

Countryside Stewardship Scheme: uptake,  
Environmental Impact Assessment implications,  
future scheme changes

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# 2018 uptake 19/09/18



- 1,235 HT application packs issued
- 872 received (pre-basic check)
- 738 applications taken forward to assess:
- To RPA 634 Total, 599 Completed
- 34% (201) of completed are Woodland Only

# 2018 Uptake 19/09/18



- Boundaries (H & B): 1,147 Total, 485 Complete
- Woodland Creation: 275 Total, 97 Complete
- MT Application packs issued 11,643
- MT Application packs received 4,904
- MT Processed: 4,564 Total, 4,010 Complete
- 23% of the completed were MT H<sub>2</sub>O capital

# 2018 Uptake 19/09/18



- 2018 8 Submitted Complete to CSDS/RPA (7 AE, 1 x Mixed)
- In 2017 a large CS HT woodland application, covering a large area of the ravine woodlands, was submitted by the NT White Peak office and assume that is live?

# Outlook and Changes



- For next year NE have a DEFRA target of delivering 500 CS HT agreements
- Next year 1,483 HLS agreements will expire

## Possible mitigation:

- Some will go to MT
- DEFRA considering if HLS agreements that expire in 2019 could be extended for 4 years
- CS Process changes

# Outlook and Changes



- HLS Extension, what we know:
  - Proposal only applies to 2019 expirees
  - There can be no gap between the old agreement and the extension
  - Under the proposals we have seen there can be no amendments.

It is envisaged that the extension process will take 2 days (compared with 23 day average for CSHT)

# Outlook and Changes



- Countryside Stewardship Changes
  - The applicant will complete Annex 1 with options, capital items with areas/lengths by the application deadline – presumed sometime April 2019.
  - Site Visit report form to replace the BEHTA for majority of HLS expires and protected sites.

# EIA (changes to rural land)



- Expectation of more applications for screening and more tip-offs if % of land in AE declines.
- East Mids: 12 screening apps and 3 tip offs for 2017/18. 2017/18 is < numbers from previous years. That will not necessarily stay the same.
- NE needs to consider if of 'Regional Significance' even if < 2 ha
- There tend to be more tip-offs, than screening apps in Derbyshire.



# EIA (changes to rural land)



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