

Defra Food and Farming Sectors and Trade Division stakeholder engagement – Sustainable Farming Incentive

Please give your answers in concise bullet point form and try to keep to the size of the box provided where possible though you can of course expand the box if needed to accommodate your comments – only boxes where you have a view need be completed

Please tick below to indicate how you received this SFI pilot engagement pack:

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Directly from Defra		
Via a producer organisation		Please specify:
Other		Please specify:

Question Focus: SFI Standards	
How complete are the standards? Are there on farm actions which might be suitable for inclusion in the SFI but aren't currently in the standards?	
How practical are the standards - will they be deliverable 'on farm'?	
What barriers might prevent farmers from delivering the standards and how should the standards reflect these or take these into account?	
Is there currently sufficient advice and guidance available to support farmers to deliver the standards? If not, what further guidance might be provided?	

<p>Is the advice and guidance currently available clear and easy to understand?</p>	
<p>Are there other standards/activities which Defra should consider for inclusion within the SFI?</p>	
<p>Are there any opportunities to test or trial aspects of the current standards that would help the co-design process?</p>	

<p>Question Focus: SFI and payment processes and assuring compliance</p>	
<p>Are payment rates correctly pitched to encourage and enable participation – if not what changes might be required?</p>	
<p>Are there preferred methods or times for payments to be made?</p>	
<p>How could the payments and compliance monitoring best be approached and structured to enable and simplify scheme participation?</p>	

<p>Are there particular aspects of the payment and compliance monitoring models that would encourage, or discourage participation?</p>	
<p>How best should a failure to comply with schemes requirements by participants be approached?</p>	
<p>Do you have concerns about being unable to deliver commitments under the SFI in some circumstances (for example weather or insufficient time or labour) – if so, how could the schemes account for such events?</p>	
<p>Are there any opportunities to test or trial new or innovative mechanisms around payment or assurance of compliance that would help the co-design process?</p>	
<p>Are there any other comments you wish to make?</p> <p><i>Please make these comments in concise bullet point form and no more than one page. Thank you.</i></p>	

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