

Habitat Wales Scheme Verifiable Standards

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Whole Farm Code

The Whole Farm Code is a set of compulsory requirements. You must apply the following rules to **all the land** on the holding:

Do not burn vegetation on rocky areas or archaeological sites.

Protect and retain all veteran trees and mature in-field and hedgerow trees.

Do not cause damage to trees by, for example, cultivating too close to their roots or allowing herbicide sprays to drift. Cultivation must not take place beneath the tree's canopy.

Where a dead or diseased tree – or part of a tree – causes a demonstrable hazard, it may be removed. A demonstrable hazard for these purposes is defined as where it occurs close enough to a public or permissive right of way that falling material could obstruct the path or where it is close enough to another access route or building that falling branches could cause damage. Where felling a tree or part of a tree you determine to be a hazard you will be expected to provide photographic evidence it was a hazard to field officers if requested to do so.

Retain traditional buildings and remnant structures.

Traditional buildings and remnant structures must be retained, regardless of condition unless they cause a demonstrable hazard.

A demonstrable hazard, for these purposes, is defined as where it occurs close enough to a public or permissive right of way that falling material could obstruct the path or where it is close enough to another access route or building that falling material could cause damage.

When removing a traditional building or part of a traditional building determined to be a hazard, photographic evidence must be retained to prove that it was a hazard and must be provided on request.

A bat survey must have been undertaken before the structure has been removed or altered and evidence of the survey must be retained and must be provided on request.

Do not damage any Scheduled Monuments or Historic Environment Features on the holding.

Definitions of damage include any of the following:

- Ground disturbance or excavation of overlying soils.
- Dumping or storage of material on top of the feature, including temporary storage.
- Removal of any material, including stones, soil, or subsoil from the feature.
- Visible signs of active erosion (loss and disturbance of topsoil or subsoil) caused by livestock and vehicles or other agricultural practices.
- Planting trees on the feature (except when replacing trees 'like for like' within designated parkland).
- Allowing scrub to develop.
- Ploughing or reseeded.
- Displacing individual stone features.

Description of Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence of burning vegetation on rocky areas or archaeological sites.	<p>Measurable – Evidence of burning on area less than 1ha.</p> <p>High – Evidence of burning on area, which is equal to or greater than 1ha. .</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence that veteran trees and/or mature in-field trees and/or hedgerow trees have not been protected and retained, unless they are causing a demonstrable hazard.	<p>Low – Tree diameter between 4 and 12 inches.</p> <p>Medium – Tree diameter greater than 12 inches and less than 36 inches.</p> <p>High – Tree diameter greater than 36 inches or if a veteran tree.</p>	<p>Extent 1 = 1 tree Extent 2 = 2-3 trees Extent 3 = 4-5 trees Extent 4 = 6+ trees</p>	Permanent
Evidence that traditional buildings and remnant structures, regardless of condition, have not being retained, unless they cause a demonstrable hazard.	<p>Medium – partially destroyed / removed.</p> <p>High - destroyed or removed.</p>	Extent 4	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>

Evidence that a structure has been removed or altered and no evidence provide to prove a bat survey was carried out.	Low	Extent 1	Permanent
<p>Evidence of prohibited activities and/or damage to a Scheduled Monument or Historic Environment Features on the holding.</p> <p>Definitions of damage include any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ground disturbance or excavation of overlying soils. ▪ Dumping or storage of material on top of the feature, including temporary storage. ▪ Removal of any material, including stones, soil, or subsoil from the feature. ▪ Visible signs of active erosion (loss and disturbance of topsoil or subsoil) caused by livestock and vehicles or other agricultural practices. ▪ Planting trees on the feature (except when replacing trees 'like for like' within designated parkland). ▪ Allowing scrub to develop. ▪ Ploughing or reseedling. ▪ Displacing individual stone features. 	<p>Low – Prohibited activity carried out but no damage to feature.</p> <p>Medium – damaged but not destroyed/removed.</p> <p>High – scheduled or historic feature destroyed or removed.</p>	Extent 4	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>

General			
Activity / Grazing Diary			
An activity diary will need to be kept for each parcel of land that's included in the contract as habitat land or eligible permanent grassland that is managed as habitat land (HS20). A grazing diary will need to be kept for HS03 and HS05. These will need to be made available for inspection.			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
An up-to-date completed activity diary and/or grazing diary is not available for inspection.	<p>Low – Up to and including 5 activity entries missing.</p> <p>Medium – More than 5 activity entries missing.</p> <p>High – No records available on request.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>

Notifications of changes to contract			
Welsh Government must be informed within 30 days of any sale or transfer of land in the Contract or notification of any changes that impact on your contract			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Failure to notify the Welsh Government of land sales and transfers or any changes that impact on the contract within 30 days.	<p>Low - Notification received, but not within 30 days.</p> <p>Medium - Notification not received.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>

HS01 – Permanent Dry Grassland with no inputs

Management Requirements:

Maintain the grassland diversity by grazing and / or taking hay.

- Do not plough / cultivate, reseed, or improve habitat.
- Do not chain harrow or roll from 1 March to 30 September.
- Do not apply any inorganic or organic fertilisers such as farmyard manure, slurry, sewage sludge or chicken manure.
- Do not apply any herbicides, insecticides, molluscicides or any other pesticides, except for spot treatment of invasive species or injurious weeds, where appropriate.
- Do not plant any new trees without prior approval.
- Do not remove any existing in-field trees
- Do not cause or allow the establishment of new, or the spread of existing Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) or injurious weeds.
- Do not allow the area to be poached (**existing** gateways, feeding, and watering areas are acceptable, providing poached and bare areas are less than 5% cover)
- Do not apply lime on acid, calcareous or calaminarian grassland.
- Do not supplementary feed any livestock, **except** for existing hardstanding feeding areas.
- Do not cut or top more than 30% of rush or weed species in any one year.
- Do not spread any material.
- Do not store material or machinery.
- Do not infill natural hollows or reprofile natural variations of terrain.
- Do not burn, **except** in full accordance with the Heather and Grass Burning Regulations (2008) and Code and prior notification and agreement on RPW Online
- Do not construct any new tracks, roads, yards, hard-standings or structures.
- Do not allow scrub to spread.
- Do not install any new drainage. You must obtain prior written approval before clearing out existing ditches.

Overall Breach for HS01 - Permanent Dry Grassland with no inputs			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that ALL of the requirements for HS01 have not been correctly completed.	Very Low Low Medium High	Extent 1 Extent 2 Extent 3 Extent 4	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Breach for HS01 - Permanent Dry Grassland with no inputs			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that habitat has been ploughed or cultivated or re-seeded.	Measurable – Damaged area is less than or equal to 1ha. High – Damaged area is greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that harrowing or rolling has been carried out during the specified period 1 March to 30 September	Very Low – Carried out within closed period, where no evidence of damage to flora/fauna. Medium – Carried out during closed period and evidence of damage to flora/fauna.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of application of organic or inorganic fertilisers such as farmyard manure, slurry, sewage sludge, chicken manure, waste-paper sludge or other off and on-farm wastes (including sheep-dip).	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of use of herbicides except for spot treatment of invasive or injurious weeds	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that existing Invasive Non-Native Species or injurious weeds have been allowed to spread or evidence of establishment of new INNS / injurious weeds.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

Evidence of planting trees without prior approval	<p>Low – up to and including 0.01ha</p> <p>Medium – up to and including 0.50ha.</p> <p>High – greater than 0.50ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of poaching	<p>Low - Evidence of poaching but no evidence of run-off.</p> <p>High - Evidence of soil run-off into a watercourse due to poaching.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of application of lime on acid, calcareous or calaminarian grassland.	<p>Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of supplementary feeding	<p>Very Low – evidence of supplementary feeding but no damage.</p> <p>Medium – evidence of supplementary feeding and damage to habitat land e.g. poaching nitrification of soil.</p> <p>High - Unsuitable supplementary feeding where there is damage to habitat land which cannot be restored to its original condition by the end of the growing season.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that more than 30% of the area of rushes or weed species has been cut or topped in any one year.	<p>Measurable - Where less than or equal to 1ha has been cut in excess of the permitted level.</p> <p>High - Where more than 1ha has been cut in excess of the permitted level.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>

Evidence that material has been spread.	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of storage of materials or machinery	Very Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence that natural hollows have been infilled or that the natural variations of terrain has been re-profiled.	Measurable – Up to and including 1ha. High – Greater than 1ha.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that burning has taken place and not carried out in accordance with Heather and Grass Burning Regulation (2008) and the Heather and Grass Burning code	Measurable – Evidence of burning on area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Evidence of burning on area which is greater than 1ha. .	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of construction of new track, road, yard, hardstandings or structures	Measurable – Up to and including 1ha High – Greater than 1ha	Measurable	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that the area has not been grazed.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that new drainage has been installed.	Low – Up to and including 10m. Medium – Greater than 10m, up to and including 50m. High – Greater than 50m	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that existing ditches has been cleared without prior written approval.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

HS01 – Permanent Dry Grassland with no inputs**Additional Requirements for Grazed Permanent Pasture:**

- Graze to maintain a varied sward height where at least 75% of the grassland is between 5 cm and 20 cm between 15 May and 30 August
- Maintain a sward height where at least 60% of the grassland is between 2 cm and 10 cm between 1 October and 31 March
- Dead material should form less than 10% cover overall.
- Coarse / tall grasses do not dominate, apart from in patches covering no more than 5% of the grassland.

Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
<p>Evidence that varied sward height has not been maintained where at least 75% of the grassland is between 5cm and 20cm between 15 May and 30 August.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Evidence that varied sward height has not been maintained where at least 60% of the grassland is between 2cm and 10cm between 1 October and 31 March.</p>	<p>Measurable – Up to and including 3ha.</p> <p>High – Greater than 3ha.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that dead material forms more than 10% cover overall.	<p>Very Low – Between 10% and 20%</p> <p>Low – 20% to 30%</p> <p>Medium – 30% - 50%</p> <p>High – Over 50%</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that coarse / tall grasses dominate more than 5% grassland	<p>Very Low – Between 5% and 20%</p> <p>Low – 20% to 30%</p> <p>Medium – 30% - 50%</p> <p>High – Over 50%</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>

HS01 – Permanent Dry Grassland with no inputs

Additional requirements for Grassland Managed for Hay:

- Livestock must be removed by 15 May.
- Hay crop must be cut and removed between 7 July and 30 September
- It is acceptable to make hay or haylage but **not silage**.
- Hay / haylage should be turned at least twice before removal.
- The cut material must be removed from the meadow, even if spoiled by rain.
- Maintain a sward height after cutting, where 75% of the grassland is between 2 cm and 10 cm until 31 October.
- If spring grazing, maintain a sward height where 75% of the grassland is above 5 cm.
- Begin grazing the aftermath at least four weeks after the hay cut.

Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that field was not shut off to livestock by 15 May	Low – livestock removed but not until after 15 May. Medium – Livestock not removed.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that parcel was not cut and/or hay crop removed between 7 July and 30 September	Medium – cut before 7 July or after 30 September.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence that silage has been made or the hay/haylage has not been turned at least twice.	Very Low – Hay/haylage not turned twice. Medium – where silage has been taken.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence the cut material has not been removed from the meadow.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence that the parcel has not been maintained after cutting so that 75% of the grassland is between 2cm and 10cm up until 31 October.	Very Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence that 75% of the grassland has not been maintained above 5cm when spring grazing.	Very Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence that parcel has been grazed within 4 weeks of hay being cut.	Very Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2

HS02 – Enclosed Wetland Habitats

Management Requirements:

- Do not plough / cultivate, reseed, or improve habitat.
- Do not chain harrow or roll between 15 March and 15 July and keep a record of this in the activity diary.
- Do not apply any inorganic or organic fertilisers such as farmyard manure, slurry, sewage sludge or chicken manure.
- Do not apply any herbicides, insecticides, molluscicides or any other pesticides (except for spot treatment of invasive species or injurious weeds, where appropriate)
- Do not plant any trees.
- Do not cause or allow the establishment of new, or the spread of existing Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) or injurious weeds.
- Do not allow the field to be poached (**existing** gateways and feeding areas are acceptable, provided poached and bare areas are less than 10% cover)
- Do not apply lime.
- Do not supplementary feed any livestock (except existing hardstanding feeding areas), **but not on areas where peat is the underlying soil.**
- Do not cut or top more than 30% of rush or weed species in any one year.
- Do not spread any material.
- Do not store material or machinery.
- Do not infill natural hollows or reprofile natural variations of terrain.
- Do not burn or cut material on habitat land.
- Do not construct any new tracks, roads, yards, hard-standings or structures.
- Do not permit scrub to spread.
- Do not install any new drainage or deepen any existing drainage. You must obtain prior written approval before clearing any existing in-field and boundary ditches.
- Do not exceed the stocking rates for the field parcel on any given day.
- Do not graze wet peatlands between 1 November and 31 March.

Overall Breach for HS02 – Enclosed Wetland Habitats			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that ALL of the requirements for HS02 have not been correctly completed.	Low Medium High	Extent 1 Extent 2 Extent 3 Extent 4	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Breach for HS02 – Enclosed Wetland Habitats			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that habitat has been ploughed or cultivated or re-seeded.	Measurable – Damaged area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Damaged area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that harrowing or rolling has been carried out during the specified period.	Very Low – Carried out within closed period, where no evidence of damage to flora/fauna. Medium – Carried out during closed period and evidence of damage to flora/fauna.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of application of organic or inorganic fertilisers such as farmyard manure, slurry, sewage sludge, chicken manure, waste-paper sludge or other off and on-farm wastes (including sheep-dip).	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of use of herbicides except for spot treatment of invasive or injurious weeds	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that existing Invasive Non-Native Species or injurious weeds have been allowed to spread or evidence of establishment of new INNS / injurious weeds.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

Evidence of tree planting.	<p>Low – up to and including 0.01ha</p> <p>Medium – up to and including 0.50ha</p> <p>High – greater than 0.50ha</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of poaching	<p>Low - Evidence of poaching but no evidence of run-off.</p> <p>High - Evidence of soil run-off into a watercourse due to poaching.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of application of lime.	<p>Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of supplementary feeding	<p>Very Low – evidence of supplementary feeding but no damage</p> <p>Medium – evidence of supplementary feeding and damage to habitat land e.g. poaching, nitrification of soil.</p> <p>High - Unsuitable supplementary feeding where there is damage to habitat land which cannot be restored to its original condition by the end of the growing season.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that more than 30% of the area of rushes or weed species has been cut or topped in any one year.	<p>Measurable - Where less than or equal to 1ha has been cut.</p> <p>High - Where more than 1ha has been cut.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that the area has not been grazed.	Low	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>

Evidence that material has been spread.	<p>Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence of storage of materials or machinery.	Very Low	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2</p>
Evidence that natural hollows have been infilled or that the natural variations of terrain has been re-profiled.	<p>Measurable – Up to and including 1ha.</p> <p>High – Greater than 1ha.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence that vegetation or material has been cut or burnt on habitat land.	<p>Measurable – Evidence of burning on area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Evidence of burning on area which is greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence that stocking levels have been exceeded on any given day	<p>Low - Up to 25% (not including 25%) of prescribed total LUs/ha.</p> <p>Medium - 25-50% of prescribed total LUs/ha.</p> <p>High - more than 50% of prescribed total LUs/ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence of construction of new track, road, yard, hardstanding or structures.	<p>Measurable – Up to and including 1ha</p> <p>High – Greater than 1ha</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence that existing in-field boundary ditch has been cleared without prior written approval.	Low	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence that new drainage has been installed.	<p>Low – Up to and including 10m.</p> <p>Medium – Greater than 10m, up to and including 50m.</p> <p>High – Greater than 50m</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>

HS02 – Additional requirements for Enclosed Wetland Habitats:

- Graze to maintain areas of marshy grassland with a varied sward height where, during the summer period (1 June to 30 August), at least 75% of the grassland (excluding rushes) is between 10 cm and 50 cm.
- Manage by sensitive grazing to maintain a varied sward structure with less than 10% scattered bare ground caused by stock poaching. Small areas of poaching in gateways and around watering troughs will be accepted.
- On bog, fen, and mire (wet peatlands) - no grazing between 1 November and 31 March
- Remove livestock if ground conditions become too wet, to prevent poaching and compaction.
- Maintain a varied vegetation structure with open patches, where species such as heather and sedges are no higher than knee height and dwarf shrubs vary from young to pioneer to old and degenerate.
- Where present, invasive native species (e.g., bracken) should not cover more than 5% of the enclosure.
- Invasive non-native species (e.g., conifers, *Rhododendron*, Himalayan balsam, and Japanese knotweed) should not be present.

Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that the parcel has not been maintained so that 75% of the sward height (excluding rushes) is between 10cm and 50cm during the summer period (1 June to 30 August)	Measurable – Up to and including 3ha. High – Greater than 3ha	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that grazing has taken place on bog, fen or mire (wet peatlands) between 1 November and 31 March	Low – Evidence of livestock grazing within one parcel. Medium – Evidence of livestock stock grazing multiple parcels	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that bracken covers more than 5% of the parcel.	Low – Between 5% and 20% Medium – Over 20%	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

HS03 – Coastal and Lowland Heath

Management Requirements:

- Do not plough / cultivate, reseed, or improve the heathland and associated vegetation.
- Do not chain harrow or roll.
- Do not apply any inorganic or organic fertilisers such as farmyard manure, slurry, sewage sludge or chicken manure.
- Do not apply any herbicides, insecticides, molluscicides or any other pesticides (except for spot treatment of invasive species or injurious weeds, where appropriate).
- Do not plant any trees.
- Do not cause or allow the establishment of new, or the spread of existing Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) or injurious weeds.
- Do not allow the field to be poached (**existing** gateways and feeding areas are acceptable, provided poached and bare areas are less than 5% cover).
- Do not apply lime.
- Do not supplementary feed any livestock (except existing hardstanding feeding areas).
- Do not cut or top more than 30% of rush or weed species in any one year.
- Do not spread any material.
- Do not store material or machinery.
- Do not infill natural hollows or reprofile natural variations of terrain.
- Do not burn, **except** in full accordance with the Heather and Grass Burning Regulations (2008) and Code, which includes **no burning** on blanket bog, wet heath, flushes and mires, and following prior notification and agreement on RPW Online.
- Do not burn cut material on habitat land.
- Do not construct any new tracks, roads, yards, hard-standings or structures.
- Do not permit scrub to spread.
- Do not install any new drainage. You must obtain prior written approval before clearing any existing in-field and boundary ditches.

Overall Breach for HS03 – Coastal and Lowland Heath

Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that ALL of the requirements for HS03 have not been correctly completed.	Very Low Low Medium High	Extent 1 Extent 2 Extent 3 Extent 4	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

Breach for HS03 – Coastal and Lowland Heath			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that habitat has been ploughed or cultivated or re-seeded.	<p>Measurable – On damaged area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Damaged area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that harrowing or rolling has been carried out.	<p>Very Low – Carried out but where no evidence of damage to flora/fauna.</p> <p>Medium – Carried out and evidence of damage to flora/fauna..</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of application of organic or inorganic fertilisers such as farmyard manure, slurry, sewage sludge, chicken manure, waste-paper sludge or other off and on–farm wastes (including sheep-dip).	<p>Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of use of herbicides except for spot treatment of invasive or injurious weeds	<p>Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that existing Invasive Non-Native Species or injurious weeds have been allowed to spread or evidence of establishment of new INNS / injurious weeds.	Low	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of tree planting.	<p>Low – up to and including 0.01ha</p> <p>Medium – up to and including 0.50ha</p> <p>High – greater than 0.50ha</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of poaching	<p>Low - Evidence of poaching but no evidence of run-off.</p> <p>High - Evidence of soil run-off into a watercourse due to poaching.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>

Evidence of the application of lime.	<p>Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence of supplementary feeding	<p>Very Low – evidence of supplementary feeding but no damage</p> <p>Medium – evidence of supplementary feeding and damage to habitat land e.g. poaching nitrification of soil</p> <p>High - Unsuitable supplementary feeding where there is damage to habitat land which cannot be restored to its original condition by the end of the growing season.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence that material has been spread.	<p>Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence of storage of materials or machinery	Very Low	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2</p>
Evidence that natural hollows have been infilled or that the natural variations of terrain has been re-profiled.	<p>Measurable– Up to and including 1ha.</p> <p>High – Greater than 1ha.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence that burning has taken place and not carried out in accordance with Heather and Grass Burning Regulation (2008) and the Heather and Grass Burning code	<p>Measurable – Evidence of burning on area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Evidence of burning on area, which is greater than 1ha. .</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>

Evidence that cut material has been burnt on habitat land.	<p>Measurable – Evidence of burning on area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Evidence of burning on area, which is greater than 1ha. .</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence of construction of new track, road, yard hardstandings or structures	<p>Measurable – Up to and including 1ha.</p> <p>High – Greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence that the area has not been grazed.	Low	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence that existing in-field boundary ditch has been cleared without prior written approval.	Low	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence that new drainage has been installed.	<p>Low – Up to and including 10m.</p> <p>Medium – Greater than 10m, up to and including 50m.</p> <p>High – Greater than 50m</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>

HS04 – Saltmarsh

Management Requirements:

- Do not plough / cultivate, reseed, or improve the habitat.
- Do not chain harrow or roll.
- Do not apply any inorganic or organic fertilisers such as farmyard manure, slurry, sewage sludge or chicken manure.
- Do not apply any herbicides, insecticides, molluscicides or any other pesticides (except for spot treatment of invasive species or injurious weeds, where appropriate)
- Do not plant any trees.
- Do not cause or allow the establishment of new, or the spread of existing Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) or injurious weeds.
- Do not allow the field to be poached (**existing** gateways and feeding areas are acceptable, provided poached and bare areas are less than 5% cover).
- Do not apply lime.
- Do not supplementary feed any livestock (except existing hardstanding feeding areas).
- Do not cut or top more than 30% of rush or weed species in any one year.
- Do not spread any material.
- Do not store material or machinery.
- Do not infill natural hollows or reprofile natural variations of terrain.
- Do not burn, **except** in full accordance with the Heather and Grass Burning Regulations (2008) and Code, which includes **no burning** on blanket bog, wet heath, flushes and mires, and following prior notification and agreement on RPW Online
- Do not burn or cut any vegetation or material.
- Do not construct any new tracks, roads, yards, hard-standings or structures.
- Do not permit scrub to spread.
- Do not install any new drainage.
- Do not re-open any existing drainage.
- Do not modify any creeks, pans, hollows or interfere with any natural and dynamic changes such as changes due to storms or windblow.
- Do not graze between April and August where breeding redshank, snipe or lapwing have been recorded.

Overall Breach for HS04 – Saltmarsh			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that ALL of the requirements for HS04 have not been correctly completed.	Very Low Low Medium High	Extent 1 Extent 2 Extent 3 Extent 4	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Breach for HS04 – Saltmarsh			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that habitat has been ploughed or cultivated or re-seeded.	Measurable – On damaged area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Damaged area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that harrowing or rolling has been carried out.	Very Low – Carried out but where no evidence of damage to flora/fauna. Medium – Carried out and evidence of damage to flora/fauna.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of application of organic or inorganic fertilisers such as farmyard manure, slurry, sewage sludge, chicken manure, waste-paper sludge or other off and on-farm wastes (including sheep-dip).	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of use of herbicides except for spot treatment of invasive or injurious weeds	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that existing Invasive Non-Native Species or injurious weeds have been allowed to spread or evidence of establishment of new INNS / injurious weeds.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

Evidence of tree planting.	<p>Low – up to and including 0.01ha</p> <p>Medium – up to and including 0.50ha</p> <p>High – greater than 0.50ha</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of poaching	<p>Low - Evidence of poaching but no evidence of run-off.</p> <p>High - Evidence of soil run-off into a watercourse due to poaching.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of the application of lime.	<p>Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of supplementary feeding	<p>Very Low – evidence of supplementary feeding but no damage</p> <p>Medium – evidence of supplementary feeding and damage to habitat land e.g poaching nitrification of soil</p> <p>High - Unsuitable supplementary feeding where there is damage to habitat land which cannot be restored to its original condition by the end of the growing season.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that more than 30% of the area of rushes or weed species has been cut or topped in any one year.	<p>Measurable - Where less than or equal to 1ha has been cut in excess of the permitted level.</p> <p>High - Where more than 1ha has been cut in excess of the permitted level.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>

Evidence that material has been spread.	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of storage of materials or machinery	Very Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence that natural hollows have been infilled or that the natural variations of terrain has been re-profiled.	Measurable – Up to and including 1ha. High – Greater than 1ha.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that vegetation / material has been cut or burnt.	Measurable – Evidence of burning on area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Evidence of burning on area, which is greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of construction of new track, road, yard hardstandings or structures	Measurable – Up to and including 1ha. High – Greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that the area has not been grazed.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of installation of new drainage or modification of existing drainage without written approval.	Low – Up to and including 10m. Medium – Greater than 10m, up to and including 50m. High – Greater than 50m.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that creeks, pans or hollows have been modified	Low – Up to and including 1ha. High – Greater than 1ha.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of grazing between April and August where breeding redshank, snipe or lapwing have been recorded	Medium	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

HS05 – Coastal Vegetated Shingle and Sand Dune

Management Requirements:

- Do not plough / cultivate, reseed, or improve any habitat.
- Do not chain harrow or roll at any time of the year.
- Do not apply any inorganic or organic fertilisers such as farmyard manure, slurry, sewage sludge or chicken manure.
- Do not apply any herbicides, insecticides, molluscicides or any other pesticides (except for spot treatment of invasive species or injurious weeds, where appropriate)
- Do not plant any trees or scrub species.
- Do not cause or allow the establishment of new, or the spread of existing Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) or injurious weeds.
- Do not allow the field to be poached (**existing** gateways and feeding areas are acceptable, provided poached and bare areas are less than 5% cover)
- Do not apply lime.
- Do not supplementary feed any livestock (except existing hardstanding feeding areas).
- Do not cut or top rush or weed species.
- Do not spread any material.
- Do not store material or machinery.
- Do not infill natural hollows or re-profile natural variations of terrain.
- Do not burn cut material on habitat land without prior notification and agreement on RPW Online.
- Do not construct any new tracks, roads, yards, hard-standings or structures.
- Do not install any new drainage. You must obtain prior written approval before clearing out existing ditches.
- Do not control or attempt to control rabbits within sand dunes and shingle beaches.
- Do not remove sand or any other aggregate material from the sand dunes or shingle.
- Do not carry out remobilisation work, unless it is included in an approved management plan.
- Do not re-profile the shingle structure, including ridges.
- Do not use vehicles or craft for sporting or recreational activities.
- Do not create sea defences or coastal protection works, unless it is included in an approved management plan.
- Do not permit coarse / tall grasses to dominate the habitat, except dune species such as marram grass.

Overall Breach for HS05 – Coastal Vegetated Shingle and Sand Dune			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that ALL of the requirements for HS04 have not been correctly completed.	Very Low Low Medium High	Extent 1 Extent 2 Extent 3 Extent 4	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Breach for HS05 - Coastal Vegetated Shingle and Sand Dune			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that habitat has been ploughed or cultivated or re-seeded.	Measurable – Damaged area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Damaged area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that harrowing or rolling has been carried out.	Very Low – Carried out but where no evidence of damage to flora/fauna. Medium – Carried out and evidence of damage to flora/fauna	Extent 1	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of application of organic or inorganic fertilisers such as farmyard manure, slurry, sewage sludge, chicken manure, waste-paper sludge or other off and on–farm wastes (including sheep-dip).	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of use of herbicides except for spot treatment of invasive or injurious weeds.	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that existing Invasive Non-Native Species or injurious weeds have been allowed to spread or evidence of establishment of new INNS / injurious weeds.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of planting trees or scrub species.	Low – up to and including 0.01ha. Medium – up to and including 0.50ha. High – greater than 0.50ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of poaching.	Low - Evidence of poaching but no evidence of run-off.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2

	High - Evidence of soil run-off into a watercourse due to poaching.		Permanent
Evidence of application of lime.	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of supplementary feeding	Very Low – evidence of supplementary feeding but no damage. Medium – evidence of supplementary feeding and damage to habitat land e.g poaching nitrification of soil. High - Unsuitable supplementary feeding where there is damage to habitat land which cannot be restored to its original condition by the end of the growing season.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of rushes or weed species been cut or topped.	Measurable - Where less than or equal to 1ha has been cut. High - Where more than 1ha has been cut.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that material has been spread.	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of storage of materials or machinery	Very Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence that natural hollows have been infilled or that the natural variations of terrain has been re-profiled.	Measurable – Up to and including 1ha. High – Greater than 1ha	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

Evidence that vegetation or material has been cut or burnt.	Measurable – Evidence of burning on area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Evidence of burning on area, which is greater than 1ha. .	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of construction of new track, road, yard hardstandings or structures	Measurable – Up to and including 1ha. High – Greater than 1ha	Measurable	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that existing in-field boundary ditch has been cleared without prior written approval.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that new drainage has been installed.	Low – Up to and including 10m. Medium – Greater than 10m, up to and including 50m. High – Greater than 50m	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that coarse / tall grasses are dominating the habitat, except dune species, such as marram grass.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that rabbits are being controlled or there is evidence of attempt to control	Medium	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that sand / aggregate material has been removed	Medium – partially destroyed / removed. High - destroyed or removed.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that dune remobilisation work has been carried out that is not approved in management plan	High	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that shingle structure / ridges have been re-profiled	Medium	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of the use of vehicles - other than where essential for the purposes of land management	Medium – Single track created. High – Multiple tracks created.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

Evidence of creation of sea defences / coast protection works which is not included in an approved management plan	High	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
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HS06 – Grazing Management of Open Country

Management Requirements:

- Do not plough / cultivate, reseed, or improve any habitat.
- Do not chain harrow or roll.
- Do not apply any inorganic or organic fertilisers such as farmyard manure, slurry, sewage sludge or chicken manure.
- Do not apply any herbicides, insecticides, molluscicides or any other pesticides (except for spot treatment of invasive species or injurious weeds, where appropriate)
- Do not plant any trees without prior approval.
- Do not cause or allow the establishment of new, or the spread of existing Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) or injurious weeds.
- Do not allow the field to be poached (**existing** gateways and feeding areas are acceptable, provided poached and bare areas are less than 5% cover)
- Do not apply lime.
- Do not supplementary feed any livestock, **except** in extreme weather conditions for animal welfare on existing feeding and watering areas, **but not on areas where peat is the underlying soil.**
- Do not cut or top more than 30% of rush or weed species in any one year.
- Do not spread any material.
- Do not store material or machinery.
- Do not infill natural hollows or re-profile natural variations of terrain.
- Do not burn, **except** in full accordance with the Heather and Grass Burning Regulations (2008) and Code, which includes **no burning** on blanket bog, wet heath, flushes and mires.
- Do not construct any new tracks, roads, yards, hard-standings or structures.
- Do not permit scrub to spread by more than 10% of existing levels.
- Do not install any new drainage. You must obtain prior written approval before clearing out existing ditches.
- Do not graze wet peatlands between 1 November and 31 March – in instances where areas of peatland are not designated as SSSI and where the area of peatland is grazed separately from another parcel (fenced out). In instances where one or more area of peatland is grazed in conjunction with a wider parcel the requirement of any NRW SSSI consent or previous Glastir Advanced 2023 grazing plan should be followed. Farmers must ensure that during the winter period the grazing density across the whole parcel is managed to avoid situations where livestock overgraze the peatland.

Overall Breach for HS06 – Grazing Management of Open Country			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that ALL of the requirements for HS06 have not been correctly completed.	Very Low Low Medium High	Extent 1 Extent 2 Extent 3 Extent 4	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Breach for HS06 – Grazing Management of Open Country			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that habitat has been ploughed, cultivated, re-seeded or improved.	Measurable – Damaged area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Damaged area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that harrowing or rolling has been carried out.	Very Low – Carried out but where no evidence of damage to flora/fauna. Medium – Carried out and evidence of damage to flora/fauna	Extent 1	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of application of organic or inorganic fertilisers such as farmyard manure, slurry, sewage sludge, chicken manure, waste-paper sludge or other off and on-farm wastes (including sheep-dip).	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of use of herbicides except for spot treatment of invasive or injurious weeds.	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that existing Invasive Non-Native Species or injurious weeds have been allowed to spread or evidence of establishment of new INNS / injurious weeds.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

Evidence of planting trees without prior approval	<p>Low – up to and including 0.01ha</p> <p>Medium – up to and including 0.50ha</p> <p>High – greater than 0.50ha</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of poaching	<p>Low - Evidence of poaching but no evidence of run-off.</p> <p>High - Evidence of soil run-off into a watercourse due to poaching.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of application of lime.	<p>Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of supplementary feeding	<p>Very Low – evidence of supplementary feeding but no damage.</p> <p>Medium – evidence of supplementary feeding and damage to habitat land e.g poaching nitrification of soil.</p> <p>High - Unsuitable supplementary feeding where there is damage to habitat land which cannot be restored to its original condition by the end of the growing season.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that more than 30% of the area of rushes or weed species has been cut or topped in any one year.	<p>Measurable - Where less than or equal to 1ha has been cut in excess of the permitted level.</p> <p>High - Where more than 1ha has been cut in excess of the permitted level.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>

Evidence that material has been spread.	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of storage of materials or machinery	Very Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence that natural hollows have been infilled or that the natural variations of terrain has been re-profiled.	Measurable – Up to and including 1ha. High – Greater than 1ha.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that burning has taken place and not carried out in accordance with Heather and Grass Burning Regulation (2008) and the Heather and Grass Burning code	Measurable – Evidence of burning on area less than 1ha. High – Evidence of burning on area, which is greater than 1ha. .	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of construction of new track, road, yard hardstandings or structures	Measurable – Up to and including 1ha. High – Greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that existing in-field boundary ditch has been cleared without prior written approval.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that the area has not been grazed.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that new drainage has been installed.	Low – Up to and including 10m. Medium – Greater than 10m, up to and including 50m. High – Greater than 50m	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

Evidence that wet peatlands have been grazed between 1 November and 31 March, where there is no previous Glastir or NRW grazing plan.	<p>Very Low – Evidence of grazing but no damage to habitat and peatland.</p> <p>Medium – Evidence of grazing and damage caused to habitat and peatland.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
<p>Evidence that areas of wetland peat mosaic have been overgrazed between 1 November and 31st March.</p> <p><i>In instances where areas of peatland are not designated as SSSI and where the area of peatland is grazed separately from another parcel (fenced out). Farmers must ensure that during the winter period the grazing density across the whole parcel is managed to avoid situations where livestock overgraze the peatland.</i></p>	Medium – Evidence of overgrazing and damage caused to habitat and peatland.	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>

HS06 – Additional requirements for Grazing Management of Open Country:

- Remove livestock if ground conditions become too wet, to prevent poaching and compaction.
- Maintain a 2m buffer zone free from fertilisers, pesticides and lime around rock features.

Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence of poaching and compaction due to livestock not been removed from wet ground conditions.	<p>Low – One site.</p> <p>Medium – Multiple sites.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence of application of fertiliser / pesticides / lime within 2m buffer zone of rock features.	Medium	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>

HS07 – Maintain Wood Pasture and Parkland

Management Requirements:

- Do not plough, cultivate or reseed, unless the land is already managed as part of an arable rotation.
- Do not apply any fertilizers or manure in wood pasture.
- Do not remove deadwood, including standing deadwood, unless necessary for health and safety reasons.
- Do not fell trees, unless for safety reasons.
- Do not harrow or roll.
- Do not use pesticides, except for herbicides to spot treat or weed wipe for the control of injurious weeds, (where appropriate, Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS), nettles or bracken.
- Do not cause or allow the establishment of new, or the spread of existing Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) or injurious weeds.
- Do not plant trees, unless a derogation is received to do so.
- Do not clear out existing ditches.
- Do not burn vegetation or other materials without prior notification and agreement on RPW Online
- Do not supplementary feed without prior notification and agreement on RPW Online
- Do not apply lime, except for parkland, where it is deemed necessary to maintain a soil pH of between 5.5 and 6.5 and with prior notification and agreement on RPW Online
- Do not cultivate, disturb, allow inputs and use of Plant Protection Products (PPPs) beneath the tree canopy or through drift.
- Do not carry out any earth moving activities.
- Do not use for off–road vehicle for sporting or recreational activities.
- Do not construct tracks, roads, yards, hardstandings or any new structures.
- Do not store materials or machinery or use for car parking.
- Do not install any new drainage.

Overall Breach for HS07 - Existing Trees, Scrub (including Streamside Corridors) and Woodland

Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that ALL of the requirements for HS07 have not been correctly completed.	Very Low Low Medium High	Extent 1 Extent 2 Extent 3 Extent 4	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

Breach for HS07 – Maintain Wood Pasture and Parkland			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that habitat has been ploughed, cultivated, re-seeded or improved where the land is not already managed as part of an arable option.	Measurable – Damaged area less than 1ha. High – Damaged area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of fertilisers or manure applied in wood pasture	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of the removal of deadwood, including standing deadwood (unless for Health and Safety reasons)	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that trees have been felled (unless for safety reasons)	Low – Tree diameter between 4 and 12 inches Medium – Tree diameter greater than 12 inches and less than 36 inches. High – Tree diameter greater than 36 inches or if a veteran tree.	Extent 1 = 1 tree Extent 2 = 2-3 trees Extent 3 = 4-5 trees Extent 4 = 6+ trees	Permanent
Evidence that harrowing or rolling has been carried out.	Very Low – Carried out but where no evidence of damage to flora/fauna. Medium – Carried out and evidence of damage to flora/fauna.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of use of pesticides, except herbicides to spot treat or weed wipe for the control of injurious weeds, Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS), nettles or bracken where appropriate).	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that existing Invasive Non-Native Species or injurious weeds have been allowed to spread or evidence of establishment of new INNS / injurious weeds.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

Evidence of planting trees without prior approval.	<p>Low – up to and including 0.01ha</p> <p>Medium – up to and including 0.50ha</p> <p>High – greater than 0.50ha</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that vegetation or material has been cut or burnt without prior notification and agreement on RPW Online.	<p>Measurable – Evidence of burning on area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Evidence of burning on area, which is greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of supplementary feeding	<p>Very Low – evidence of supplementary feeding but no damage</p> <p>Medium – evidence of supplementary feeding and damage to habitat land e.g poaching nitrification of soil</p> <p>High - Unsuitable supplementary feeding where there is damage to habitat land which cannot be restored to its original condition by the end of the growing season.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of application of lime except for parkland, where it is deemed necessary to maintain a soil pH of between 5.5 and 6.5 and with prior notification and agreement on RPW Online	<p>Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that area has been cultivated, disturbed.	<p>Medium – Up to and including 1ha.</p> <p>High – Greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of damage due to use of Inputs and/or Plant Protection Products (PPP's) beneath tree canopy or through drift.	<p>Low: trees and hedgerows have been breached within 1 parcel.</p> <p>Medium: trees and hedgerows have been breached within 2 – 6 parcels.</p>	Extent 1	Permanent

	High: trees and hedgerows have been breached within more than 6 parcels.		
Evidence of earth moving activities.	Measurable – Up to and including 1ha. High – Greater than 1ha	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of the use of off-road vehicles for sporting or recreational activities.	Medium – Single track created. High – Multiple tracks created	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of construction of new track, road, yard hardstandings or structures	Measurable – Up to and including 1ha. High – Greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of storage of materials or machinery, or that land is used for car parking	Very Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence that new drainage has been installed.	Low – Up to and including 10m. Medium – Greater than 10m, up to and including 50m. High – Greater than 50m.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that existing ditches has been cleared.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

HS07 – Additional requirements for wood pasture:

- Remove livestock if ground conditions become too wet, to prevent poaching and compaction.
- Maintain a 2m buffer zone free from fertilisers, pesticides and lime around rock features.
- Graze at levels where mature trees are not debarked and there is limited bare ground around the base of trees (<10% of trees have bare ground around their base).

Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that existing scattered trees and scrub have not been retained.	<p>Low – Tree diameter between 4 and 12 inches.</p> <p>Medium – Tree diameter greater than 12 inches and less than 36 inches.</p> <p>High – Tree diameter greater than 36 inches or if a veteran tree.</p>	<p>Extent 1 = 1 tree</p> <p>Extent 2 = 2-3 trees</p> <p>Extent 3 = 4-5 trees</p> <p>Extent 4 = 6+ trees</p>	Permanent
Evidence that all deadwood whether standing or on the ground has not been retained.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of debarking of mature trees.	Low	Extent 1	Permanent
Evidence that more than 10% of trees have bare ground around the base due to overgrazing.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

HS07 – Additional requirements for parkland:

- Retain all trees, unless tree removal is necessary for safety reasons or managed under a Felling Licence or UKFS compliant management plan.
- If the parkland is grazed, ensure grazing levels do not result in debarking of mature trees, there is no poaching, ground flora is retained and there is less than 10% of trees with bare ground around their base.
- Protect trees from damage due to cultivation, compaction, use of machinery or use of agrochemicals, including fertilisers, under the tree canopy.
- Where cut timber has to be moved, this should take place immediately after felling to avoid colonisation by insects or other invertebrates.
- Ensure pruning or lopping is undertaken appropriately with a clean cut.
- Maintain the sward by grazing with cattle, horses, sheep, or deer at a rate not exceeding:
 - improved grassland 1.5 LSU/ha/yr
 - semi-natural grassland 1.0 LSU/ha/yr
 - unimproved grassland 0.7 LSU/ha/yr
- Remove livestock if ground conditions become too wet, to prevent poaching and compaction.
- Consult with CADW before carrying out woodland management activities.

Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that all trees have not been retained.	<p>Low – Tree diameter between 4 and 12 inches</p> <p>Medium – Tree diameter greater than 12 inches and less than 36 inches.</p> <p>High – Tree diameter greater than 36 inches or if a veteran tree.</p>	<p>Extent 1 = 1 tree</p> <p>Extent 2 = 2-3 trees</p> <p>Extent 3 = 4-5 trees</p> <p>Extent 4 = 6+ trees</p>	Permanent
Evidence of poaching and/or debarking of mature trees or that ground flora is not being retained due to overgrazing.	Low	Extent 1	Permanent
Evidence of cultivation, compaction, use of machinery or use of agrochemicals and/or fertilisers under tree canopy.	<p>Low – Up to and including 5 trees.</p> <p>Medium – more than 5 trees.</p>	Extent 1	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that cut timber has not been moved immediately after felling.	Very Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2

Evidence that a clean cut has not been undertaken when pruning or lopping.	Very Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence that stocking rates have been exceeded	<p>Low - Up to 25% (not including 25%) of prescribed total LUs/ha.</p> <p>Medium - 25-50% of prescribed total LUs/ha.</p> <p>High - more than 50% of prescribed total LUs/ha.</p>	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that livestock have not been removed when ground conditions is too wet, this resulting in poaching and compaction.	<p>Medium – evidence of poaching and/or compaction due to livestock not being removed.</p> <p>High - evidence of poaching and/or compaction due to livestock not being removed, causing damage which cannot be restored to its original condition by the end of the growing season.</p>	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that CADW have not been consulted before carrying out work on a scheduled monument.	Medium	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

HS07 – Management requirements: Maintain Traditional Orchards

Management requirements:

- Do not prune out mistletoe (sustainable harvesting is acceptable).
- Do not plough, cultivate or re-seed.
- Do not roll or chain-harrow.
- Do not install any new drainage.
- Do not use any herbicides or pesticides unless in line with IPM. Cutting is an acceptable method of weed control.
- Do not cause or allow the establishment of new, or the spread of existing, injurious weeds.
- Do not use any inorganic fertilisers. Well-rotted farmyard manure (stored for at least twelve months) may be applied at a rate of no more than 10 tonnes / ha once every two years. No other organic fertilisers including slurry, sewage sludge or chicken manure are acceptable.
- Do not apply any basic slag, calcified seaweed, wastepaper sludge or other off farm wastes.
- Do not supplementary feed without prior notification and agreement on RPW Online
- Do not burn, without prior notification and agreement on RPW Online
- Do not use tar oil washes, as these reduce the wildlife value of the orchard trees, without prior notification and agreement on RPW Online.

Breach for HS07 – Maintain Traditional Orchards

Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that mistletoe has been pruned.	Very Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence that habitat has been ploughed or cultivated or re-seeded.	Measurable – Damaged area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Any damage on land greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that harrowing or rolling has been carried out.	Very Low – Carried out but where no evidence of damage to flora/fauna. Medium – Carried out and evidence of damage to flora/fauna	Extent 1	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that new drainage has been installed.	Low – Up to and including 10m. Medium – Greater than 10m, up to and including 50m. High – Greater than 50m	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

Evidence of the use of herbicides or pesticides not in line with IPM.	<p>Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that existing Invasive Non-Native Species or injurious weeds have been allowed to spread or evidence of establishment of new INNS / injurious weeds.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of application of inorganic fertilisers such as slurry, sewage sludge, chicken manure, basic slag, calcified seaweed, waste-paper sludge or other off and on-farm wastes (including sheep-dip).	<p>Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of supplementary feeding	<p>Very Low – evidence of supplementary feeding but no damage</p> <p>Medium – evidence of supplementary feeding and damage to habitat land e.g poaching nitrification of soil</p> <p>High - Unsuitable supplementary feeding where there is damage to habitat land which cannot be restored to its original condition by the end of the growing season.</p>	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of burning without prior notification and agreement on RPW Online.	<p>Measurable – Evidence of burning on area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Evidence of burning on area, which is greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of tar oil washes been used without prior notification and agreement on RPW Online.	Medium	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

HS07 – Additional requirements: Maintain Traditional Orchards

- Retain all existing fruit trees.
- Prevent damage to trees from livestock or machinery.
- Retain all deadwood in the orchard (unless it is diseased).
- Manage the grassland using:
 - low intensity grazing so that mature trees are not debarked, and the sward remains above 5 cm over 90% of the area **or**
 - by cutting and removing between 2 and 5 times a year.
- Coarse / tall grasses do not dominate, other than in small patches and field edges.

Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that existing fruit trees have not been retained.	<p>Low – Tree diameter between 4 and 12 inches.</p> <p>Medium – Tree diameter greater than 12 inches and less than 36 inches.</p> <p>High – Tree diameter greater than 36 inches or if a veteran tree.</p>	<p>Extent 1 = 1 tree</p> <p>Extent 2 = 2-3 trees</p> <p>Extent 3 = 4-5 trees</p> <p>Extent 4 = 6+ trees</p>	Permanent
Evidence of damage to trees from livestock and/or machinery.	<p>Low – Up to and including 5 trees.</p> <p>Medium – more than 5 trees.</p>	Extent 1	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that all deadwood has not been retained in the orchard (unless it's diseased).	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that sward height has not been maintained above 5cm for 90% of the area or by cutting and removing the grass between 2 and 5 times a year.	<p>Measurable – Up to and including 3ha.</p> <p>High – Greater than 3ha</p>	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that coarse / tall grasses dominate more than 5% grassland.	<p>Very Low – Between 5% and 20%</p> <p>Low – 20% to 30%</p> <p>Medium – 30% - 50%</p> <p>High – Over 50%</p>	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

HS07 – Maintain Scrub (including Streamside Corridors)

Management requirements:

- Do not install any new drains or open out existing ditches without prior approval.
- Do not apply any inorganic or organic fertilisers.
- Do not apply any basic slag, lime, calcified seaweed wastepaper sludge.
- Do not supplementary feed within areas of scrub.
- Do not cause or allow the establishment of new, or the spread of existing, injurious weeds.
- Do not burn, without prior notification and agreement on RPW Online.
- If in a grassland habitat category, graze at a rate not exceeding that set for the underlying grassland.
- If the scrub is currently un-grazed, maintain / retain this management.
- Retain all standard trees scattered through the scrub.

Breach for HS07 – Maintain Scrub (including Streamside Corridors)

Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that new drainage has been installed.	<p>Low – Up to and including 10m.</p> <p>Medium – Greater than 10m, up to and including 50m.</p> <p>High – Greater than 50m</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that existing in-field boundary ditch has been cleared without prior written approval.	Low	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of application of organic or inorganic fertilisers such as farm yard manure, slurry, sewage sludge, chicken manure, basic slag, calcified seaweed, waste-paper sludge or other off and on-farm wastes (including sheep-dip).	<p>Measurable – Where applied on an area less than 1ha.</p> <p>High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of supplementary feeding	<p>Very Low – evidence of supplementary feeding but no damage.</p> <p>Medium – evidence of supplementary feeding and damage to habitat land e.g poaching or nitrification of soil.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>

	High - Unsuitable supplementary feeding where there is damage to habitat land which cannot be restored to its original condition by the end of the growing season.		
Evidence that existing Invasive Non-Native Species or injurious weeds have been allowed to spread or evidence of establishment of new INNS / injurious weeds.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of burning without prior notification and approval on RPW Online.	Measurable – Evidence of burning on area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Evidence of burning on area, which is greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that standard trees have not been retained	Low – Tree diameter between 4 and 12 inches. Medium – Tree diameter greater than 12 inches and less than 36 inches. High – Tree diameter greater than 36 inches or if a veteran tree.	Extent 1 = 1 tree Extent 2 = 2-3 trees Extent 3 = 4-5 trees Extent 4 = 6+ trees	Permanent

HS07 –Woodland**Management requirements:**

- Do not remove any deadwood, including standing deadwood, unless necessary for health and safety reasons.
- Do not knowingly cause or allow the establishment of new, or the spread of existing injurious weeds.
- Do not supplementary feed within the woodland.
- Do not use plant protection products except for the control of invasive species or managing identified tree pests and diseases.
- Do not carry out unapproved earth moving activities within the woodland.
- Do not use the woodland for unapproved off-road vehicle activities.
- Do not construct unauthorised new tracks, roads, yards, loading bays / stacking areas or any new structures within the woodland.
- Retain all trees in woodland unless tree removal is necessary for safety reasons or managed under a Felling Licence or UKFS compliant management plan.
- If a woodland is grazed, ensure grazing levels do not result in debarking of mature trees, there is no poaching, ground flora is retained and there is less than 10% of trees with bare ground around their base.
- Protect trees from damage due to cultivation, compaction, use of machinery or use of agrochemicals, including fertilisers, under the tree canopy.
- Ensure pruning or lopping is undertaken appropriately with a clean cut.
- Deadwood, whether standing or on the ground, is retained, unless removal is necessary for health and safety reasons.

Breach for HS07 – Woodland

Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence of the removal of deadwood, including standing deadwood (unless for Health and Safety reasons)	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that existing Invasive Non-Native Species or injurious weeds have been allowed to spread or evidence of establishment of new INNS / injurious weeds.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of supplementary feeding within woodland	Very Low – evidence of supplementary feeding but no damage.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

	<p>Medium – evidence of supplementary feeding and damage to habitat land e.g poaching nitrification of soil.</p> <p>High - Unsuitable supplementary feeding where there is damage to habitat land which cannot be restored to its original condition by the end of the growing season.</p>		
Evidence of use of Plant Protection Products except to control invasive species or managing identified tree pests and diseases.	<p>Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence of unapproved earth moving activities.	<p>Measurable – Up to and including 1ha.</p> <p>High - Greater than 1ha.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence the woodland has been used for unapproved off-road vehicle activities.	<p>Medium – Single track created.</p> <p>High – Multiple tracks created.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence of construction of new track, road, yard hardstandings or structures.	<p>Measurable – Up to and including 1ha.</p> <p>High – Greater than 1ha</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence that trees have not been retained in woodland (unless removal is necessary for safety reasons or managed under Felling Licence or UKFS compliant management plan).	<p>Low – Tree diameter between 4 and 12 inches.</p> <p>Medium – Tree diameter greater than 12 inches and less than 36 inches.</p> <p>High – Tree diameter greater than 36 inches or if a veteran tree.</p>	<p>Extent 1 = 1 tree Extent 2 = 2-3 trees Extent 3 = 4-5 trees Extent 4 = 6+ trees</p>	Permanent
Evidence of poaching and/or debarking of mature trees or that ground flora is not being retained and	Low	Extent 1	Permanent

more than 10% of trees have bare ground around the base due to overgrazing.			
Evidence of cultivation, compaction, use of machinery or use of agrochemicals and/or fertilisers under tree canopy.	Low – Up to and including 5 trees. Medium – more than 5 trees.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that a clean cut has not been undertaken when pruning or lopping.	Very Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2

HS08 – Management requirements: Arable Plants
(Where a spring-sown arable crop (no maize) will be established in 2024.

- Cultivation should be carried out between 1 March and 15 May
- Crop should be sown between 1 March and 15 May
- Crop can be established through ploughing, traditional cultivations and drilling or minimum tillage.
- The crop must be harvested on or after 1 August or 14 weeks after sowing, whichever is the latest.
- Maintain a minimum 2m grass buffer strip adjacent to a hedge, earth bank or watercourse.
- Only the following crops are acceptable: Barley, Wheat, Oats, Triticale, Rye, unless permission for alternative is requested and approved on RPW Online.

Do not:

- Use pesticides or mechanical weeding. Fungicides can be used if applied to the seed before sowing.
- Sow maize
- Undersow the crop.

Post harvest

Do not:

- Use the area to store any materials.
- Carry out any burning

Overall Breach for HS08 – Arable Plants

Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that ALL of the requirements for HS08 have not been correctly completed.	Very Low Low Medium High	Extent 1 Extent 2 Extent 3 Extent 4	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

Breach for HS08 – Arable - Where a spring-sown arable crop (no maize) will be established in 2024.			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that cultivation was not carried out between 1 March and 15 May.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that crop was not sown between 1 March and 15 May.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that crop has not been harvested on or after 1 August or 14 weeks after sowing (whichever is latest).	Medium	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that a minimum 2m grass buffer strip has not been maintained adjacent to a hedge, earth bank or watercourse.	Low - 1 parcel Medium - 2-6 parcels High – More than 6	Extent 1	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that inappropriate crop has been sown, where permission has not been requested and approved on RPW Online.	Medium	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that Maize has been sown.	Medium	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of the use of pesticides or mechanical weeding	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that crop has been undersown.	Medium	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence the area is used to store materials (Post harvest)	Very Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2

Evidence of burning (Post harvest)	<p>Measurable – Evidence of burning on area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Evidence of burning on area, which is greater than 1ha. .</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
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Overall Breach for HS08 – Arable - Where an existing arable crop will be harvested in 2024.			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence of the use of pesticides or mechanical weeding	<p>Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence the crop has been desiccated prior to harvesting	High	Measurable	Permanent
Evidence that a 10m unharvested strip has not been maintained along one boundary until 1 August	Medium	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>

Overall Breach for HS08 – Arable - Where grassland will be retained or established in 2024.			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that cultivation was carried out before 1 March	Low	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence of the use of pesticides except for spot treatment of injurious weeds.	<p>Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>
Evidence of tree planting	<p>Low – up to and including 0.01ha</p> <p>Medium – up to and including 0.50ha</p> <p>High – greater than 0.50ha</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent</p>

Evidence that existing in-field trees have not been retained.	<p>Low – Tree diameter between 4 and 12 inches</p> <p>Medium – Tree diameter greater than 12 inches and less than 36 inches.</p> <p>High – Tree diameter greater than 36 inches or if a veteran tree.</p>	<p>Extent 1 = 1 tree</p> <p>Extent 2 = 2-3 trees</p> <p>Extent 3 = 4-5 trees</p> <p>Extent 4 = 6+ trees</p>	<p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that existing Invasive Non-Native Species or injurious weeds have been allowed to spread or evidence of establishment of new INNS / injurious weeds.	Low	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence the area is used to store materials	Very Low	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p>
Evidence of burning	<p>Measurable – Evidence of burning on area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Evidence of burning on area, which is equal to or greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of construction of new track, road, yard hardstandings or structures	<p>Measurable – Up to and including 1ha.</p> <p>High – Greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that the area has not been grazed.	Low	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that existing in-field boundary ditch has been cleared without prior written approval.	Low	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that new drainage has been installed.	<p>Low – Up to and including 10m.</p> <p>Medium – Greater than 10m, up to and including 50m.</p> <p>High – Greater than 50m.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>

HS09 – Inland Rock and Scree

Management Requirements:

- Do not extract rock or scree.
- Do not burn vegetation on rock or scree areas.
- Do not plough / cultivate, reseed, or improve habitat.
- Do not chain harrow or roll.
- Do not apply any inorganic or organic fertilisers such as farmyard manure, slurry, sewage sludge or chicken manure.
- Do not apply any herbicides, insecticides, molluscicides or any other pesticides, except for spot treatment of invasive species or injurious weeds, where appropriate
- Do not plant any new trees without prior approval.
- Do not remove any existing in-field trees.
- Do not cause or allow the establishment of new or the spread of existing Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) or injurious weeds.
- Do not allow the area between rocks to be poached (**existing** gateways, feeding, and watering areas are acceptable, providing poached and bare areas are less than 5% cover).
- Do not apply lime.
- Do not supplementary feed any livestock.
- Do not spread any material.
- Do not store material or machinery.
- Do not infill natural hollows or reprofile natural variations of terrain.
- Do not burn, **except** in full accordance with the Heather and Grass Burning Regulations (2008) and Code and following prior notification and agreement on RPW Online.
- Do not construct any new tracks, roads, yards, hard-standings or structures.
- Do not permit scrub to spread.
- Do not install any new drainage. You must obtain prior written approval before clearing out existing ditches.

Overall Breach for HS09 – Inland rocks and scree

Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that ALL of the requirements for HS09 have not been correctly completed.	Very Low Low Medium High	Extent 1 Extent 2 Extent 3 Extent 4	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

Breach for HS09 – Inland rocks and scree			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that rock or scree has been extracted.	Medium High - destroyed or removed	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that vegetation has been burnt on rock / scree areas.	Measurable – Evidence of burning on area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Evidence of burning on area, which is greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that habitat has been ploughed / cultivated, re-seeded or improved.	Measurable – Damaged area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Damaged area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that harrowing or rolling has been carried out.	Very Low – Carried out but where no evidence of damage to flora/fauna. Medium – Carried out and evidence of damage to flora/fauna	Extent 1	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of application of organic or inorganic fertilisers such as farmyard manure, slurry, sewage sludge, chicken manure, waste-paper sludge or other off and on-farm wastes (including sheep-dip).	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of use of herbicides except for spot treatment of invasive or injurious weeds	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that existing Invasive Non-Native Species or injurious weeds have been allowed to spread or evidence of establishment of new INNS / injurious weeds.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of planting trees without prior approval	Low – up to and including 0.01ha	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2

	<p>Medium – up to and including 0.50ha</p> <p>High – greater than 0.50ha</p>		Permanent
Evidence that existing in-field trees have been removed	<p>Low – Tree diameter between 4 and 12 inches</p> <p>Medium – Tree diameter greater than 12 inches and less than 36 inches.</p> <p>High – Tree diameter greater than 36 inches or if a veteran tree.</p>	<p>Extent 1 = 1 tree</p> <p>Extent 2 = 2-3 trees</p> <p>Extent 3 = 4-5 trees</p> <p>Extent 4 = 6+ trees</p>	Permanent
Evidence of poaching	<p>Low - Evidence of poaching but no evidence of run-off.</p> <p>High - Evidence of soil run-off into a watercourse due to poaching.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of the application of lime.	<p>Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of supplementary feeding	<p>Very Low – evidence of supplementary feeding but no damage</p> <p>Medium – evidence of supplementary feeding and damage to habitat land e.g poaching nitrification of soil</p> <p>High - Unsuitable supplementary feeding where there is damage to habitat land which cannot be restored to its original condition by the end of the growing season.</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that material has been spread.	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha.	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>

	High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.		
Evidence of storage of materials or machinery	Very Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence that natural hollows have been infilled or that the natural variations of terrain has been re-profiled.	Measurable – Up to and including 1ha. High – Greater than 1ha.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that burning has taken place and not carried out in accordance with Heather and Grass Burning Regulation (2008) and the Heather and Grass Burning code	Measurable – Evidence of burning on area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Evidence of burning on area, which is greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of construction of new track, road, yard hardstandings or structures	Measurable – Up to and including 1ha. High – Greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that the area has not been grazed.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that existing in-field boundary ditch has been cleared without prior written approval.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that new drainage has been installed.	Low – Up to and including 10m. Medium – Greater than 10m, up to and including 50m. High – Greater than 50m	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

HS09 – Additional requirements for Inland rocks and scree:

- Manage livestock at sufficient levels to prevent overgrazing.
- Maintain a 2m buffer zone free from fertilisers, pesticides and lime around rock features.

Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that a 2m buffer zone has not been maintained around rock features.	Medium	Extent 1	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of overgrazing	Medium – Evidence of overgrazing and damage caused to habitat.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

HS20 – Manage land as Habitat

Management Requirements:

- Do not plough / Cultivate, Reseed, or Improve habitat.
- Do not chain harrow or roll from 1 March to 30 September
- Do not apply any inorganic or organic fertilisers such as farmyard manure, slurry, sewage sludge or chicken manure.
- Do not apply any herbicides, insecticides, molluscicides or any other pesticides, except for spot treatment of invasive species or injurious weeds, where appropriate
- Do not take silage.
- Do not take more than one cut of hay per year.
- Do not plant any new trees without prior approval.
- Do not remove any existing in-field trees.
- Do not cause or allow the establishment of new or the spread of existing Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) or injurious weeds.
- Do not allow the area to be poached (**existing** gateways, feeding, and watering areas are acceptable, providing poached and bare areas are less than 5% cover)
- Do not apply lime on acid, calcareous or calaminarian grassland.
- Do not supplementary feed any livestock, **except** for existing hardstanding feeding areas.
- Do not cut or top more than 30% of rush or weed species in any one year.
- Do not spread any material.
- Do not store material or machinery
- Do not infill natural hollows or reprofile natural variations of terrain
- Do not burn, **except** in full accordance with the Heather and Grass Burning Regulations (2008) and Code and prior notification on RPW Online
- Do not construct any new tracks, roads, yards, hard-standings or structures.
- Do not install any new drainage. You must obtain prior written approval before clearing out existing ditches.

Overall Breach for HS20 – Manage land as habitat

Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that ALL of the requirements for HS20 have not been correctly completed.	Very Low Low Medium High	Extent 1 Extent 2 Extent 3 Extent 4	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

Overall Breach for HS20 – Manage land as habitat			
Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that habitat has been ploughed or cultivated or re-seeded.	<p>Measurable – Damaged area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Damaged area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that harrowing or rolling has been carried out during the specified period 1 March to 30 September	<p>Very Low – Carried out within closed periods, where no evidence of damage to flora/fauna.</p> <p>Medium – Carried out during closed periods and/or evidence of damage to flora/fauna</p>	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of application of organic or inorganic fertilisers such as farmyard manure, slurry, sewage sludge, chicken manure, waste-paper sludge or other off and on–farm wastes (including sheep-dip).	<p>Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence of use of herbicides except for spot treatment of invasive or injurious weeds	<p>Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha.</p> <p>High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.</p>	Measurable	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that existing Invasive Non-Native Species or injurious weeds have been allowed to spread or evidence of establishment of new INNS / injurious weeds.	Low	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p> <p>Permanent</p>
Evidence that silage has been taken.	Medium – where silage has been taken.	Extent 1	<p>Rectifiable 1</p> <p>Rectifiable 2</p>

Evidence that more than one cut of hay has been taken.	Very Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence of planting trees without prior approval	Low – up to and including 0.01ha Medium – up to and including 0.50ha High – greater than 0.50ha	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that existing in-field trees have been removed.	Low – Tree diameter between 4 and 12 inches. Medium – Tree diameter greater than 12 inches and less than 36 inches. High – Tree diameter greater than 36 inches or if a veteran tree.	Extent 1 = 1 tree Extent 2 = 2-3 trees Extent 3 = 4-5 trees Extent 4 = 6+ trees	Permanent
Evidence of poaching	Low - Evidence of poaching but no evidence of run-off. High - Evidence of soil run-off into a watercourse due to poaching.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of application of lime on acid, calcareous or calaminarian grassland.	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of supplementary feeding	Very Low – evidence of supplementary feeding but no damage. Medium – evidence of supplementary feeding and damage to habitat land e.g poaching nitrification of soil.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

	High - Unsuitable supplementary feeding where there is damage to habitat land which cannot be restored to its original condition by the end of the growing season.		
Evidence that more than 30% of the area of rushes or weed species has been cut or topped in any one year.	Measurable - Where less than or equal to 1ha has been cut, in excess of permitted level. High - Where more than 1ha has been cut, in excess of the permitted level.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that material has been spread.	Measurable – Where applied on an area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Where applied on an area greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of storage of materials or machinery	Very Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence that natural hollows have been infilled or that the natural variations of terrain has been re-profiled.	Measurable – Up to and including 1ha. High – Greater than 1ha.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that burning has taken place and not carried out in accordance with Heather and Grass Burning Regulation (2008) and the Heather and Grass Burning code	Measurable – Evidence of burning on area less than or equal to 1ha. High – Evidence of burning on area, which is greater than 1ha.	Measurable	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence of construction of new track, road, yard hardstandings or structures.	Measurable – Up to and including 1ha. High – Greater than 1ha	Measurable	Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that existing in-field boundary ditch has been cleared without prior written approval.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

Evidence that new drainage has been installed.	Low – Up to and including 10m. Medium – Greater than 10m, up to and including 50m. High – Greater than 50m.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
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HS20 – Further requirements For Grazed Permanent Pasture

- Graze to maintain a varied sward height where at least 75% of the grassland is between 5 cm and 20 cm between 1 June and 30 August
- Graze to between 2 cm and 10 cm between 1 October and 31 March
- Dead material should form less than 10% cover overall.
- Coarse / tall grasses do not dominate, apart from in patches covering no more than 5% of the grassland.

Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that varied sward height has not been maintained where at least 75% of the grassland is between 5cm and 20cm between 1 June and 30 August. Or Evidence that varied sward height has not been maintained between 5cm and 20cm between 1 October and 31 March.	Measurable – Up to and including 3ha. High – Greater than 3ha.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that dead material forms more than 10% cover overall.	Very Low – Between 10% and 20% Low – 20% to 30% Medium – 30% - 50% High – Over 50%	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that coarse / tall grasses dominate more than 5% grassland	Very Low – Between 5% and 20% Low – 20% to 30% Medium – 30% - 50% High – Over 50%	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent

HS20 – Additional requirements for Grassland Managed for Hay:

- Livestock must be removed by 15 May.
- Hay crop must be cut and removed between 7 July and 30 September
- It is acceptable to make hay or haylage but **not silage**.
- Hay / haylage should be turned at least twice before removal.
- The cut material must be removed from the meadow, even if spoiled by rain.
- Maintain a sward height after cutting, where 75% of the grassland is between 2 cm and 10 cm until 31 October.
- If spring grazing, maintain a sward height where 75% of the grassland is above 5 cm.
- Begin grazing the aftermath at least four weeks after the hay cut.

Breach	Severity	Extent	Permanence
Evidence that field was not shut off to livestock by 15 May	Low – livestock removed but not until after 15 May. Medium – Stock not removed.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2 Permanent
Evidence that parcel was not cut and/or hay crop was removed between 7 July and 30 September	Medium – cut before 7 July or after 30 September.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence that silage has been made or the hay/haylage has not been turned at least twice.	Very Low – Hay/haylage not turned twice. Medium – where silage has been taken.	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence the cut material has not been removed from the meadow.	Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence that the parcel has not been maintained after cutting so that 75% of the grassland is between 2cm and 10cm up until 31 October.	Very Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence that 75% of the grassland has not been maintained above 5cm when spring grazing.	Very Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2
Evidence that parcel has been grazed within 4 weeks of hay being cut.	Very Low	Extent 1	Rectifiable 1 Rectifiable 2