

Higher Level Stewardship

Farm Environment Plan (FEP)



Vendor number

HLS Application Reference

Natural England Office (select)

Submit Form to Natural England

This form should be used to complete a Farm Environment Plan.

Important: before you start to complete this form, please read the accompanying guidance handbook carefully.

- Instructions on how to submit completed FEPs can be found on our website at www.naturalengland.org.uk.
- Please send the completed maps and supporting documentation to your local Natural England Office. The addresses of all our offices can be found on our website.

Data Protection Act 1998 / Environmental Information Regulations 2004

- Natural England may make the information we receive as part of your Farm Environment Plan generally available. (See HLS Application Handbook for further information)

■ **Part 1: Farm and surveyor details**

1.1 **Farm contact details**

Title (e.g. Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

Initials

Surname

Farm or business name

Contact address

Town

County

Postcode

Farm address (if different to above)

Town

County

Postcode

Main holding number

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Additional holding number(s) covered by FEP (if any)

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■ **Part 1: Farm and surveyor details continued**

1.2 **Surveyor details**

Name of surveyor

Title (e.g. Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)

Initials

Surname

Company name (if any)

Contact address

Town

County

Postcode

Day Month Year

Date of main FEP survey visit

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Date of FEP completion

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Total area of FEP (ha)

■ **Part 3: FEP farm overview and opportunities**

3.1 Farm Description

(a) Farming Systems in use.

(b) Stocking and Cropping Data.

(c) Does the farm use any contractors?

(d) What particular aspirations does the applicant have that has led them to apply for HLS?

(e) What does the applicant expect from the HLS agreement?

3.1 Farm description continued

(f) Are there any farming practices where changes may be required due to HLS prescriptions?

(g) What future HLS land management options are available to the farm?

(h) List the key environmental features on this farm, as identified in the FEP.

3.2 Biodiversity

(a) Are there any opportunities for habitat restoration / re-creation that would benefit specific BAP habitats or species?

3.3 Landscape

(a) Select the National Character Area in which the farm is located:

(b) Describe the landscape character of the farm and surrounding countryside, using and referencing information from relevant National Character Area descriptions.

3.3 Landscape continued

(c) List all significant landscape features found on the farm.

(d) Identify the priorities, opportunities and constraints for landscape management and enhancement on the farm.

3.4 Access

(a) Identify any access opportunities on the farm, and list which access options the applicant may wish to pursue.

(b) Does the applicant wish to provide educational access? If so, what is the potential need for increased educational access in the area? What facilities are currently in place to support this?

3.5 Natural resources

(a) Identify the opportunities and constraints on the farm that require protection, or that present opportunities for enhancement through the use of HLS options, e.g. water bodies and courses.

3.5 Natural resources continued

- (b) Identify any risks to soils through slope or farming practices that could be improved through the use of HLS options.**

3.6 Historic environment

- (a) Identify any opportunities and constraints on the farm regarding Historic Environment features (referring to the findings of the HER)**

- (b) Outline the aspirations of the applicant regarding Historic Environment features.**

■ Part 4: Record of consultations and FEP checklist

(a) FEP Map

Please tick this box to confirm that the map has been sent separately to your Natural England Office

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(b) Historic Environment Record Consultation

Please tick to confirm that the full HER consultation has been sent separately to your Natural England Office

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(c) Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)

Date www.natureonthemap.org.uk consulted

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Name of Natural

England contact consulted

Date of

consultation

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(d) Other consultations

Please identify which organisations/websites you have been in touch with or used to help provide background information for the FEP. The organisations/websites named are those that we strongly recommend you contact. You may find others helpful as well. See HLS handbook and ES website for other contacts.

Websites visited		Organisations contacted		
Name of site	Date visited	Name of organisation	Date of reply	Reply sent
Nature on the Map		Biological Record Centre		<input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental Stewardship website		National Park Authority (if applicable)		<input type="checkbox"/>
Countryside Character Network		Local Highways Authority		<input type="checkbox"/>
National Biodiversity Network				<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment Agency				<input type="checkbox"/>
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Declaration

I declare that the contents of this form are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct and not intentionally misleading and I accept full responsibility for it.

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If this box is not ticked then the FEP will be deemed incomplete and will not be accepted

Warning

If you knowingly or recklessly make a false statement to obtain payment of aid to yourself or anyone else, you risk prosecution, the termination of any Environmental Stewardship agreement you enter into, the loss of all aid paid to you under Environmental Stewardship (including that paid to you for preparation of your Farm Environment Plan) and exclusion from certain Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) schemes for up to two years.

Name of
Surveyor

Date

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Capacity of
Surveyor