Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

Howardian Hills National Landscape

Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme

Application form

Before you begin:

- Contact the Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) Officer at the Howardian Hills National Landscape.
- Read and understand the application guidance. You can find more information in the 'Guidance for Applicants' on the Howardian Hills National Landscape website.

The application form

The application form is made up of a number of sections. Please ensure you fill in all the required sections.

Required	
Before you begin	Consents and Permissions
Section 1	Applicant details
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Section 3	Project application
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Supporting documents	
Annex A	Project costs table
Annex B	Not registered for VAT form

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Before you begin

Consents and Permissions

Before you apply for your project, you must make sure that you will be able to obtain all the consents and permissions required.

You are responsible for arranging all relevant consents, permissions, exemptions and written advice needed for your application. You will not be offered an agreement without all the necessary consents and permissions being in place.

To make sure you submit a valid application:

- identify the consents and permissions you need as soon as you start your application. This will depend on any designations attached to the land included in the application and on the activities and items that you are applying for in your application. You can speak to your farm engagement officer for advice on this.
- contact relevant organisations for advice and consents, where required
- be able to provide your Protected Landscape with the evidence needed to support your application.

You may be unaware of some of the consents and permissions you need until after you have received advice. You should talk to your farm engagement lead about the relevant organisations to contact for advice and to gain consent or permission.

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Section 1: Applicant details

Main contact		
Full name		
Daytime telephone number		
Email address		
Business name *If a collaborative application, please list the lead farmer (the contract holder's) name*		
Position in business		
Business address *If a collaborative application, please list the lead farmer (the contract holder's) address and postcode*		
Business postcode		
Website address (if applicable)		
Is your land holding located in an area classified as a Severely Disadvantaged Area (SDA)? *Please tick* If a collaborative farmer group application, please state how many land holdings are in an SDA	Yes	
	No	
	Please state how many land holdings are in an SDA if this is a collaborative farmer group application	
What is the size of your <u>total</u> land holding(s) (in hectares)?		ha
If this is a farmer group application, please list the size of the land holdings of all farms part of this application.	*Please insert new rows if necessary.*	
		ha
		ha
		ha
		ha
		ha
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Which option best describes you? *Please tick.*	Landowner	
	Tenant	
	Other (please state)	

What are the main activities of your business? *Please tick all that apply*	Dairy	
	Sheep	
	Beef	
	Arable	
	Forestry	
	Public access	
	Diversification	
	Other (please state)	

Have you or your business previously received funding from the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme? *Please tick yes or no*	Yes	
	No	
	Is yes, please specify the total amount of the FiPL grant(s) received and the project reference number(s).	

To help us publicise the programme in the future, please tell us how you first heard about it. Please select one option only for our reporting purposes. *Please tick*	Word of mouth	
	Protected Landscape website	
	Protected Landscape event	
	Social media	
	Defra Communications	
	Other (please state)	

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Section 2: Project details

Location of this project You will need to ensure that you attach a map of the project to your application. The map will need to include the holding boundary and the location of the items/activity for which you are requesting funding.		
Location postcode (required)		
Please list the single Business Identifier (SBI) number of the holding and/or of the land involved in the application and the Parcel ID(s) of all the land involved in the application. Please state in RLR format (e.g., AB1234 5678).	SBI	Parcel ID - RLR
	Please insert new rows if necessary	
The land where this project is being delivered		
If this project will be delivered on a farm/land, please provide the area in hectares of the farm holding where the project activity will be delivered.		ha
If this project will be delivered on land classified as Severely Disadvantaged Area (SDA), please state the area in hectares of the SDA land where the project activity will be delivered.		ha

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Double funding A project cannot receive funding <u>for activities or works</u> that are already being funded by another Government scheme or programme as this would be double funding. This could include activities or work that you are applying for or have previously received funding from another Government scheme or programme. You also cannot receive funding for activities or works that are sold, or intended to be sold, for environmental credit schemes such as BNG.		
Have you (or the owner or tenant of the land affected by the application) received or applied for any other funding for the same activities or works that you are applying for in this programme? *Please tick*	Yes	
	No	
If yes, please provide details of the other scheme or programme. Your Protected Landscape will need to explore the reason for your response with you further.		
Other funding Scheme(s)/ programme(s) type		
Date(s) of other funding scheme/ programme		
Protected Sites		
Will this project be delivered on a protected site, for example a SSSI? *Please tick*	Yes	
	No	
If yes, please provide details of the site and protection.		
Name of Site		
Site reference (if known)		
Type of protection		

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Section 3: Project application

This project	
Project title *e.g. Habitat creation and water quality improvement at Home Farm*	
Please give a short description of this project *e.g. Planting 300m hedgerow with hedgerow trees, sow 30ha of wildflower meadow and restoration of 2 dew ponds*	
Expected start date DD/MM/YYYY	
Expected completion date DD/MM/YYYY	
Project Outcomes	
Project summary A description of this project.	
Please provide an overview of your project. Please tell us about your project ensuring that you cover all the activities that will be part of your project and each stage that will be taken for this project from start to finish.	
What is the demand for this project and need for delivering it in the proposed location?	
What do you expect this project will achieve?	

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Protected Landscape Management Plans/Priorities This project must contribute towards the priorities of the Protected Landscape the project will be delivering in. You should read the Howardian Hills National Landscape (AONB) Management Plan before answering this question: https://www.howardianhills.org.uk/management-plan-and-work-programme/ *Your Protected Landscape will provide further advice and guidance to help you complete this section.*	
How will this project contribute towards the local priorities/management plan of the Howardian Hills National Landscape with reference to specific priorities?	

National targets and outcomes Your project may also contribute towards the following targets and outcomes: • 30by30 on land in England criteria • Protected Landscapes Target and Outcomes framework • Local nature recovery strategies - GOV.UK Local Nature Recovery Strategy documents | North Yorkshire Council *Please complete this section if your project aims to meet any of these targets and outcomes. Your Protected Landscape will provide further advice and guidance to help you answer this section.*	
Total Area (ha) of proposed project activity applied for that will be contributing to the 30by30 criteria e.g. 25ha	

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Contribution to the Protected Landscapes Target and Outcomes framework *(List target number and its description that will be delivered by the proposed activity e.g. Target 10: Decrease the number of nationally designated heritage assets at risk in Protected Landscapes.)*	
Contribution to the Local nature recovery strategies - GOV.UK (LNRS) priorities in the Howardian Hills National Landscape. For North Yorkshire Council: Local Nature Recovery Strategy documents | North Yorkshire Council	

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Programme outcomes There are several outcomes that this programme is aiming to deliver on, across four key themes: Climate, Nature, People and Place. The project must deliver against at least one of the programme outcomes. You can find out more about the themes and outcomes in the accompanying 'Guidance for Applicants'.		
Please indicate the outcomes that the project will deliver against and how they will be delivered.		
Column A	*Column B*	*Column C*
Theme	**FiPL programme outcomes**	The FiPL programme has a series of outcomes it seeks to achieve (as detailed in Column B). The majority of projects will not deliver for every theme and outcome. For the themes that are relevant to your project, you must make clear which outcomes the project will deliver against. **Fill in the relevant boxes with details of the project activities. You will need to make clear:** • **What the activity is** • **How it will deliver the outcome**
Climate	C1: More carbon is stored and/or sequestered	
	C2: Flood risk has been reduced	
	C3: Better understanding among farmers, land managers and the public as to what different habitats and land uses can deliver for carbon storage and reduced carbon emissions	
	C4: The landscape is more resilient to climate change	

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Nature	N1: There is a greater area of wildlife rich habitat	
	N2: There is greater connectivity between habitats	
	N3: Existing habitat is better managed for biodiversity	
	N4: There is an increase in biodiversity	
People	PE1: There are more opportunities for people to explore, enjoy and understand the landscape	
	PE2: There are increased opportunities for more diverse audiences to explore, enjoy and understand the landscape	
	PE3: There is greater public engagement in land management, for example through volunteering	
Place	PL1: The quality and character of the landscape is reinforced or enhanced	
	PL2: Historic structures and features are conserved, enhanced or interpreted more effectively	
	PL3: There is an increase in the resilience of nature friendly sustainable farm businesses, which in turn contributes to a more thriving local economy	

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Ability to deliver	
Who will be involved in delivering the project? Please explain how they will contribute to the project's delivery.	
How will you ensure that the project delivers to your anticipated timeframe and within each financial year? Please make clear the steps you will need to take to achieve your key milestones and successfully deliver your project.	
Tell us how you will baseline your starting point and how you plan to measure the progress the project is making against its intended FiPL outputs/outcomes.	
Sustainability and legacy of projects	
What will happen to the project once the funding ends? Describe how the project will: • have a lasting positive impact for the Protected Landscape and others • continue for the longer term • increase the sustainable resilience of your farm	
Evaluation In submitting this application, you confirm that you will work with your local Protected Landscape team to participate in a proportionate project evaluation and, if required, feed into programme evaluation led by the programme external evaluation team. You may choose to opt out of the evaluation at any time by contacting your Protected Landscapes officer.	

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Section 4: Project costs

Please complete Annex A.

You must discuss the project and seek support from your Farming in Protected Landscapes officer to complete this section.

Project costs and funding
Quotes
If any of your project costs are based on an actual cost basis, please list the quote(s) you have or the sources of benchmarked cost(s) in the Application Template Annex A. You must include copies of the quote(s) / benchmarked cost(s) with your application. Where an activity has a CS equivalent, costs must be at the same payment rate and the same intervention rate. Please ensure you make clear why the chosen specification and costs are necessary to achieve the project outcomes. Funding will be based on the lowest quote. Where the chosen supplier of a product or service is not the cheapest available, please also provide a clear explanation as to why you have opted for the higher quotation. *For further information on the requirements for quotes, please refer to the Guidance for Applicants*.
Match funding
If this project includes any match funding, please describe what this is and attach details including value, terms and source(s) of funding with your application. Please note match funding in the programme refers to third party funding only and does not include your own funds or contribution to the project. The total value of the match funding should be entered in both Annex A and the Project Funding Summary table in this application template.
VAT
If you are able to reclaim VAT from HMRC, please exclude VAT from the figures given in this project costs section and Annex A. If you are not VAT registered, you will be able to include VAT in the project costs and your grant request, but you must complete Annex B (Not Registered for VAT Form) and include as part of your application.

Are you VAT registered?	Yes		No	
If yes, please state your VAT number.				

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Project funding summary

You must ensure you complete Annex A to provide a full account of your costs to accompany your application.

To note: “Match Funding” applies to third party funding only and does not include any contribution of your own funds to the project.

Description	**2026/27**	**2027/28**	**2028/29**	**Total**
Total Applicant Contribution to Project (£)				
Total Match Funding (£)				
Total FiPL Grant Request (£)				
Total Project Cost (£)				

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***Please only complete this section if this is a collaborative farmer group (a group of farmers) application*.**

Section 5 – Collaborative farmer group applications

In order to progress your collaborative group application, you will need to have or secure a partnership agreement (s) with all participants in the project's collaborative farmer group and yourself/your organisation (the third party). You must enclose a copy of the partnership agreement (s) for the application to continue.

If your group has a constitution, please email/include this with your application.

Please select one of the following options to outline why you are applying on behalf of the collaborative farmer group. *Please tick.* Where the application references 'you' that will apply to who is completing the application on behalf of the collaborate group.	
I am the lead applicant, part of the collaborative farmer group and acting on their behalf. I will be distributing the resources to the group, managing the application process and reporting on the progress of the project.	
I am a third party, not part of the collaborative farmer group but acting on their behalf as the applicant. The third party will distribute the resources to the group, manage the application process and report on the progress of the project.	

Please state the names and roles of those within the collaborative farm group delivering the applied for project:	
Name	Project role
Please insert new rows where necessary	

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Section 6: Declaration and close of application

I declare that the information given in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge, and that if any of the information changes, I will inform the Howardian Hills National Landscape immediately.

I confirm that I have the necessary land management control or approval, as stipulated in the guidance for applicants, to be able to fulfil the requirements of all activities applied for in this application.

I confirm that I have full authority and capacity to represent and bind the applicant(s) and business named at Section 1 'Applicant details'.

Name…….

Position…….....

Signed……

Date……

Privacy Statement

In submitting your application and declaring the information in your application correct, you consent to the Howardian Hills National Landscape sharing any information provided to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) – including their arm's length bodies, including Rural Payments Agency, Natural England, and Forestry Commission – for the monitoring of the programme and to complete dual funding check processes.

With respect to the processing of Your personal data, Howardian Hills National Landscape, Defra and its arm's length bodies will implement and maintain appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure a level of security appropriate to that risk, including, as appropriate, the measures referred to in Article 32(1) (a), (b), (c) and (d) of the retained EU law version of the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679), transposed into UK Law by the Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019).

The information provided may be shared with third parties and may be available for inspection by the public for the purposes of the Howardian Hills Farming in Protected Landscapes Fund only. North Yorkshire Council is registered under the Data Protection Act 2018.

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What to do next?

You must sign your application form before it can be processed.

If you have added an electronic signature to the declaration then you can email it to info@howardianhills.org.uk.

If you cannot add an electronic signature, you should print and sign this application and send it to:

Farming in Protected Landscapes Officer, Howardian Hills National Landscape Team, The Old Vicarage, Bondgate, Helmsley, North Yorkshire, YO62 5BP.

Please return this form to:

- Electronically to: info@howardianhills.org.uk
- Postal to: Farming in Protected Landscapes Officer, Howardian Hills National Landscape Team, The Old Vicarage, Bondgate, Helmsley, North Yorkshire, YO62 5BP.

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