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Our ref: RFI#1211

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Dear Mr Fitzmaurice,

**Access to Information request – Provision of all requested information – Request No. 1211**

Thank you for your request for information on grants paid under agri-environment schemes relating to the land in the Eastern Peak District Moors SSSI Unit 69 (grid ref SK286805) and Unit 70 (grid ref SK283797) Blacka Moor which we received on 26 July 2011. Your specific questions are listed below.

1. The particular scheme and grants that apply to these units, the participating farmer or/and organisation, the recipient(s) of the grants and the date that the scheme began?
2. The conditions for payment of the grant(s)?
3. The amount paid during each year from 2005 plus reasons for any variations from one year to another?
4. If the grant has been held back or not paid in any year from 2005 and the reasons for that?
5. Details of any assessments or inspections carried out by NE or other agency?
6. The name of the Natural England officer with current responsibility for these units?

Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Please find my response below which is supported by the attachment sent with this email.

**1. The particular scheme and grants that apply to these units, the participating farmer or/and organisation, the recipient(s) of the grants and the date that the scheme began?**

Countryside Stewardship Scheme applies to this land at Blacka Moor and is managed by Sheffield Wildlife Trust who are also the recipients of all claims under this Scheme. There have been annual and capital works payments made under this agreement. The Scheme began on 1st October 2002.

The units of land (69 & 70) which have had information requested on them are only a part of the holding under the Countryside Stewardship agreement and therefore we have included the full current agreement document for this holding and have also listed management of land and grants covering units 69 & 70 from 2005 onwards.

For your reference there have been several Wildlife Enhancement Scheme agreements on this land with the most recent expiring in 2009. To be of assistance I have attached details of these in the document titled *EXPIRED WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT SCHEMES\_redacted.pdf*

**2. The conditions for payment of the grant(s)?**

Please refer to attached PDF titled *Blacka Moor Agreement Document\_redacted.pdf*

**3. The amount paid during each year from 2005 plus reasons for any variations from one year to another?**

All claims are listed on attached Excel spreadsheet titled *Capital Items Blacka Moor.xls*.

Page1 is for capital works and page 2 is for annual works. Please refer to the attached map for relevant areas of bracken management.

Variations of payments for LH4 payments are due to Rural Land Register amendments.

**4. If the grant has been held back or not paid in any year from 2005 and the reasons for that?**

I can confirm that no claims have been held back.

**5. Details of any assessments or inspections carried out by NE or other agency?**

Please refer to the attached document titled: *Common standards monitoring reports for units 69 and 70 EPDM SSSI.pdf* for details of the records we hold of any inspections/assessments. Following a search of our files we have no records of any inspections undertaken by the Rural Payments Agency however I would suggest you contact them directly to confirm this. To be of assistance please find a link below which will take you to the contact us page of their website.

<http://rpa.defra.gov.uk/rpa/index.nsf/categories/contact%20us>

**6. The name of the Natural England officer with current responsibility for these units?**

Jenny Campbell, Natural England, Endcliffe, Deepdale Business Park, Ashford Road, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1GT

Some names have been withheld in two of the documents (*Blacka Moor Agreement Document\_redacted.pdf* and *EXPIRED WILDLIFE ENHANCEMENT SCHEMES\_redacted.pdf*) under Regulation 12(3) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

The names of private individuals are considered by Natural England to be personal information as defined by the Data Protection Act 1998.

The First Data Protection Principle says that personal data 'shall be processed fairly and lawfully'. Guidance published by the Information Commissioner, 'Freedom of Information Act 2000, Awareness Guidance No 1', states that when considering fairness the following questions should be taken into account:

- Would the disclosure cause unnecessary or unjustified distress or damage to the person who the information is about?
- Would the third party expect that his or her information might be disclosed to others?
- Had the person been led to believe that his or her information would be kept secret?
- Has the third party expressly refused consent to disclosure of the information?

When names are collected from individuals by Natural England we do not inform them that the information will remain confidential or that it may be released, however, we believe that there is an expectation of confidentiality.

The release of names and any subsequent contact may cause unnecessary or unjustified distress or damage to the individuals if released, and they have a reasonable expectation of confidence.

Natural England is therefore satisfied that the information requested fits the definition of personal data and that its release would be 'unfair' under the meaning of the first Data Protection Principle and should not be released

As you may be aware, under the legislation should you have any concerns with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, please contact: Darren Green, Senior Adviser, Customer Service Improvement Team, Block B, Government Buildings, Whittington Road, Worcester, WR5 2LQ

Email: [enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk) marked for the attention of Darren Green

Under Regulation 11(2) this needs to be done no later than 40 working days after the date of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Natural England. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. Telephone: 01625 545 700, [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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