

FARM ENVIRONMENT TABLE TEMPLATE








Delete the lines that are not relevant to your farm, and complete the table below.

You may add additional lines if a habitat does not appear on the main list.




Show the colour you have used for each habitat and feature on your FEA map. Your map must also have a key with the same habitats and colours.

You can submit more than one FEA map if it is difficult to show all the information clearly on a single map at a suitable scale.

| | |
|---|---|
| AECS CASE TITLE: | HOME FARM AECS PLAN |
| Summary of farm type and activity: | <p>Home Farm is a mixed livestock and arable farm between the rivers Dee and Don close to Milltown.</p> <p>The farm has 200ha of low lying arable and grassland and 500ha of heather moorland rising to 450m.</p> <p>The farm runs a herd of 60 suckler cows wintered inside and a flock of 500 blackface ewes.</p> <p>A field of forage brassica is grown each year to fatten lambs and two cuts of silage are taken off fields in rotation.</p> |
| Planning | N/A |
| Total hectareage of holding(s): | 700 ha |
| Total hectareage of in-bye: | 200 ha |
| Total hectareage of moorland: | 500 ha |

| Map features | | Colour used in key on map | Habitat or feature description, condition and species present. Issues, risks and opportunities |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| | | Delete guidance notes below and complete the table describing each habitat type on the holding and any other relevant information (e.g. species the habitat supports) | |
| Boundaries | Farm Boundary |  | |
| Designated and historic sites | Designated site boundary |  | Greys Fen SSSI (6ha) is notified for fen and willow carr habitat. The whole area will be managed in AECS |
| Grasslands | Semi, Unimproved and Species-rich (SRG) grassland |  | The main area of this habitat is a mix of species-rich and unimproved grassland. The grassland close to the areas of wetland are tall and rough with some soft rush cover. There are also areas of species-rich neutral grassland. The grassland close to the hill fence is shorter and species-rich with pockets of calcareous grassland. The sward is kept short by both cattle and sheep. There are orchid species in damper areas. All SRG on the farm (17ha) will be managed in AECS. |
| Linear features | Hedgerows |  | There are two hawthorn hedges on the farm. One was planted in 2006 and is well established and is trimmed every third year. The other hedge is much older and has become gappy, with some old hawthorn beginning to die off. Both hedges will be entered into management. |
| | Drystone Dykes |  | None of the dykes are fully stock proof and are backed up by fences. The dyke nearest the farm could be repaired. |
| | Watercourses and ditches |  | The River Dee traverses the farm. It is fenced off along the full western margin with an 8m margin. The neighbours' margin is also fenced. The whole length of the margin (1.8ha) will be managed in AECS. The River Don is unfenced in sections along the parts that cross the farm allowing some stock access to drink. These areas will be fenced off and water troughs installed |
| Wetland | Wetland |  | There are extensive wetlands on the farm. The areas of wetland in the western half are dominated by rushes (particularly soft rush) with a limited range of flowering plants present. Those in the eastern half of the farm are more diverse and species-rich. Pockets of fen |

Agri-Environment Climate Scheme

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---|--|
| | | | wetland here are particularly notable. Greys Fen SSSI will be entered into Wetland Management. The mix of wetland, open water and rush pasture make this ideal wading bird habitat. Both snipe and curlew breed in this area with lapwing and oystercatcher breeding in the adjoining fields. 10ha of grassland will be managed as Wader grazed grassland, with some rush cutting and wader scrapes undertaken. |
| Woodland | Natural woodland |  | The wooded areas are predominately birch and are grazed by cattle in the spring and autumn. Trees are mature and the wood is open with no regeneration. |
| | Scrub (mixed) |  | The small areas of scrub are mainly composed of hawthorn, blackthorn and willow. Some pockets of juniper bushes are found close to the edge of the hill |
| Heath, Moorland & Peatland | Upland mosaic |  | Lower areas of the hill are dominated by heather and higher areas are a mosaic of heather, wet heath and unimproved grassland. The heather close to the farm is heavily grazed and short but is in better condition on the upper slopes. There are pockets of native woodland and scrub on the hill including an area of Rhododendron. Black grouse are regularly on the hill with at least one lek site present. 500ha of hill ground will be entered into Moorland Management with some fencing, away-wintering and bracken control. Full details are provided in the Moorland Management Plan |

| Diffuse pollution risks | | Number on map | Diffuse pollution risk identified |
|-------------------------|--|---------------|--|
| See separate table | | | <i>If no diffuse pollution risks have been found, state "No diffuse pollution risks identified."</i> |

Note: Diffuse pollution risks can be recorded in a separate table if preferred.

| | |
|--|-----|
| Have you recorded Diffuse pollution risks in a separate table? | Yes |
|--|-----|