Application for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Decision

For projects that increase the productivity for agriculture of uncultivated land and semi-natural areas

Do I need to complete this form?
You should complete this form if you are planning a project (i) which will take place on 2 hectares or more of uncultivated land or a semi-natural area; and (ii) which will increase the productivity for agriculture of that land.

Please note that the 2 hectare threshold applies to the total area of land where the work is to take place even if it is undertaken bit-by-bit over one or several seasons, or if it involves different types of work (e.g. ploughing in one field, use of fertiliser in another).

If your project includes the addition or removal of field boundaries (fences, walls, etc.) or the redistribution of soil or other materials you need to use the application for restructuring projects.

Please refer to the Guidance on the EIA (Agriculture) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (as amended) before completing this form (available online). If you are uncertain, please contact the Natural England Helpline for informal advice (contact details above).

All sections of the form must be completed in full. Please use BLOCK letters and black ink.

Section 1 – Applicant’s Details

Title
Forename
Surname

Main SBI number

Main CPH (Holding) number

Correspondence address (if an agent deals with your correspondence, enter the agent’s address beginning c/o your agent’s name)

Address:

County: Postcode:

Daytime telephone number

Mobile number

Fax number

Email address
### Section 2 – Site Details and Proposed Operations

#### 2a. Site details

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<th>Address: (if different from correspondence address)</th>
<th>Name of farm:</th>
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<th>Town:</th>
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<th>Site description. <em>(Please describe the main features of the land)</em></th>
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<td>For example: The site is three fields of pasture land with some wet areas. The wet corners are covered in rushes. I am planning on re-seeding and improving the drainage.</td>
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<th>Ordnance Survey map sheet ref (e.g. TL 1234)</th>
<th>National Grid field number/RLR Number (e.g. 1234)</th>
<th>Name of field (if any)</th>
<th>Area of field to 2 decimal places (ha) * (e.g. 1.23 ha)</th>
<th>Area within field/area where proposed work is to be carried out (ha)</th>
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* Please note that 1 hectare = 2.471 acres; and 1 acre = 0.405 hectares  

If necessary, please tick this box and continue on a separate sheet
Section 3 – Environmental Screening Report

3a. Each screening application must be supported by an Environmental Screening Report. To ensure your report includes all the necessary information a check list has been provided below, please ensure that each section has been included in your report otherwise your application risks being rejected.

Project Description

- A full description of the project
- Description of the environmental sensitivity of the geographic area of the project
- A detailed map of the project and surrounding area

Likely environmental effect of the proposed changes covering:

- Soil
- Land
- Water
- Biodiversity
- Historical, cultural or archaeological considerations
- A detailed map of the above elements

3b. If applicable, the report can include measures which are being put in place to avoid or prevent any likely significant adverse effects from the project.
Section 4 Past Management History

4a. Please provide information about how all the land in question has been managed in the past. You should cover the last 15 years if possible and provide information for **ALL** fields affected by your proposed project. If your application includes more than two fields, you can download additional copies of this section from the Natural England website. Copies can also be obtained through the EIA helpline on 0800 028 2140.

**ALL additional copies should be signed and dated.**

Natural England can process your application more quickly if you provide detailed information. You may wish to attach, for example, photographs of the field and sward, a vegetation survey or soil nutrient reports. Applicants should note that it is an offence to provide false information (knowingly or recklessly) in order to obtain a screening decision.

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4b. Is the past management history supported by farm records?  
   YES ☐    NO ☐

4c. If you have answered YES to the question 4b, please include all relevant records with your application. If you do not have farm records to support your management history it is likely your land will be considered uncultivated under the Regulations.

4d. How long have you owned the land?

Section 5 – Other Considerations

5a. Is there any other information relevant to this application (e.g. public rights of way, designated areas, etc.)?  
   YES ☐    NO ☐

5b. If you have answered YES, please provide further details below:

5c. Is the land subject to any form of agri-environment management agreement (e.g. ELS/ HLS/ CS/ WES/ Habitat Scheme) or other agreement?  
   YES ☐    NO ☐

5d. Please enter your agreement reference number or details of any other agreement below;

5e. Are there any agreement options within the proposed fields?  
   YES ☐    NO ☐

5f. If you have answered YES to Question 5e, please check that the proposed project is not in conflict with any prescriptions in your agreement. You may need to speak to your Natural England adviser to arrange a derogation or amendment, or find an alternative solution before the work can go ahead.

Please provide details in the box below.

If necessary, please tick this box and continue on a separate sheet ☐

5g. Has the land been subject to any other agreements in the past (CSS/ESA/Habitats/etc.)?  
   YES ☐    NO ☐

5f. If YES, please provide details below;
Section 6 – Using and sharing your information

The data controller is Natural England, Foss House, Kings Pool, 1-2 Peasholme Green, York, YO1 7PX. Your information will be stored and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. This Act gives you, as an individual, the right to know what data we hold on you, how we use it, with whom we share it and for it to be accurate.

Your information will be used for administering and analysing the Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (as amended). It will be circulated and discussed in confidence with those persons or organisations helping Natural England to administer and monitor the Regulations. Some information will be shared with other bodies and Government Departments to enable them to assist Natural England in implementing the Regulations. To do this we may disclose your application (and other information relating to it) to third parties. In addition, after making a screening decision, Natural England must enter it in a register, to which the public must have access at all reasonable times. The information to be entered into the register is, but is not limited to: reference number, date application received, project location(s), OS Grid reference(s), landscape type, details of proposed work, area within field(s) affected, screening decision and date applicant advised.

If the initial Screening Decision indicates that consent is required, then Natural England may also disclose this subsequent application and accompanying Environmental Statement to other bodies, Governmental Departments or third parties. These documents will be made available during a six week public consultation which forms part of the statutory process for the determination of a consent.

Natural England, or its appointed agents, may use the name, address and other details on your application to contact you in connection with occasional customer research aimed at improving the services that Natural England provides to you.

We will respect personal privacy, whilst complying with access to information requests to the extent necessary to enable Natural England to comply with its statutory obligations under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 7 – Declaration

Applicants should note that it is an offence to provide false information (knowingly or recklessly) in order to obtain a screening decision.

- I understand that I will be legally obliged to comply with any decision granted in respect of this application and conditions attached to it.
- I have read the guidance on the EIA (Agriculture) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (as amended).
- I declare that the information given in my application is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply for a screening decision in accordance with these particulars.

APPLICANT

Signed

Date

Name

(BLOCK letters)

IMPORTANT – CHECK LIST

☐ Answered all the questions;
☐ Attached the Environmental Screening Report
☐ If necessary, attached any separate sheet(s) requested at Question 2a
☐ If necessary, attached any separate sheet(s) for additional fields at Question 4a
☐ Attached farm records as requested at Question 4c;
☐ If necessary, attached any separate sheet(s) requested at Question 5h.

Incomplete forms without an accompanying Environmental Screening Report cannot be processed and will be rejected. If Natural England considers that it does not have sufficient information to make a screening decision, the application will be rejected and will need to be re-submitted with all the necessary information.