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From: Bateman, Simon <Simon.Bateman@naturalengland.org.uk>
Sent: 07 December 2023 11:47
To: Nick Denman
Subject: RE: Quanton CSF support.

Nick,

If your client had come to CSF for advice and possible endorsement for a grant for a farm track then, if there is deemed to be a pollution threat to watercourses as a result of them going across land and causing rutting -and therefore possibly dirty water runoff – CSF would be looking to approve a farm track available as a option RP4 under the Countryside stewardship scheme.

The aim of RP4 is : That New farm tracks reduce soil compaction and erosion caused by livestock and machinery. They also help reduce channelling of surface runoff and the risk of sediment and other pollutants entering a watercourse.

Given that he has already done the track it will still fit with the CSF project aims of reducing pollution to watercourse from agricultural holdings.

On the assumption that

- Constructed tracks are alongside field boundaries rather than across the middle of the field - this will help preserve the appearance of the landscape.
- They are placed where they **will not** cause runoff or lead to erosion
- The tracks are cambered so water sheds continuously off them and have at least a metre width grass margin along the track for water to be directed onto.
- Use cross drains or bunds if the tracks cannot be cambered.

Regards

Simon

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Cc: James Paynter <jmp@sdforbes.com>
Subject: RE: Quainton CSF support.

Hi Simon,

Sorry to chase on this. We are aiming to submit our planning application this week but have been holding fire in case you were able to provide support as if we were going to apply for a grant.

Are you able to support this, and if so, please could you let me know when you'd be able to prepare that?

Many thanks,
Nick

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From: Nick Denman
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Hi Simon,

As discussed below is the location of the track that has been installed. My client self-funded and built this but, in hindsight, I suspect it would have qualified for a grant.

We are just trying to secure retrospective planning and, in my experience, this would normally be acceptable for a grant to protect water erosion, so CSF support would help the planning application.

The land is all grassland and is grazed with sheep and cuts of hay and silage are taken off it every year. There is no livestock housing on the farm, so the produce is usually stored by the rest of the yard to the north of the fields (as beside the brook) on a hardstanding, the track enables him to move feed and stock around the farm without rutting in the winter.

I have asked my client if they have any photos before he built the track, but in the meantime (in case it is sufficient) I have attached a google earth image that shows rutting in parcel SP7619 1480.

The length of the track is 340m.

- SP7619 1480 - 178m
- SP7619 0763 - 162m

Let me know if you need any more information. Think it is the Thames and South Chilterns catchment.

Many thanks,
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