



Countryside Stewardship: Protection and Infrastructure Grant application form

Important information about your application – please read

Use this form with the ‘Countryside Stewardship: How to complete your Protection and Infrastructure Grant application by email or post’ guidance to help you apply.

Before you submit your application, make sure that you:

- have filled in all parts of the form and answered all questions that apply to you
- attach all supporting documents
- have the appropriate permissions in the Rural Payments service

If you submit your application by email please put ‘Application – CS – Protection and Infrastructure’ in the email subject heading. If you are applying for Beaver Protection capital items, please add the word beavers to the subject heading ‘Application – CS – Protection and Infrastructure – Beavers’ and send it to us at ruralpayments@defra.gov.uk. Ensure that the email is being sent from an email address registered with Rural Payments Online.

Section 1

Applicant details

1. Applicant name
2. Single Business Identifier (SBI) number
3. Agreement name (land or farm name)
4. In which county is the majority of the land in your application in?
5. Are you VAT registered? Yes No

If you are not VAT registered and wish to include VAT in your claims you will need to supply a letter from an independent accountant to verify you are not able to reclaim VAT from HMRC.

6. You must have management control over all of the land being included in this application, so that you can meet the Declaration and Undertakings in Section 7, for the entire length of the proposed agreement.
If you do not, you can still apply if your landlord(s) countersigns the application using a Land Ownership and Control (LOC) form. If your landlord(s) does not do this, you are not eligible to apply.

Tick this box if you have sent us a Land Ownership and Control (LOC) form.

If you are applying for Beaver Protection capital items only, go to section 5 Beaver Protection

Section 2

Supporting documentation and permissions

7. Lead applicant name

8. Will the agreement holder be conducting the work? Yes No

9. Which Forestry Commission area team will be advising you? See the [Forestry Commission](#) page on GOV.UK.

10. What is the grid reference of the centre of your woodland?

11. Have you discussed this project with your local planning authority? Yes No

a. If yes will you require planning permission? Yes No

b. If no will this project be undertaken via permitted development?

Yes

No

12. Approved Woodland Management Plan or Woodland Creation Plan reference number

13. Have you had an operational site assessment (OSA)? Yes No

14. Please select the relevant boxes to indicate if the land in your application contains these designations:

special area of conservation Yes No

tree preservation order Yes No

Section 3: Application and Annex

Land Parcels and Length of Road

Enter length of road and land parcel ID

Provide your central grid reference

Land parcel	SSSI or SM designation	Type of road on this land parcel	Approximate length of road (m)
e.g. LP12345678	None		

Total Length of Road (m)

Section 4: FY2 Woodland Infrastructure

	Agent Name	Excluding VAT	VAT	Total
Agent fees				
	Contractor Name			
Quotation 1				
Quotation 2				
Quotation 3				
Selected Quotation		Quotation Ref		
Justification for selection				

**If you are applying for FY2 Woodland Infrastructure only go to section 7
Declarations and Undertakings**

Beaver Protection

Section 5: Supporting Documentation and Permissions

- 15 a. Farmers and land managers can apply for BC3 Crop Protection mesh wire fencing and BC4 Tree guard post and wire if the permanent crop or tree that has commercial, amenity or ornamental value is growing on land within 100 metres of a water body or watercourse in one of the eligible catchment areas listed in the table below. Tick the box provided to confirm the catchment area

Farmers and land managers can apply for BC5 Expert dam management if the dam is located in one of the eligible catchment areas.

Tick the box provided to confirm the catchment area

Catchment Area

[East Devon Catchment](#)

[Stour \(Kent\) Catchment](#)

[Kent North Catchment](#)

[Gloucestershire and the Vale Catchment](#)

[Medway Catchment](#)

[Tamar Catchment](#)

[Taw and North Devon Streams Catchment](#)

[Avon Bristol North and Somerset Streams Catchment](#)

[Somerset and South and West Catchment](#)

[Wye Management Catchment](#)

- a. If your catchment area is not listed in the table above enter the catchment name and name of the water body or watercourse below:

Catchment Area

- | | | |
|---|-----|----|
| 15 b. Have you discussed this project with the Flood Risk Management Authority (these are Environment Agency, Internal Drainage Board or Lead Local Flood Authority depending on the watercourse type ? | Yes | No |
| 15 c. Will any Permission or permits be required? | Yes | No |

Section 6: Beaver capital Items included in this application

- 16 a. Complete the table below if you are applying for standard cost capital items BC3 Crop protection mesh wire fencing for permanent crops and/or BC4 Tree guard post and wire

Land Parcel	SSSI or SM Designation Yes/No	Total land Parcel size Ha	Option group	Capital item (BC3 -BC4)	Quantity Metres/ per item	Payment rate
e.g. LP12345678		20.0000	Beavers	BC3	metre	£3.20

- 16 b. If you are applying for Actual cost capital item BC5 Expert dam management complete the table below

Field name if any	OS map sheet reference	National grid field number	SSSI or SM Designation Yes or No	Capital item option code
Example: top field	LP1234	5678		BC5

Enter the details of the quotations you’ve obtained for the actual cost item you are applying for

16(c) Actual cost item

Quote	Supplier details (name and address)	Total amount (£) excluding VAT	VAT amount (£)	Total amount (£) including VAT	Supplier VAT registration number (if applicable)	Date of quotation
1						
2						
3						

If less than two quotes are supplied, please explain why

Section 7 Declaration and undertakings Important please read:

Before applying for a Countryside Stewardship agreement, you must ensure that you have read and understood the Countryside Stewardship (CS): Protection and Infrastructure manual and the terms and conditions that will apply to the grant you are applying for, please see the information that applies to the capital item(s) you are applying for in Grant Finder on Gov.uk

If you are successful, your agreement offer will set out the detail which you will need to adhere to should you accept the offer.

Declaration I/We declare that:

- I/we have checked that all of the land on my/our holding, including all land contained in this application, is registered in the Rural Payments service and that all of my/our land details held in the Rural Payments service are correct and complete at the date of submitting this application or I/we have already submitted an RLE1 form to update these details.
- I/we have notified the RPA of any corrections required using an RLE1 form. I/we have read and understood the requirements contained in the Countryside Stewardship (CS) Protection and Infrastructure Manual and the terms and conditions that will apply and that I/we will abide by them for the duration of any CS agreement subsequently offered to and accepted by me/us.
- The supporting documents and evidence supplied in relation to this application are correct and I/we accept full responsibility for them.

Undertakings In signing this form I/we undertake that I/we:

- Are capable and willing to fulfil the obligations which will be required of me/us if my/our application is successful
- Will allow access to any land and any relevant records to which the application relates, to any authorised person for the carrying out of an inspection or audit in order to verify the accuracy of any information provided to the Rural Payments Agency and the Forestry Commission, and to ensure compliance with these undertakings and declarations
- Agree to disclose all information relevant to this application, provide any additional information as may be required by the Rural Payments Agency or inspectors or auditors and co-operate with or take part in any economic environmental or other monitoring and evaluation of the scheme (including any research and development studies) conducted by the Rural Payments Agency and the Forestry Commission or by anyone appointed by them for that purpose
- Have full authority and capacity to represent and bind the applicant(s) named at Section 1 of this form

Warning: if you knowingly or recklessly make a false statement to obtain payments to yourself or others, you risk prosecution, termination of any resulting agreement and recovery of any money paid to you under the scheme. You may also be excluded from certain Rural Development schemes for up to two years.

I/We hereby apply for a Countryside Stewardship Protection and Infrastructure, FY2 Woodland Infrastructure, BC3 Crop protection mesh wire fencing for permanent crops, BC4 Tree guard post and wire and/or BC5 Expert dam management Grant agreement as set out in this application form.

Name (Block Letters)

Capacity of Signatory (Sole Trader,
Company Director, Agent)

Signature

Date

Using and sharing your information

For information on how we handle personal data go to www.gov.uk and search [Rural Payments Agency personal information charter](#).