

Managing Steading Drainage and Rural Sustainable Drainage Systems

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The aim of this item is to improve water quality by helping to minimise the volume of dirty water and slurry produced, and to treat surface water run-off from clean or lightly contaminated surfaces, prior to discharge to the water environment.

This item will fund works such as:

- the installation of underground pipework to convey drainage from a collection point to where it will be discharged, such as to a slurry collection facility or to a rural sustainable drainage system
- concreting existing uncovered steading or court surfaces to minimise the contamination of clean run-off
- re-grading existing concrete areas to change the direction of run-off
- the installation of ramps / sleeping policemen and / or channels or kerbs to help keep clean and dirty water separate

Rural sustainable drainage systems, such as wetlands, ponds, swales and retention ponds, can then be used to treat the drainage collected from clean or lightly contaminated areas.

Many rural sustainable drainage systems features can also offer potential biodiversity and landscape benefits.

Eligibility

The steading must be within a diffuse pollution priority catchment or focus area, unless an endorsement has been obtained from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

You must combine this option with at least one of the following associated capital items:

- [Rural Sustainable Drainage Systems – Swales](#)
- [Rural Sustainable Drainage Systems – Retention Pond](#)
- [Rural Sustainable Drainage Systems – Wetland](#)
- [Rural Sustainable Drainage Systems – Sediment Traps and Bunds](#)

Spatial targeting



[Map of target area – Managing Steading Drainage and Rural Sustainable Drainage Systems](#)
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This option is available within the target area shown on this map. 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.

You can check if this item is available on your holding [here](#).

Application requirements

You must prepare a steading drainage plan which must include a map of the steading, identifying clean and dirty yard areas, and the actions that will be taken to improve drainage management.

Requirements

Lightly contaminated run-off collected via works funded under this option must not drain directly to a watercourse.

Payment

You can claim:

Standard cost items

- underground drainage (including surface fittings, underground pipe, fittings, access chambers) – £54 per linear metre
- concreting existing uncovered steading or court surfaces) – £57 per square metre
- surface drainage interception:
 - re-grade existing concrete areas – £65 per square metre
 - installation of ramps / sleeping policemen – £120 per square metre

Actual cost items

To ensure value for money, we require you to provide three competitive quotes for the installation of kerbs / channels / cross drains.

This can include:

- purchase and installation of proprietary shallow-surface drainage channels, including cover lid or grate
- purchase and installation of proprietary kerbs
- installation and formation of kerb or channels from concrete in situ

Inspections

The inspectors will check:

- the linear length of drainage (including surface fittings, underground pipe, fittings and access chambers)
- the area of any concreting of existing uncovered steading or court surfaces
- the area of any surface drainage interception
- that lightly contaminated run-off collected via works does not drain directly to a watercourse

Additional guidance

[Supporting guidance is available for this item.](#)