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**Sustainable Farming and our Land: simplifying agricultural support**

**Summary of Questions:**

**1. BPS payment rates and annual allocation**

Q1. Do you agree with the proposal for Welsh Ministers to set the BPS ceiling, in regards to Wales?

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Q2. Do you agree with the proposal to introduce additional measures allowing the Welsh Government greater flexibility to control any unspent BPS budget?

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**2. Cross border single application rule (UK wide)**

Q3. Do you agree with the proposal to remove cross border applications and only consider Welsh land for BPS claims in Wales, removing the need to wait for checks from other paying agencies?

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Q4. Do you agree with the proposal for minimum claim size to remain unchanged and not to make any provision for farmers who currently rely on land in another parts of the UK to achieve the minimum claim size area of 5 eligible hectares?

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**3. Greening**

Q5. Do you agree with the proposal to maintain greening practices through cross compliance?

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Q6. Do you agree with the proposal to remove the Crop Diversification rule from the Greening requirements?

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**4. Young Farmer Scheme**

Q7. Do you believe we should close the Young Farmers Scheme to new applications from 2021?

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Q8. Other than the option to close the Young Farmers Scheme to new applications from 2021, are there further options which could be considered?

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**5. Late supporting documentation rules for BPS**

Q9. Do you agree with the proposal to extend the BPS supporting document submission date to 31 December?

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Q10. Do you agree with the proposal to keep the SAF deadline and late claim penalties unchanged?

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**6. National Reserve**

Q11. Do you agree with expanding the national reserve categories to include additional land acquired?

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Q12. Are there any other categories or proposals which you believe should be taken into consideration for National Reserve?

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**7. Inspection Rates**

Q13. Do you agree with this proposed reduction in BPS inspection rates?

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**8. Over-declaration of land**

Q14. Do you agree with the proposal to remove the “yellow card” restriction?

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**9. BPS Payment window for un-validated claims**

Q15. Do you agree with the proposal to introduce an advance and balance payment model and the removal the requirement for claims to be fully validated before an early advance payment?

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**10. Active Farmer requirement**

Q16. Do you agree with the proposal to remove the active farmer negative list requirement and retain the minimum levels of ‘agricultural activity’?

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**11. Hemp**

Q17. Do you agree with the proposal to remove land used for the cultivation & production of hemp from the list of eligible crop codes and no longer be eligible for BPS?

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**Domestic Rural Development Proposals;**

**1. Mission, objectives and priorities**

Q18. Do you agree with replacing the European Union mission, objectives and priorities for rural development support with Welsh specific definitions for rural development?

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**2. Measures**

Q19: Do you agree with the proposed amendments of the Measures?

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Q20: Are there any further amendments or simplifications you would like to suggest for any Measure?

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**3. Administrative arrangements**

Q21. Do you agree with removing detailed regulations setting out requirements for the content and amendment of a future rural development programme?

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Q22. Do you agree with strengthening the Managing Authority’s role?

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**4. European networking**

Q23. Do you agree with removing regulatory requirements relating to networking?

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**5. Monitoring & evaluation and reporting**

Q24 Do you agree with integration and enhancement of monitoring and evaluation of support for rural development, using Welsh-specific objectives and indicators?

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Q25. Do you agree the Welsh Government should report annually on the implementation of its rural development programme?

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**Additional Questions:**

Q26. We would like to know your views on the effects that the suggested proposals to the Basic Payment Scheme and Domestic Rural Development Scheme would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

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 Q27. Please also explain how you believe the proposed options could be formulated or changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and

no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

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Q28. We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:

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| Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here: |