




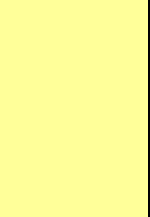
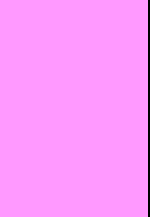

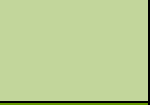



FARM ENVIRONMENT TABLE - EXAMPLE

FARM ENVIRONMENT TABLE - HOME FARM		
Summary of farm size, type and activity		
<p>Home Farm is a 700ha mixed livestock and arable farm between the rivers ebb and flow close to Milltown. The farm has 200ha of low lying arable and grassland and 500ha of heather moorland rising to 450m. The farm runs a herd of 60 suckler cows wintered inside and a flock of 500 blackface ewes. A field of forage brassicas is grown each year to fatten lambs and two cuts of silage are taken off some fields to maintain the cattle.</p>		
Map features	Colour Key on Map	Habitat or feature description, condition and species present. Issues, risks and opportunities.
Farm Boundary		
Flood Plain Boundary		The land here floods for some days most winters.
Water courses		
Hedgerows		There are two hawthorn hedges on the farm. One was planted in 2006 and is well established and is trimmed every second year. The other hedge is much older and has become gappy with some old hawthorn beginning to die off.

Dykes		None of the dykes are fully stock proof and are backed up by fences. The dyke nearest the farm could be repaired.
Habitats		
Unimproved Grassland or Species-Rich Grassland		The main area of this habitat is mix of species-rich and unimproved grassland. Grassland close to the areas of wetland is tall and rough with some rush content and supports some 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 the damper areas.
Heath/Moorland		Lower areas of the hill are dominated by heather and higher areas are a mosaic of heather and short grass. 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. More details are provided in the Moorland Management Plan.
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 wetland here are particularly notable. 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.
Scrub		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.
Native or Semi-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.

