

Higher Level Stewardship

Environmental Stewardship Handbook Fourth Edition

Official list of changes - June 2013

1. How to use this document

This document is the official addendum to the Higher Level Stewardship, Environmental Stewardship Handbook (Fourth Edition).

The changes to the handbook may take the following forms:

- Corrections put right mistakes in the handbook. These may be typographic errors or may relate to the content.
- Replacement text replaces particular sentences or paragraphs.
- Additional text is new text added to the handbook.
- Deleted text is text that has been removed and not replaced.

* June 2013 changes – these will be highlighted for ease of reference.

For ease of reference all changes are listed in the same order as in the handbook.

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3. Changes to Section 2 - Option directory for HLS

Page	Subject / heading / Option	Change
Page 27	HF14	Additional text: In the last sentence of 1st paragraph add ', EE2/OE2' between 'EE1/OE1' and 'or EE3/OE3' as highlighted in text below.
The headland also has significant additional wildlife benefits when managed alongside HE10 or with buffer strip options (EE1/OE1, EE2/OE2 or EE3/OE3).		
Page 40-41	HO2 - HO3	Additional text: Insert text shown below in HO2 and HO3 in the third bullet point between 'grasses' and '; and'
Grazing is typically part of the management for these options. However, as with HO1, where grazing is not possible you must specify how you will produce a similar effect through increased cutting and/or burning		
Page 41	HO4	Additional text: Insert text shown below in HO4 in the third bullet point after 'developed.'
Grazing is typically part of the management for these options. However, as with HO1, where grazing is not possible you must specify how you will produce a similar effect through increased cutting and/or burning.		
Page 41	HO5	Additional text: Insert text shown below in HO5 in the fourth bullet point after 'developed.'
Grazing is typically part of the management for these options. However, as with HO1, where grazing is not possible you must specify how you will produce a similar effect through increased cutting and/or burning.		
Page 45	HQ1 and HQ2	Deleted text: Remove sentence below after last bullet point.
Option HQ1 is used for the management of the first 100 m ² of a pond and option HQ2 is used for the management of any area larger than this.		
Page 51	HR7	Deleted text: Remove wording below at the end of the first paragraph.
This option is not available in the SDA.		
Page 51	HR8	Additional text: Include the word 'normally' as highlighted in text below
This option is normally only available for the first year of the agreement.		

4. Changes to Section 4 – How to Apply for HLS

Page & paragraph	Subject / heading	Change
Page 73 Para 4.1.5	Have a FEP survey carried out	Replacement text: Replace current text under sub heading 'Carrying out the Historic Environment Record (HER) Consultation:' with highlighted text below.
<p>Carrying out the Historic Environment Record (HER) Consultation: The 'HER consultation request' needs be submitted by the FEP surveyor in writing using the standard letter for the HER Consultation at Appendix 4.</p>		

5. Changes to Section 6 – Appendices

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* Page 106	North East office	Replacement text: PO Box 1316



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