. Will you be working with contractors or partners?
- 67. If yes, please provide contractor/partner details. Include contractor names, roles, and how they were selected.

### Partnership and Collaboration

- 68. Is this a collaborative project involving multiple organisations? (Multiple Choice)
  - Yes
  - No
- 69. If yes, please list partner organisations and their roles. Maximum 150 words. 0 / 150 words
- 70. How does this project connect with other nature recovery work in your area? Describe links to Local Nature Recovery Strategies, other projects, existing habitats. 0 / 200 words

### Supporting Documents

- Do you have three competitive quotes for any single cost item over £5,000? (Tick box)
- Yes, I will upload these
- No, not applicable to my project
- I am unable to obtain 3 quotes
- If unable to obtain 3 quotes, please advise why. 0 / 100 words
- Please upload a map of the project area, clearly showing the project boundary and marking parcels with the land parcel identifiers listed in the habitat table.
- Where relevant, please upload a map of the wider nature recovery project or ambition the project in this application contributes to.
- Do you have land ownership evidence? (Tick box)
- Yes, I will upload title deeds/lease agreement/permission letter
- I will provide this before project start
- Is this a collaborative project requiring partnership agreements?
- Yes, I will upload partnership agreements
- Yes, I will provide this before project start
- No, not applicable
- Additional supporting information

## Data Protection and Consent

78. Data processing consent (Tick box)

- I consent to National Landscapes Association processing my personal data for assessing this grant application
- I consent to National Landscapes Association sharing project details (but not personal data) with Defra for monitoring and reporting purposes

79. Future contact consent (Tick box)

- I consent to being contacted about Big Chalk funding opportunities
- I do not wish to be contacted about future opportunities

## Declaration

80. Authority confirmation (tick box)

- I confirm that I have authority to submit this application on behalf of my organisation
- I confirm that I am submitting this application in my own name as an individual or sole trader

81. I confirm that all information provided is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge (Tick box)

82. I confirm that I/we have declared all funding (whether pending or secured), from other sources for the same costs included in the application (Tick box)

83. I understand that any grant offer will be subject to terms and conditions, including a requirement to maintain the asset for 5 years \* (Tick box)

84. Full name of person submitting application \*

85. Position in organisation \*

86. Date of submission \*