

## EIA Agriculture (Wales) Regs 2017 – Case Description & Outcome Record

Enforcement case: T018 2022

CRN	██████████
Location / Farm Name	Land at The Rhos grid ref: SN 995 147
Landowner / User / Tenant Names & Addresses	██████████ ██████████ ██████████ ██████████
Schemes Claimed / Designations	BPS
Case Officer	██
Date visited	17/5/22
Consultations Requested	NRW / LA / Arch Trust
Land Parcel No(s) / Grid Reference(s)	SM9914 4373, SM9914 5670, SM9914 5258, SM9914 4848, SM9914 8817, SN0014 0918, SN 0014 3619.
Description of Project	WG received reports of ploughing permanent pasture & spraying off to kill off semi natural grassland without EIA screening at land recently purchased by ██████████ at ██████████. In addition, reports of increasing size of field ditch boundary significantly without EIA screening. Also removing sections of hedge banks (tree felling).
Description of Site – Current Land use	Fields in question have all been re seeded with improved grassland species/maize/barley to provide fodder for housed dairy cattle off site.
Description of Site - Habitats	<p><b>SM9914 5670 &amp; SM9914 4373</b></p> <p>A walk over survey was carried out within these fields. These parcels had been very recently cultivated &amp; re seeded with improved grassland species &amp; had just started to germinate but were mainly bare earth. There was very limited evidence of semi natural habitat within these parcels such as remnant scattered <i>Juncus effusus (R)</i>, <i>Ranunculus repens (R)</i>, <i>Holcus lanatus (R)</i>, <i>Fillipendula ulmaria(R)</i>.</p> <p>██████████ confirmed he had employed an agronomist to survey the site before carrying out improvement works &amp; provided a copy of his survey. The survey states the parcels contained ryegrass, cocksfoot &amp; timothy &amp; a high density of soft rush. The survey results did not provide % cover for grass species.</p> <p>The past aerial photos from 2000-2020 seem to</p>

indicate that these parcels were possibly semi natural.

In addition in 2006 these parcels were mapped by myself for the previous owners Tir Gofal agreement & were found to be areas of species poor marshy grassland (in the northern half of the parcel & species poor semi-improved grassland in the southern half of these parcels.

██████████ had been told by his neighbour that these parcels had been ploughed 12 years ago.

Following further discussions ██████████ of ██████████ (██████████ agronomist) he further confirmed in writing to me that “Fields SM9914 5670 and SM 9914 4373 had a ryegrass population greater than 25%” found during his visit to the land in February 2022. Therefore, these parcels were found to be improved land & therefore outside the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) regulations.

**SM9914 5158**

A walk over survey was carried out within this parcel & it was found to be improved land & had been sown with a maize crop which had germinated & could be clearly seen. Within the field margins we found evidence of *Lolium Perenne* which we photographed.

The past aerial photos from 2000-2020 indicate that this parcel was improved land. In addition in 2006 this parcel were mapped by myself for the previous owners Tir Gofal agreement & was found to be improved grassland.

**SM9914 4848**

A walk over survey was carried out within this parcel & was found to be improved land & had been sown with a maize crop which had germinated & could be clearly seen. Within the field margins we found evidence of *Lolium Perenne* which we photographed.

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The past aerial photos from 2000-2020 indicate that this parcel was improved land. In addition in 2006 this parcel was mapped by myself for the previous owners Tir Gofal agreement & was found to be improved grassland.

**SN0014 3619**

A walk over survey was carried out within this parcel & was found to be improved land & had been sown with a grass & barley ley which had germinated & could be clearly seen. Within the field margins we found evidence of *Lolium Perenne* which we photographed.

The past aerial photos from 2000-2020 indicate that this parcel was improved land. In addition, in 2006 this parcel was mapped by myself for the previous owners Tir Gofal agreement & was found to be improved grassland.

██████████ had cleaned out the existing ditch along the northern boundary of this field for maintenance reasons. Therefore, as the field is improved & the ditch is existing & cleaned out for maintenance reasons there is no EIA breach.

**SN0014 0918**

A walk over survey was carried out within this parcel & was found to be improved land & had been sown with a maize crop which had germinated & could be clearly seen. Within the field margins we found evidence of *Lolium Perenne* which we photographed.

The past aerial photos from 2000-2020 indicate that this parcel was improved land. In addition, in 2006 this parcel was mapped by myself for the previous owners Tir Gofal agreement & was found to be improved grassland.

██████████ had cleaned out the existing ditch along the northern boundary of this field for maintenance reasons. Therefore, as the field is improved & the ditch is existing & cleaned out for maintenance reasons there is no EIA breach.

**SM9914 8817**

A walk over survey was carried out within this parcel & was found to be improved land & had been sown with a grass & barley ley which had germinated & could be clearly seen. Within the field margins we found evidence of *Lolium Perenne* which we photographed.

The past aerial photos from 2000-2020 indicate that this parcel was improved land. In addition, in 2006 this parcel was mapped by myself for the previous owners Tir Gofal agreement & was found to be improved grassland.

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<b>Description of Site - Species</b>	<p><b>SM9914 5670 &amp; SM9914 4373</b>            These parcels had been cultivated &amp; re seeded with improved grassland species. There was very limited evidence of semi natural habitat within these parcels such as remnant <i>Juncus effusus</i>, <i>Ranunculus repens</i>, <i>Holcus lanatus</i>, <i>Fillipendula ulmaria</i>.</p> <p><b>SM9914 5158</b>            Was found to be improved land &amp; had been sown with a maize crop.</p> <p><b>SM9914 4848</b>            Was found to be improved land &amp; had been sown with a maize crop.</p> <p><b>SN0014 3619</b>            Was found to be improved land &amp; had been sown with a grass &amp; barley ley.</p> <p><b>SN0014 0918</b>            Was found to be improved land &amp; had been sown with a maize crop.</p> <p><b>SM9914 8817</b>            Was found to be improved land &amp; had been sown with a grass &amp; barley ley.</p>
<b>Description of Site - Historic</b>	N/A
<b>Description of Site – Landscape / Cultural</b>	Part of land within Historic Landscape -Milford Haven Waterway.
<b>Full Field Report Completed</b>	N
<b>Parcels / Area O/S Regs</b>	<p><b>SM9914 5158, SM9914 4848, SN0014 3619, SN0014 0918, SM9914 8817 SM9914 5670 &amp; SM9914 4373</b> - all improved land.            Total = 33.32ha</p>
<b>Parcels / Area in Regs</b>	N/A

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<b>Not Significant</b>	
<b>Parcels / Area in Regs Significant</b>	N/A
<b>ES Requested</b>	N/A
<b>ES / Full Consent application submitted / Decided</b>	N/A
<b>Amended Screening Application submitted</b>	N/A
<b>Stop Notice Issued</b>	N/A
<b>Remediation Notice Issued</b>	N/A
<b>Appeal Decision</b>	N/A
<b>Linked Case Reference Nos</b>	N/A
<b>Referred to RIW</b>	N