

# Application for an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Decision

For projects that physically restructure rural land holdings



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**EIA Ref:**

## Do I need to complete this form?

You should complete this form if you are planning work (i) to remove or add 4 km or more of field boundaries such as hedgebanks, walls, fences, ditches or tracks; and/or (ii) to move 10,000 m<sup>3</sup> of earth or rock; and/or (iii) to restructure an area of 100 ha or more.

An exception to these thresholds would be where any part of the project takes place in a *sensitive area* (e.g. National Park, the Broads, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or Scheduled Ancient Monument). In which case they are subject to lower thresholds of 2km, 5,000m<sup>3</sup> and 50ha respectively. Guidance on the Regulations is available. Please contact Natural England for advice (contact details above).

Please note that if you intend to conduct two or more sub-threshold projects, which will cumulatively exceed the thresholds, then this will be viewed as a single project that requires permission, even if the land manager conducts it gradually over a protracted time or if it involves different types of work.

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

## Section 1 – Applicant’s Details

Please use BLOCK letters and **black ink**

1.



Title  Forename  Surname

Main CPH (Holding) number

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

County	Postcode

Daytime telephone number

Mobile number

Fax number

Email address

## Section 2 – Site Details and Proposed Operations

2. Please complete the table below.

Ordnance Survey map sheet ref (e.g. TL 1234)	National Grid field number (e.g. 1234)	Name of field (if any)	Area of field to 2 decimal places (ha) * (e.g. 1.23 ha)	Area (ha) or length (metres) of feature	Your assessment of landscape/habitat type

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

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

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

the boundaries of the field(s) concerned (please label 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc. if there is more than one field, and indicate the type of boundary, e.g. hedge, stonewall, fencing, etc.); and

the boundary lines of the project within the field(s), plus an estimate of the area (in hectares) involved.

### Section 3 – Description of Work

4. Please provide a full description of the work(s) in question below.

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

### Section 4 – Other Considerations

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|----|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 5. | Will the proposed works affect any archaeological or historic features (including ancient ridge and furrow)?     | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. | Is the land subject to any form of conservation management agreement (e.g. ELS)?                                 | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. | Is there any other information relevant to this application (e.g. public rights of way, designated areas, etc.)? | YES <input type="checkbox"/> | NO <input type="checkbox"/> |

8. If you have answered **YES** to any of Questions 5-7, please provide further details below:

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

## Section 5 – Using and sharing your information



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

Your information will be stored and processed in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. This Act gives you, as an individual, the right to know what data we hold on you, how we use it, with whom we share it and for it to be accurate.

Your information will be used for administering and analysing the Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2006. It will be circulated and discussed in confidence with those persons or organisations helping Natural England to administer and monitor the Regulations. Some information will be shared with other bodies and Government Departments to enable them to assist Natural England in implementing the Regulations. To do this we may disclose your application (and other information relating to it) to third parties. In addition, after making a screening decision, Natural England must enter it in a register, to which the public must have access at all reasonable times. The information to be entered into the register is, but is not limited to: reference number, date application received, project location(s), OS Grid reference(s), landscape type, details of proposed work, area or length of feature, screening decision and date applicant advised.

Natural England, or its appointed agents, may use the name, address and other details on your application to contact you in connection with occasional customer research aimed at improving the services that Natural England provides to you.

We will respect personal privacy, whilst complying with access to information requests to the extent necessary to enable Natural England to comply with its statutory obligations under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## Section 6 – Declaration

Applicants should note that it is an offence to provide false information (knowingly or recklessly) in order to obtain a screening decision.

I understand that I will be legally obliged to comply with any decision granted in respect of this application and conditions attached to it.

I have read the guidance on the EIA (Agriculture) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2006.

I declare that the information given in my application are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply for a screening decision in accordance with these particulars.

### APPLICANT

Signed

Date

Name in  
BLOCK LETTERS

### IMPORTANT – please make sure you have:

Answered all the questions; and

If necessary, attached any separate sheet(s) requested at Question 2; and

Attached the location map requested at Question 3; and

If necessary, attached any separate sheet(s) requested at Question 10.

**Incomplete forms cannot be processed and may be returned.**