Livestock Tracks

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Aim

The aim of this item is to protect water quality by converting existing livestock tracks used by dairy cattle to permanent hardcore tracks in order to reduce poaching, and, by creating alternative routes within a field, to minimise the movements of dairy cattle along public roads.

Eligibility

This applies to existing dairy livestock tracks that are currently on grassed or bare soil at risk of poaching and where run-off from the area can pose a pollution risk to surface water.

It can also be used to create new routes within a field to minimise the movements of dairy cattle along public roads.

Spatial targeting

Map of target area – Livestock Tracks (PDF, Size: 1.2 MB)
doc_external_url: https://www.ruralpayments.org/media/resources/Updated-targeting-map---Livestock-tracks-16-12-2015.pdf This item is available within the target area shown on this map.

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Application requirements

Applicants must prepare a plan identifying the location of the proposed tracks which are to be entered under this option.

Requirements

Run-off from the livestock track must not directly enter a watercourse.

Payment

You can claim £11 per square metre.

Inspections

The inspectors will check:

- the location and extent of any livestock track
- that run-off from the livestock track does not directly enter a watercourse

Additional guidance

Supporting guidance is available for this item.

Recent changes

Section	Change	Previous text	New text
Eligibility	Sentence removed.	The land must be within a diffuse pollution priority catchment or focus area, unless an endorsement has been obtained from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.	-
Spatial targeting	Updated target area map.	-	-
	Sentence removed from the caption beneath the PDF.	It may be possible to apply for this option outside this area where there is strong justification as endorsed by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.	-

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