

Catchment Sensitive Farming Assessment Form

To be completed by Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) where its support & approval is required by applicants, for certain capital items and options, before they can apply for Countryside Stewardship (CS) Capital Grant or CS Mid-Tier.

This form must be completed by CSF, external supplier working on behalf of CSF or a CSF partner, prior to the application deadline and then submitted by the applicant to the Rural Payments Agency (RPA).

Applicant name	Graham Robinson
Farm Business name	G & E Robinson
CPH number	
SBI Number	
Farm address and postcode	Lower Lees Farm, Cowark, Clitheroe, Lancashire, BB7 3DQ
WFD Water Management Catchment	The Ribble Catchment
River Basin District	North West
Form completed by: (CSFA or external supplier)	
Name	Stephen Watson
Company if applicable	RSK ADAS Ltd
E mail address	
Telephone number	
Any additional comments	Application to roof manure store is supported
Pollutant priorities and pressures:	
<p>Pollutant priorities in the catchment as targeted by CSF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The farm is located in a high priority area for water quality, the main issues are faecal indicator organisms (FIOs) and phosphate. • The farm is located within the Bowland Fringe and Pendle Hill NCA, where the priorities are hedgerows, hedgerow trees, stone walls, and permanent grassland. • The farm is not within an NVZ. • Lapwing and Curlew are priority species where some of the land qualifies for UP2. • The farm is within the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). • The farm is located 3,670 metres away from the Bowland Fells SSSI. 	

Farm description:

This enterprise extends to 272 acres of grassland on the farm, he rents and grazes an additional 100 acres from next door. The farm has a beef finishing enterprise comprising of 240 cattle and 350 ewes.

The sheep are lambed indoors on straw bedding and are turned out for the rest of the year, the cattle are housed during the winter months on loose straw housing, they are put at grass grazing for the remainder of the year. The farm produces FYM as opposed to slurry.

Pollutant pressures on farm i.e. water, air, natural flood management

The farm is located within a high rainfall area at 1,460mm, this is a large volume of water that must be kept separate from cattle and sheep FYM that is on farm, especially as the area priorities are FIOs and phosphates. Due to the manure store not being roofed, this is causing a slurry issue, if the area was roofed no rainwater would be falling on the FYM, thus reducing the likelihood of FIOs entering Pale Wood Brook, which is located around 80m away from the manure store.

Currently, the slurry is caught in an effluent tank, during excessive rainfall events this is harder to manage which causes some slurry to be lost in the direction of the brook which flows into the river Hodder, which is located 250m away from the manure store. Without this area being roofed, it has the potential to contribute to the high levels of FIOs already within the river Hodder and the local watercourses. If the roof is erected, it will dramatically reduce the amount of dirty water generated thus decreasing the likelihood of this farm contributing to FIOs within the watercourse. Clean water from the site is drained as per map 1 below.

CS Item / option code (e.g. RP15)	Field Number (e.g. AB 1234 5678)	Max agreed total to be applied for (e.g. 20m, 20m ² , 2m ³ , 2 units)	Additional text to be included in agreement document e.g., description of item / option, what is being covered, reference to any specific conditions set out in this form below etc.
RP28	SD6544 2319	380m ²	Roofing over manure store

Any other supporting information or documents – please include a map or annotated aerial photograph to confirm the location of the approved capital items & / or options which have been agreed

Map 1 shows the proposed roofing in red, the current drains in green and the watercourses in blue. The drains are discharged into Pale Wood Brook and eventually drain into the river Hodder.

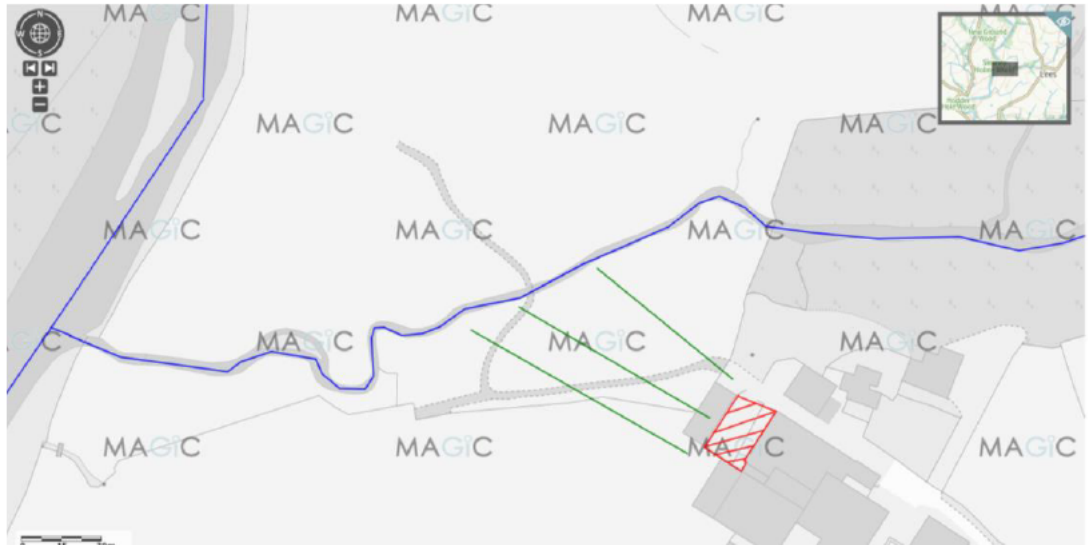


Photo 1: shows the proposed area that is to be roofed



Photo 2: shows the FYM there already, this will increase over the winter months.



Photo 3: another image of the proposed area for roofing



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Additional requirements

Conditions and / or further advice

RP28,

Ensure that the manure store when roofed has the end wall across the rear in photo one filled in with Yorkshire boarding to reduce the level of rainfall potentially being blown into the store.

Planning Permission –

The business will need to provide evidence that the planning authority has been consulted with regards to the roofing at the point of claim.

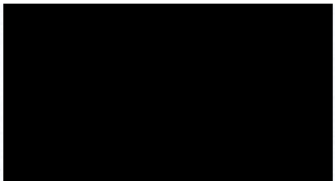
CSF score (if approved)


High		Medium	x	Low	
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Justification to support the CSF approval and score or reasons for declining:
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The farm is in a high rainfall area with close proximity to the SSSI and the river. FIO are a major issue in the river and the roofing of the midden will prevent the production of slurry from the rainfall passing through the manure.


Form completed by:



	Date: 14/09/2023
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Countersigned by CSF where applicable:

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	Date 27/10/2023
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This approval will be valid for up to 24 months from the date of CSF signature, provided that the details relating to the items and options which were approved have not changed.