



Scottish Government

Rural Payments and Inspections Division

Application for an EIA Screening Decision

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Do I need to complete this form?

You do **NOT** need to complete and submit this form for an EIA decision if the land is:

- a) Non-agricultural land; or
- b) Is already subject to the planning system or other EIA requirements or legislation; or
- c) Forms part of an agreement under SGRPID Agri-Environment Scheme.

If the proposed project does **NOT** comply with the criteria at (a)-(c) you **DO** need to complete and submit this form on whether an EIA decision is necessary. If you have any queries or difficulties in completing the form, please contact your local SGRPID Area Office.

When can I start my project?

If an EIA decision is required or you are uncertain, you should **NOT** undertake any of the proposed operations within your project until you have received written confirmation from SGRPID that you may proceed. If your land is outside the remit of this scheme you can start work on your project straight away, subject to any other requirements. If the screening process determines an Environmental Statement is required you may be asked to provide more information.

In the circumstance would you wish a scoping meeting to be held?

YES ☐

NO ☐

SECTION 1 – APPLICANT DETAILS

1. Title (e.g. Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)	Initials	Surname

2. Address

SECTION 2 – AGENTS DETAILS (if applicable)

3. Title (e.g. Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms)	Initials	Surname

4. **Address**

5. **E-mail**

6. **Telephone**

Fax

SECTION 3 – OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

7. Will the proposed work affect any archaeological features? **NO** ☐ ☐
8. Is the land subject to any form of conservation management agreement? **NO** ☐ ☐
9. Does the work involve any offsite preparation or changes to boundary features? ☐ **NO** ☐

10. If you have answered **YES** to any of the foregoing, please give more details.

Continue on a separate sheet

11. Please supply a clear location map on 1:25,000 or 1:10,000 showing the works proposed See Explanatory Notes.

SECTION 4 – SITE DETAILS AND PROPOSED OPERATIONS

FID Number or field name (if applicable)	Field Area (ha)	Area within field proposed to be brought into use (ha)	Landscape/ Habitat types (see notes)	Description of proposed work. When completing this column, refer to the list of examples set out in the explanatory notes. Please also attach a separate sheet giving full details of the proposed works and any associated works including material, application rates and timing.
NX/75383 /57852	4.38	0.23	PGRS	Removal of 2 knowes.
NX/75672 /57601	7.28	0.10	PGRS	Removal of 5 knowes.
NX/75531 /57749	8.40	0.65	PGRS	Removal of approx. 10 knowes.

SECTION 5 – DECLARATION

The declaration below **must** be signed by the applicant named on page 1 **and**, where appropriate, by the applicant's authorised agent.

I declare that:

- I have read and understood the guidance given in the Guidelines; and
- The answers given in this form, are to the best of my knowledge and belief, accurate and correct and I accept responsibility for them.

'I/we agree to any disclosure or exchange of information about this application (including the content of any declaration or undertaking) to or with any public authority, statutory body or other organisation which SGRPID considers appropriate for the administration, evaluation and monitoring of the scheme concerned'

'I/we understand that details contained in this form may be placed on a public register'

Signature of applicant

Date

	13-10-23
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Farm business Ref. Number/Name



Signature of agent (if applicable)

Date

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WARNING

If you knowingly or recklessly withhold material information or make a false or misleading statement you may be prosecuted.

Please now send this form to your local SGRPID area office. You are advised to keep a copy of this form.

IMPORTANT – Please make sure you have:

- Answered all the questions; and
- Attached the location map requested at question 1; and
- Attached any separate sheet/s requested at section 4.

Incomplete forms cannot be processed and may be returned.

Explanatory notes for your application for an EIA Screening Decision

USE BLOCK CAPITALS ONLY

SECTION 1 – APPLICANTS DETAILS

1. **Name** - Give your title, initials and surname.
2. **Address** - Your address must include your postcode.
3. **E-mail** - Give your full address in the correct case.
4. **Tel/Fax** - Your telephone and fax numbers must include the national dialling code.
5. **Holding number** – e.g. 123/0045

SECTION 2 – AGENT’S DETAILS (if applicable)

6. **Name** - Give your title, initials and surname.
7. **Address** - Your address must include your postcode.
8. **E-mail** - Give your full address in the correct case.
9. **Tel/Fax** - Your telephone and fax numbers must include the national dialling code.

SECTION 3 – OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Please answer **all** questions by ticking in either the YES or NO boxes provided.

Please provide a locational map/plan at a scale of 1:25,000 or 1:10,000 for your project indicating:

- a) The boundaries of the field(s) concerned (please label 1st, 2nd etc and indicate the type of boundary, e.g. hedge, dyking, fencing); and
- b) The boundary lines of the project within the field(s) plus an estimate of the area/length in hectares/metres involved.
- c) A description of the project, including in particular—
 - (i) a description of the physical characteristics of the whole project and, where relevant, of demolition works;
 - (ii) a description of the location of the project, with particular regard to the environmental sensitivity of geographical areas likely to be affected.
- d) a description of the aspects of the environment likely to be significantly affected by the project; and
- e) a description of any likely significant effects, to the extent of the information available on such effects, of the project on the environment resulting from –
 - (i) the expected residues and emissions and the production of waste, where relevant;
 - (ii) the use of natural resources, in particular soil, land, water and biodiversity.

SECTION 4 – SITE DETAILS AND PROPOSED OPERATIONS

If the project cover more than one field, complete details for additional fields.

FID number - two letters followed by ten numbers. Only to be entered if you are IACS registered.

Name of Field - if applicable.

Area of Field - in hectares to two decimal places.

Area within field proposed to be brought into use - in hectares to two decimal places.

Landscape/Habitat Types - choose from the list overleaf which of the following categories best describes the land.

Details of Proposed Work – choose from the descriptions overleaf. Please also allow for a separate sheet giving full details of the proposed work and any associated work, including materials, application rates and timing of individual aspects of the work.

SECTION 5 – DECLARATION

The declaration must be read and signed by the applicant and, where appropriate, by the agent. If the application is not signed it will be returned.

Landscape/Habitat Types

Unimproved grassland, Heath and Moorland	Where the land has not been cultivated between 12-15 years or been reseeded, drained or ploughed within this time period. Includes:- coastal and floodplain marshes, meadows, marsh and grazing pastures, old orchards where grass is the natural ground cover, parkland or policies, wood pasture, lowland and coastal heathland (inc dry and wet heath), moorland (inc bog) and rough grazing, machair, other open or enclosed upland grassland
Scrubland	Where at least 20% of any canopy cover comprises the following tree/shrub species:- blackthorn, hawthorn, hazel, holly, juniper, bay willow, grey willow, eared willow, osier willow, purple willow.
Wetlands	If the water table normally lies at or near the surface for part of the year. Includes:- open water, watercourses, saltmarsh, ditches, ponds, lowland and blanket bogs, fens and other wetlands.

Examples of Types of Projects

Cultivations	Includes:- ploughing, rotovating, harrowing, tining, discing and reseeded.
Drainage works	New works include mole, tile, tunnel, subsoiling or other artificial drainage and moorland gripping. Routine maintenance, including renewal of existing mole drainage, is not covered
Modifications to water courses	Includes:- to deepen, widen, straighten or otherwise change and existing watercourse where these operations are intended to bring uncultivated land into intensive agricultural use. Routine maintenance is not covered. Watercourse includes any passage through which water flows.
Flood defences	Operations on embankments, structures or land which acts as flood or coastal defences, and creation of new defences.
Infilling	Ditched, ponds, pits, pools, marshes or historic earthwork features.
Land reclamation	From estuary or other wetland.
Clearing vegetation	By physical removal, burning, application of herbicides, deliberate overgrazing or trampling or rooting by livestock in preparation for cultivation.

Spreading material	Includes:- soil, fertiliser or lime in excess of existing routine application rates.
Introduction of livestock	Includes:- pigs and poultry, or increasing stocking rates to intensive levels.
Operation affecting historic or natural features	Includes:- archaeological sites, hedgerows and other boundary features (other than routine maintenance) including drystone walls. Removal or replacement of boundary features such as fences, walls, hedges etc will be subject to EIA under these regulations as part of large scale restructuring.
Excavation	Includes:- material, filling-in or excavating agricultural land, including the creating of vehicle tracks.

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Castle Douglas,
██████████

13/10/2023

Dear Sir,

Knowe removal at newly purchased land.

██████████ we have been the favoured bidder for land at ██████████ which was marketed through ██████████ I have farmed the land as a tenant for the last 12 or so years and have made silage on the ground 3 times a year. I have also applied lime.

I propose to remove knowes on the land. These knowes would be removed individually by stripping back the top soil and levelling out the rock. I absolutely am not intending to strip the top soil off large areas for a prolonged time. I anticipate the work taking 2 weeks rather than a number of months. No rock will be moved any distance, the knowe will just be levelled enough to allow modern mowers to travel over them without breakages and soil contamination.

The knowes on the map have approximately the following area.

MX/75672/57601

- 1 – 20x20m
- 2 – 20x10m
- 3 – 10x10m
- 4 – 15x10m
- 5 – 30x5m

NX/75531/57749

- 6 – 33x33m
- 7 – 50x20m
- 8 – 20x20m
- 9 – 88x10m
- 10 – 88x10m
- 11 – 60x15m
- 12 – 20x10m
- 13 – 30x10m
- 14 – 40x20m
- 15 – 10x10m

NX/75383/57852

- 16 – 40x20m
- 17 – 50x30m

The total surface area of the knowes is 9800 square meters and I would guess that the average depth of digging needed would be 1 meter, so the volume of material needing moved would be in the region of 9800 cubic meters.

I attach a map with the individual knowe numbers, an arial photograph primarily of field NX/75531/57749 (the field needing the majority of the work) to give an idea of what I am planning, and an Environmental Impact Assessment Screening application form.

I hope you can see that I am planning to improve the efficiency of my operation in a sensitive way with the minimum of cost to myself and disruption of the environment. I would plan to sow the fields with spring wheat in the spring time and at that point there should be no evidence of the work undertaken.

(The map had been sent in a separate email due to my limited abilities!)

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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