

Application for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Decision

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



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EIA Ref:

Do I need to complete this form?

You should complete this form if you are planning work (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. Guidance on the Regulations explains these terms. If you are uncertain, please contact Natural England for advice (contact details above).

Please note that the 2 hectare “threshold” applies to the area of land, rather than how the work takes place – i.e. you will need permission for work involving more than 2 hectares of relevant land, even if it is undertaken bit-by-bit over a protracted time, or if it involves different types of work (e.g. ploughing in one area, use of fertiliser in another).

Please refer to the Guidance on the EIA (Agriculture) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2006 (available online or from the EIA Helpline) before completing this form.

Section 1 – Applicant’s Details

Please use BLOCK letters and **black ink**

1.



Title Forename Surname
Main CPH (Holding) number

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

County Postcode

Daytime telephone number

Mobile number

Fax number

Email address

Section 2 – Site Details and Proposed Operations

2. Please complete the table below.

Ordnance Survey map sheet ref (e.g. TL 1234)	National Grid field number (e.g. 1234)	Name of field (if any)	Area of field to 2 decimal places (ha) * (e.g. 1.23 ha)	Area within field/area where proposed work is to be carried out (ha)	Your assessment of landscape/habitat type	Description of proposed work.

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

* Please note that 1 hectare = 2.471 acres; and 1 acre = 0.405 hectares

3. Please provide a location map at a scale of 1:10,000 (or 1:2,500) for your project, indicating:

- the boundaries of the field(s) concerned (please label 1st, 2nd, etc. if there is more than one field, and indicate the type of boundary, e.g. hedge, stonewall, fencing, etc.); and
- the boundary lines of the project within the field(s), plus an estimate of the area (in hectares) involved.

Section 3 - Past management information

4. Please provide the past management information for the land in question, covering the last 15 years (where possible).

Field ref:

NB: Past management information should be provided for ALL fields affected by your proposed project. If your application includes more than one field, you can download additional copies of this section from www.defra.gov.uk/eia (copies can also be obtained by ringing 0800 028 2140). **ALL additional copies should be signed and dated.**

Date last cultivated:

Type of cultivations (see guidance for definition of cultivated):

Date of last reseed:

Frequency of reseeding:

Seed mix:

Is land grazed?

Is land cut for hay or silage?

Is fertiliser/lime/farmyard manure etc. applied?

Type:

Rate:

Frequency:

Is pesticide applied?

Type:

Rate:

Frequency:

Section 4 – Other Considerations

5. Will the proposed works affect any archaeological or historic features (including ancient ridge and furrow)? YES NO

6. Is the land subject to any form of conservation management agreement (e.g. ELS)? YES NO

7. Are there any variations within the field/area that could be relevant to this application (e.g. steeply sloping, wet, unproductive or similar atypical areas)? YES NO

8. Is there any other information relevant to this application (e.g. public rights of way, designated areas, etc.)?

YES NO

9. If you have answered YES to any of Questions 5-8, please provide further details below:

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

Section 5 – Using and sharing your information

The data controller is Natural England, Northminster House, Peterborough, PE1 1UA.



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. 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.

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 6 – 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.
- I declare that the information given in my application are 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 in
BLOCK LETTERS

IMPORTANT – please make sure you have:

- Answered all the questions; and
- If necessary, attached any separate sheet(s) requested at Question 2; and
- Attached the location map requested at Question 3; and
- If necessary, attached any separate sheet(s) requested at Question 9.

Incomplete forms cannot be processed and may be returned