

Environmental Stewardship Agreement Extension

A summary of the extension offer received from the RPA

On 19 January 2023 the RPA sent us an offer of extension on our HLS agreement until 31 August 2028 noting that the stewardship terms and conditions changed effective 1 January 2023.

The changes refer to HLS options removed from some sites from 31 August 2023, and HLS Options extended until 31 August 2028.

Documents attached being relevant to this summary:

1. Copy extension offer letter from the RPA dated 19 January 2023
2. The ES Agreement Acceptance form to be signed.
3. Part 1B Annual Payment Schedule for HLS options (excluding capital items)
4. Part 1C Annual Payment Schedule for all options, **noting total payment for 2023 is £3735.33, dropping to £2274 in years 2024-227 and £1513.93 in 2028.**
5. Part 2A Parcel based options summary
6. HN8CW and HN9CW Educational visits
7. Summary of extended and removed sites and options

It should be noted that the offer letter includes the following:

"It is a legal commitment for you to carry out the ES and HLS options listed in Part 2a and 2b of your agreement. If you have grassland management as part of your agreement, you must meet the requirements in Part 6".

You must meet the following conditions

- Follow the general management prescriptions on all your agreement land, or as stated in your agreement. The general management prescriptions are set out in the relevant editions of the ES and HLS scheme handbooks and supplements.
- Do not accept any other public funding or enter into any other agreement which applies to the land or capital works covered by this agreement, without our written consent.
- Fulfill your responsibilities relevant to any land on the holding that is classified as 'open access land' on a conclusive map, published in accordance with Part 1 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.
- Allow any existing informal public access on the holding to continue.
- You must get written agreement from us and acknowledge the support of the ES scheme for any publicity, events, information, or interpretative material on or about the agreement land.

You should read the relevant edition of the ES and HLS scheme handbooks and supplements, including the section called 'What additional requirements will apply to my agreement?' The relevant edition will be the one that was current on the start date of your original agreement. If you are unsure which edition forms part of your agreement, please contact us. You should also read your amended agreement terms and conditions that apply from 1 January 2023.

We have to confirm our agreement to the extension by 16 February 2023.

It is our recommendation to confirm the extension to the Entry Level and Higher Level Stewardship Agreement AG00442760.

Declarations:

If this amendment relates to the extension of your ELS/HLS agreement then the following additional declarations apply.

- I/we accept the extension of my/our ELS/HLS agreement for the period set out in the ELS/HLS agreement extension offer letter
- I/we confirm that I/we continue to have management control of the land in my/our agreement up to and including the revised end date of my/our agreement.
- If I/we do not have management control, I/we confirm that a new landlord consent form, commons and shared grazing form or other authorising documentation has been secured.
- I/we confirm that there has been no break in the delivery of management options on the land in my/our agreement.

- I/we have read, understood and agree to undertake the 'ELS/HLS Options' in accordance with Parts 2, 3, 4 and 5 of my/our Agreement.
- I/we agree to manage all the land on my/our holding in accordance with the requirements set out in the section titled 'What additional requirements will apply to your agreement?' in the ELS and HLS Scheme Handbooks.
- I/we have read, understood and agree to be bound by all other requirements contained in the ELS and HLS Scheme Handbooks and supplements (if any).
- I/we undertake to manage the HLS environmental features in accordance with the appropriate specific prescriptions to achieve the 'indicators of success' as set out in Part 3 of this Agreement.
- I/we understand that if I/we do not comply with my/our requirements I/we may be considered in breach of my/our agreement and any payments received may be recovered and any future payments due may be withheld.

Name: G. FLEXMAN

Signature: 

Date: 13 February 2023

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