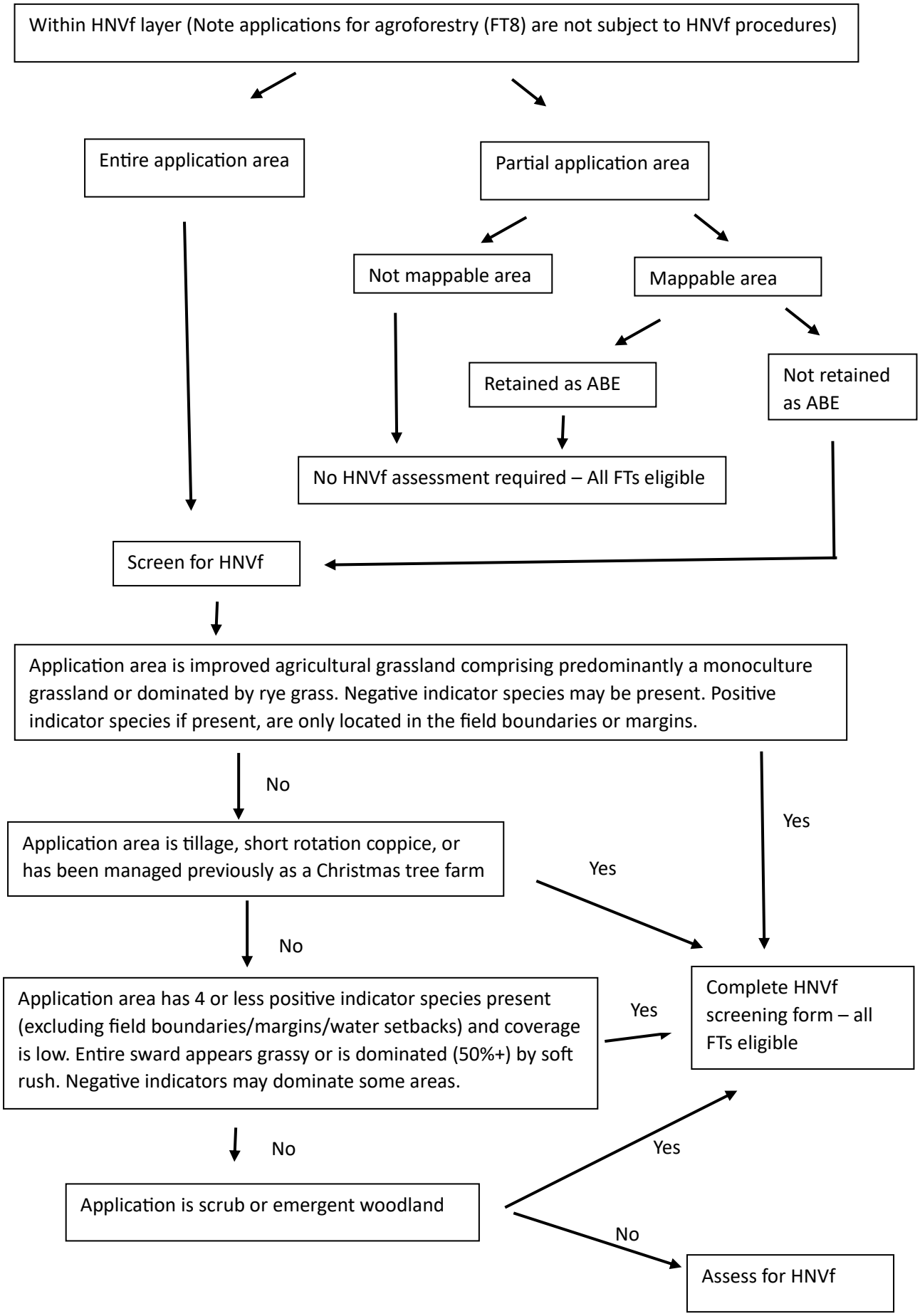
Within HNVf layer (Note applications for agroforestry (FT8) are not subject to HNVf procedures)
Entire application area
Partial application area
Not mappable area
Mappable area
Retained as ABE
Not retained as ABE
No HNVf assessment required – All FTs eligible
Screen for HNVf
Application area is improved agricultural grassland comprising predominantly a monoculture grassland or dominated by rye grass. Negative indicator species may be present. Positive indicator species if present, are only located in the field boundaries or margins.
No
Yes
Application area is tillage, short rotation coppice, or has been managed previously as a Christmas tree farm
Yes
No
Application area has 4 or less positive indicator species present (excluding field boundaries/margins/water setbacks) and coverage is low. Entire sward appears grassy or is dominated (50%+) by soft rush. Negative indicators may dominate some areas.
Yes
Complete HNVf screening form – all FTs eligible
No
Yes
Application is scrub or emergent woodland
No
Assess for HNVf