

# Rural Payments Agency

Information Rights Team,  
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Dear Michael Meredith,

Environmental Information Regulations – Acknowledgement

Thank you for your request for information on 3 March, which is being considered under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to you. Regrettably your email was passed onto us late from another business area.

You have asked for payments and maps relating to Environmental Stewardship agreement(s) for a specific council from 2012 to present.

By way of background, the RPA is a paying Agency, delivering EU Common Agricultural Policy Payments (CAP) to farmers, traders and landowners in England. We are also responsible for the management of the British Cattle Movement System (BCMS), the Land Management System which captures the parcels of land registered under CAP and the Countryside and Environmental Stewardship schemes.

Responsibility for the administration of Environmental Stewardship Schemes transferred from Natural England to the Rural Payments Agency on 1 October 2018.

Please note that if our search returns any information which relates to a third party, we may write to them to inform them of the request and ask whether they have any objections to the disclosure of their information, particularly as disclosures made under EIR are publicly available.

Before we proceed, please can you advise us if you have any objections to this or if you are content with us to proceed with this course of action?

To advise; we do not disclose your details to the third party, just the details of the information requested.

We normally expect to respond to request for information within 20-working days.

If you need further information

If you have any questions about this email, you can contact us by email [irt@rpa.gov.uk](mailto:irt@rpa.gov.uk).

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Yours sincerely

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