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Where to target NPIs



Review scores received
and issues to be
addressed

Threats and Pressures

Walk farm and discuss
appropriate NPIs with
the farmer

Create NPI Annual
Works Plan on GLAM
portal

**Scorecard acts as a decision support to inform the
types of NPIs/LAs most beneficial**

NPI-Annual Work Plan Workflow



Create NPI-AWP
by drawing on Glam
→ Submit

Data sent to CP
teams to start
screening process
→ Screening Decision

DAFM Ag Schemes
takes Screening
Decision and runs
PAV
→ Issue NPI-AWP
Approval letter

Only on receipt of approval letter from DAFM is NPI-AWP approved.
Approval on GLAM screen indicates CP screening decision only!

Create NPI-Annual Works Plan 2023



Window open NPI-AWP after NPI training

Can only be created on BISS 2023 parcels

Only one NPI AWP per year

Create NPI-Annual Works Plan 2023



ACRES Client Details

Tranche:

Tranche 1

Type:

NPI - Annual Works Plan 2023

Status:

All

Search

Filter Results:

Filter Results

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Saved data

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E2081737

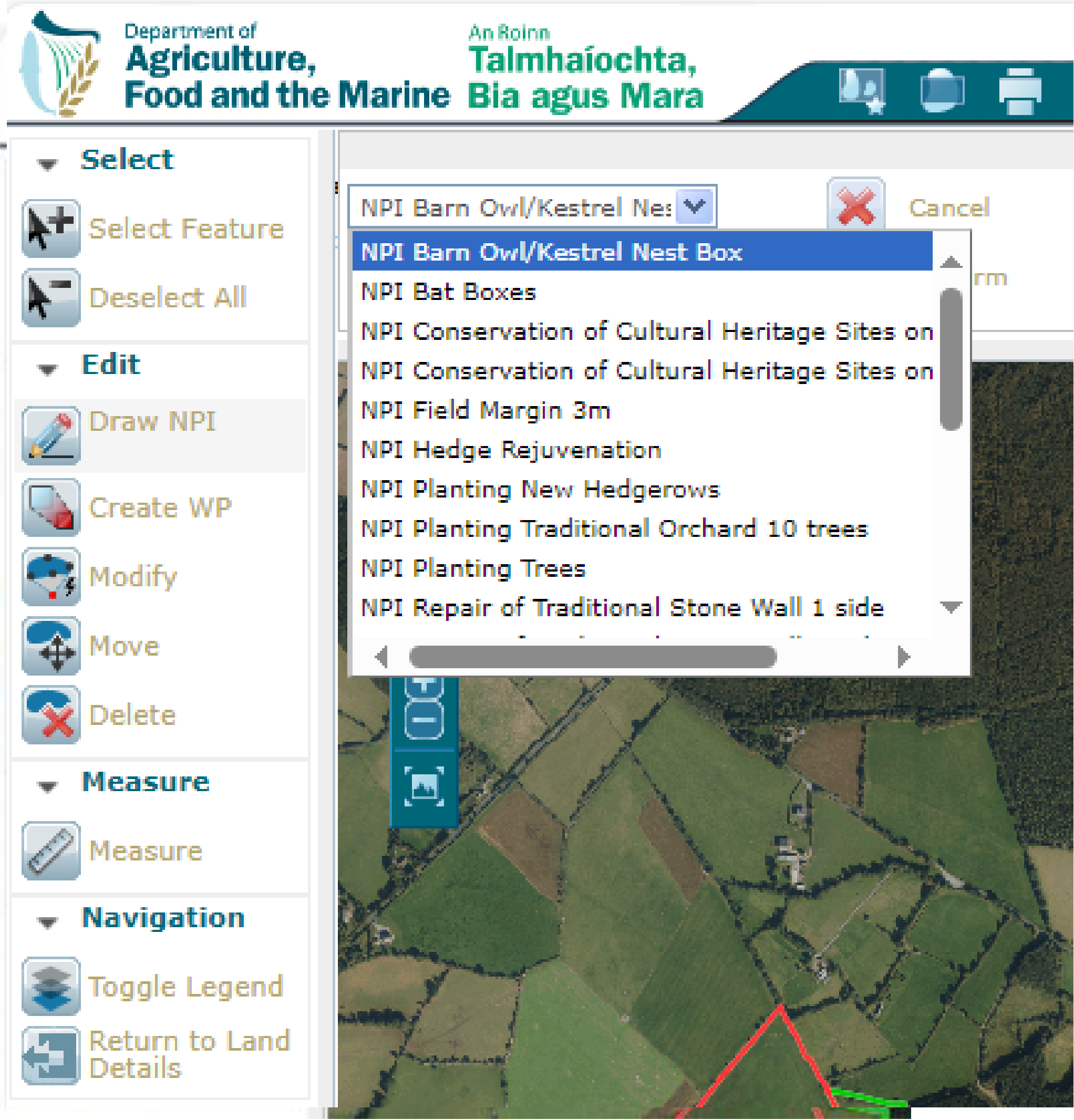
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E1070182

Name	Herd Number	Acres Scheme	Status
KEITH LUPTON & MARIE CONMY	E1454343	Co-operation	NPI Not started
GERARD WELDON	E1452588	Co-operation	NPI Not started
MEGAN KENNEDY	E1452588	Co-operation	NPI Not started

Plan Summary			
Plan Type	Status		
Farm Sustainability Plan	Submitted	<div>View</div>	
ACRES CP Farm Plan	Submitted	<div>View</div>	
NPI - Annual Works Plan 2023		<div>Create</div>	

NPI categories for Drawing



Where NPIs can be selected



All Parcels CP & Non CP **

- Barn Owl/Kestrel Nest Box
- Bat Boxes
- Conservation of Cultural Heritage Sites Arable
- Conservation of Cultural Heritage Sites Grassland
- Hedge Rejuvenation
- Planting New Hedgerows
- Planting Traditional Orchard 10 trees
- Planting Trees
- Repair of Traditional Stone Wall 1 or 2 sides
- Riparian Margin Tree planting
- Riparian Margin
- Riparian Margin (Sheep fencing)
- Rodenticide Free Rodent Control
- Small Woodland 160 trees 0.05Ha
- Small Woodland 300 0.09Ha
- Swallow Boxes
- Swift Boxes
- Water Storage Tanks

- ****Additional Checks**
- **Site Suitability**
- **Scorecard**
- **CP/Non CP parcel**
 - **Eg Plant New Hedge**

Where NPIs can be selected



Site Suitability

- This action can only be selected on parcels with an Eligible hectare > 0.
- This action is available on CP and Non-CP LPIS parcels that will be claimed by the participant for the remainder of the 5-year ACRES contract.
- On CP Parcels, this action can only be selected on fields with the following scorecards assigned or submitted: Grassland, Rough Grazing, Coastal, Winterage, Corncrake or Chough.
- This action cannot be selected within an archaeological monument buffer.
- This action is not available on SAC/SPAs, NHAs, pNHAs and Annex 1 Grasslands and Breeding Wader Hotspots in Non-CP parcels.
- Ensure the site is suitable for hedgerow establishment (see additional guidance)

Where NPIs can be selected

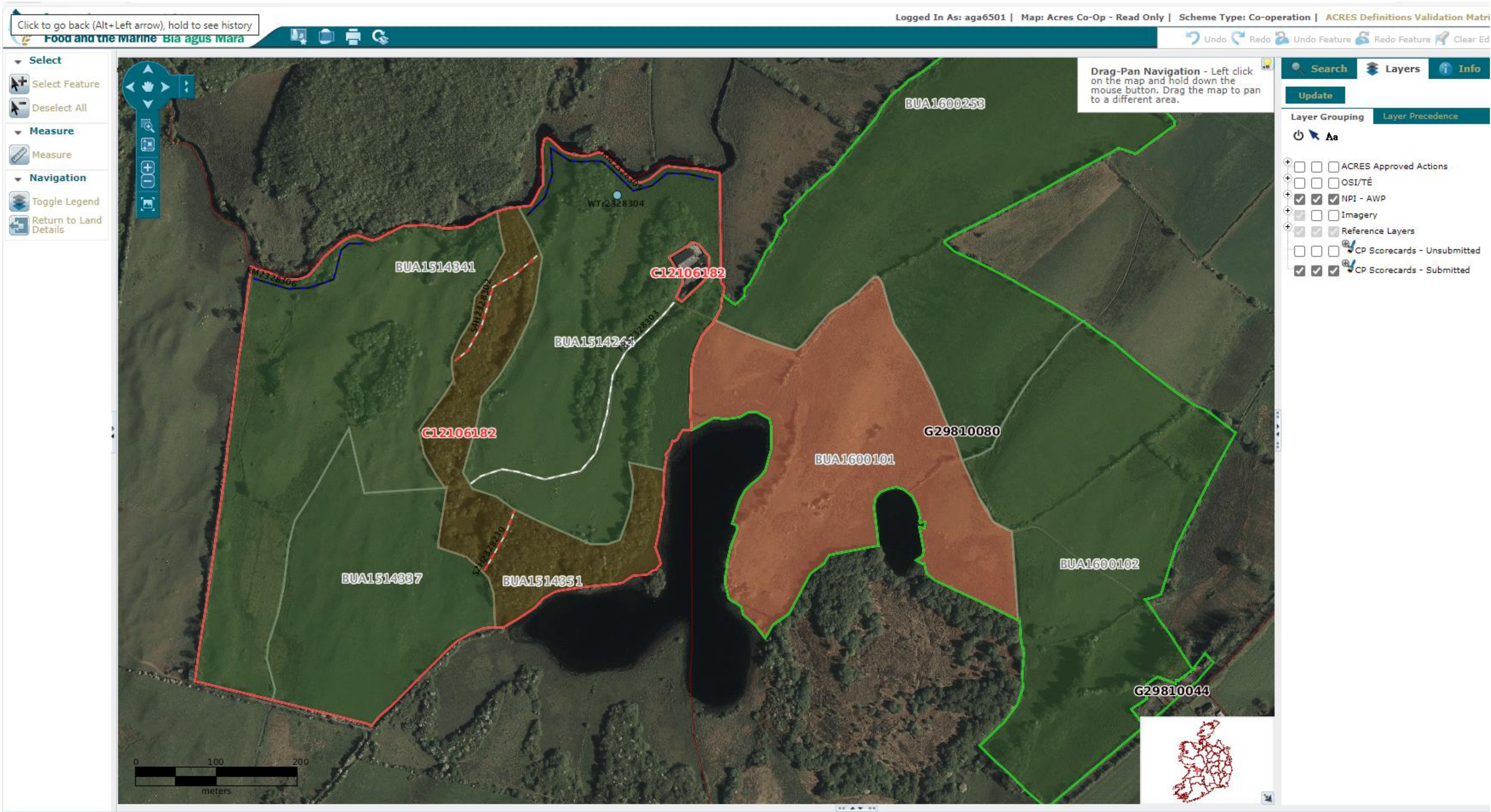


CP Parcels with submitted scorecard only**

NPI Habitat and Wildlife Support	NPI Infrastructure	NPI Scrub/Track
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Bracken Strimming○ Bracken Mechanical○ Wader Scrapes○ Wild Bird Cover Strips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Culverts○ Fencing Barbed Wire○ Fencing Permanent Electric○ Fencing Sheep Wire○ Installation of Gates○ Installation of Heritage Gates○ Mobile Cattle Feed Troughs○ Mobile Feed Storage Bins○ Pasture Pumps○ Rainwater Catchers○ Solar Electric Fencer Unit○ Solar Pumps○ Water Troughs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Area Scrub Removal Hand Tools High○ Area Scrub Removal Hand Tools Med○ Area Scrub Removal Hand Tools Low○ Area Scrub Removal Hand Tools Scattered○ Strip 2m Scrub Removal Hand Tools High○ Strip 2m Scrub Removal Hand Tools Low○ Strip 4m Scrub Removal Hand Tools High○ Strip 4m Scrub Removal Hand Tools Low○ Track Re-Surfacing Gravel

**Additional validations built in based on allowable scorecard type.

Submitted scorecard check

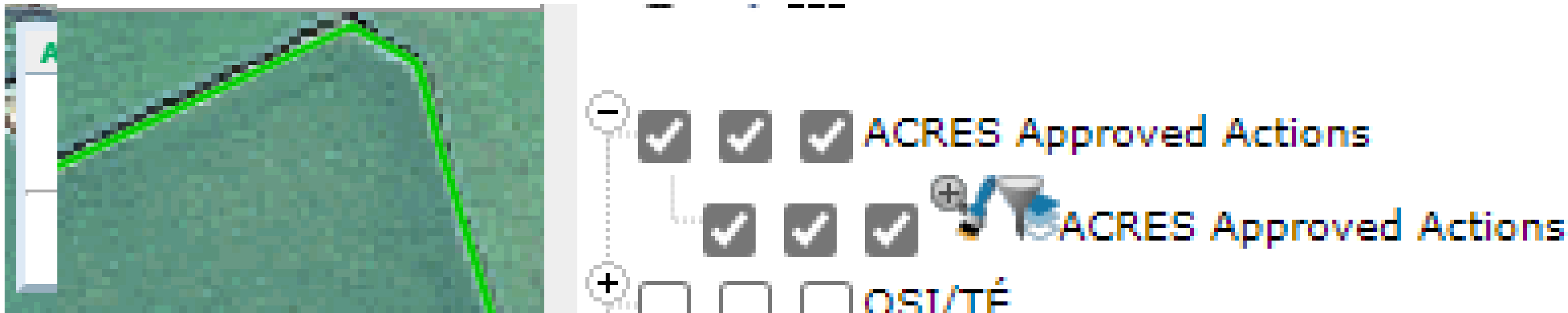


Where NPIs can be selected



NPI Habitat and Wildlife Support**	Non CP Parcels Only
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Field Margin 3m○ Wild Bird Cover Plot SP & WP○ Winter Stubble SP & WP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Non CP Only○ CP Arable Parcels and Non CP○ CP Arable Parcels and Non CP

NPI not allowed on LPIS with area based ACRES General Actions and certain linear point



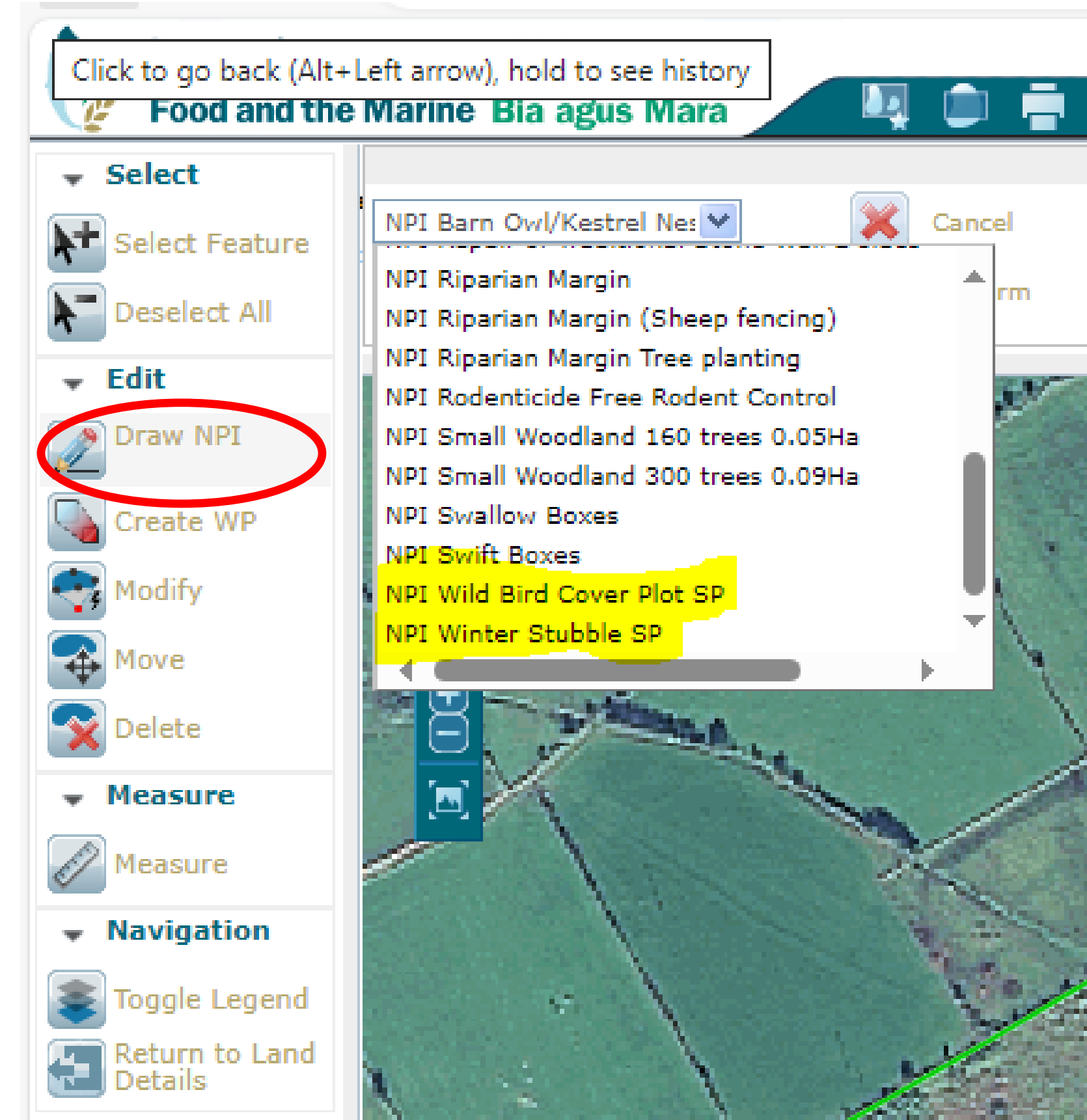
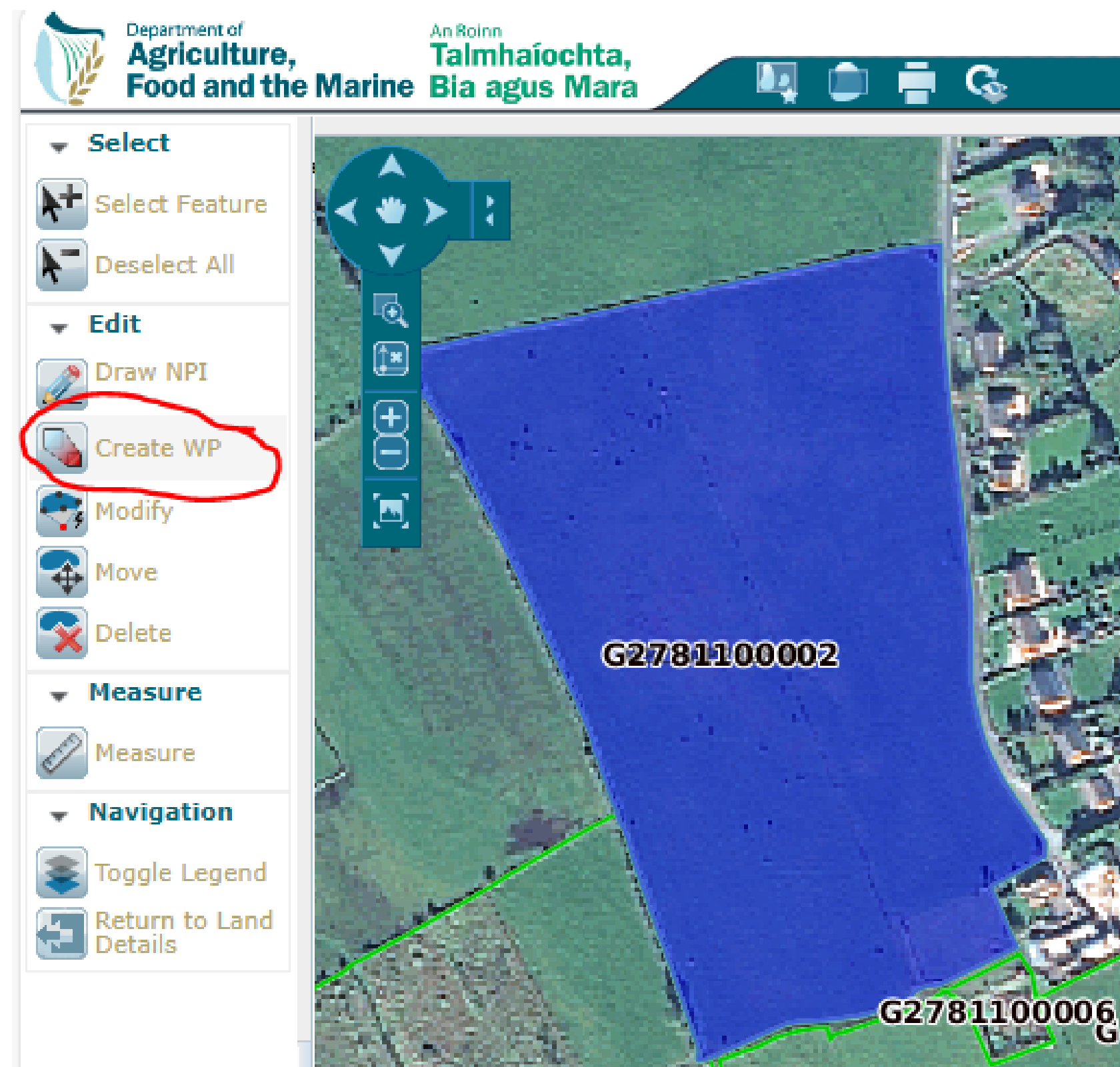
NPI allowed on LPIS with ACRES General Actions

Barn Owl Nest Box, Coppicing of Hedgerows, Laying of Hedgerows, Protection and Maintenance of Archaeological Monuments - Grassland and Traditional Dry Stone Wall Maintenance.

Area Actions SP & WP



- WBC Plot WP
- Winter Stubble WP
- WBC Plot SP
- Winter Stubble SP



Area Actions Draw NPI Button



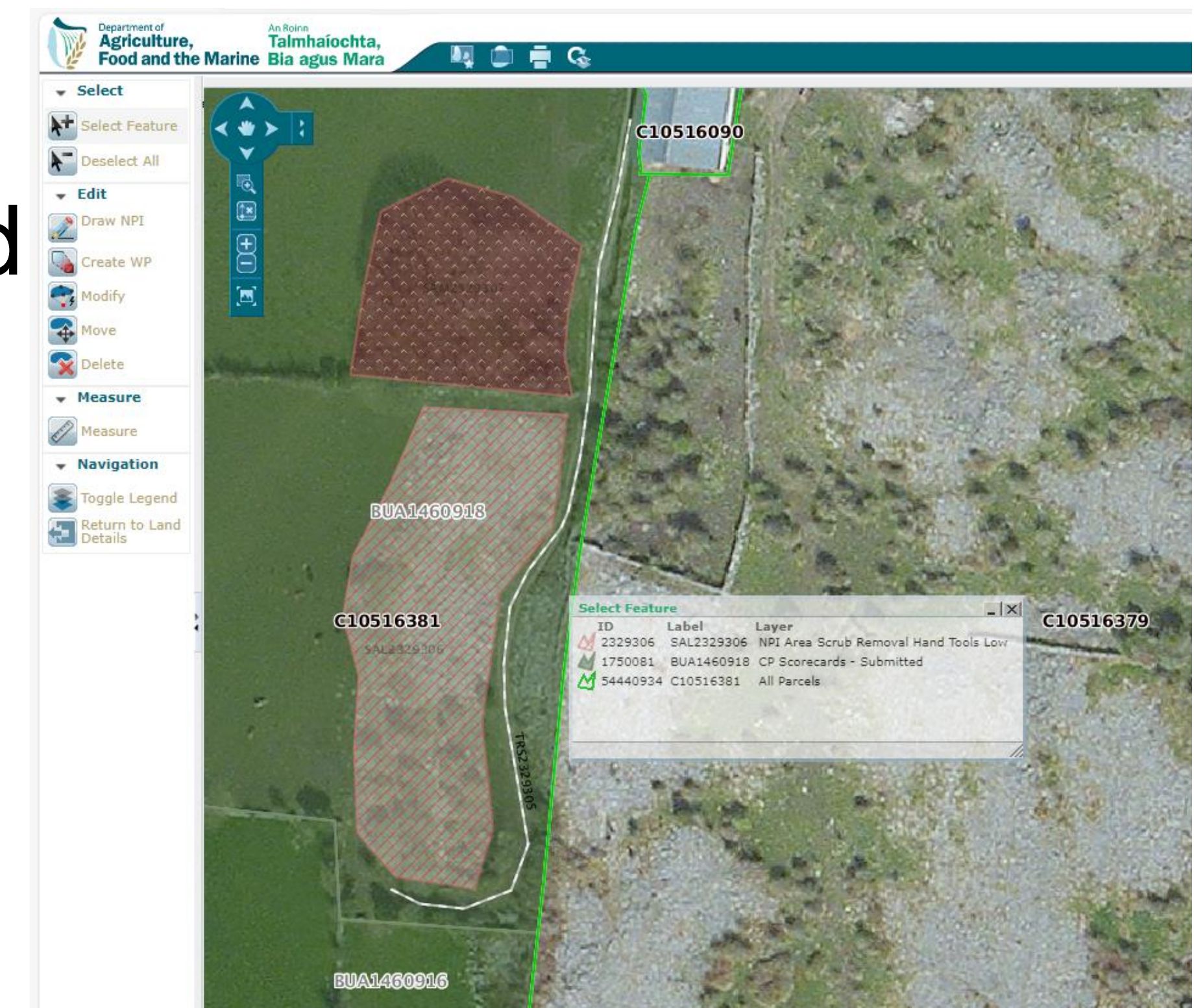
- Bracken Strimming
- Bracken Mechanical
- Area Scrub Removal Hand Tools High
- Area Scrub Removal Hand Tools Med
- Area Scrub Removal Hand Tools Low
- Area Scrub Removal Hand Tools Scattered



Burren/Aran only NPIs



- Area Scrub Removal Hand Tools High
- Area Scrub Removal Hand Tools Med
- Area Scrub Removal Hand Tools Low
- Area Scrub Removal Hand Tools Scattered
- Strip 2m Scrub Removal Hand Tools High
- Strip 2m Scrub Removal Hand Tools Low
- Strip 4m Scrub Removal Hand Tools High
- Strip 4m Scrub Removal Hand Tools Low
- Track Re-Surfacing Gravel



Screening



- NPI actions go through screening process
- Any NPI can be subject to a site visit
- NPI will pass or fail the screening process
- Plan status on GLAM
 - Screening Decision - Approve
 - Screening Decision - Partially Approve
 - Screening Decision - Reject
- Data goes to Ag Schemes ACRES where some final Pre Approval Validations are run

Approval



- DAFM Issue NPI-AWP 2023 Approval Letter
- & NPI-AWP Approval Summary Pdf (map)
 - *Example: Applicant gets approval letter in April 2024*
 - *Have until December 2025 to claim*
- Only one claim per approved NPI-AWP
- Most NPIs once installed NPI-works complete-submit claim (Claimed plans, subject to inspection)

Claim for payment



- once works complete - submit claim

Type	Label	Action Length (m)	
NPI Track Re-Surfacing Gravel	TRS2329305	201.59	Complete Claim
NPI Riparian Margin	RM2329308	103.75	Complete Claim
NPI Planting New Hedgerows	PNH2329503	48.72	Complete Claim

Type	Label	Claimed Quantity	
NPI Water Troughs	WTr2329311	1	-----
NPI Pasture Pumps	PaP2329310	1	Complete Claim
NPI Riparian Margin Tree planting	RTP2329505	10	Complete Claim
NPI Riparian Margin Tree planting	RTP2329309	10	Complete Claim
NPI Barn Owl/Kestrel Nest Box	Owl2329502	1	-----

Time Sensitive NPIs



NPI	NPI AWP Approval Date - NPI delivered in the year of approval	NPI AWP Approval Date - NPI delivered in the year following approval	Deadline to withdraw NPI action
NPI Bracken Strimming	on or before 15 May	after 15 May	15th June
NPI Bracken Mechanical	on or before 15 May	after 15 May	15th June
NPI Wild Bird Cover Plot	on or before 15 May	after 15 May	30th June
NPI Wild Bird Cover Strip	on or before 15 May	after 15 May	30th June
NPI Winter Stubble	on or before 15 May	after 15 May	30th September

- Once approved it is taken that these will be delivered

Bracken

Bracken Strimming/Mechanical

Approved NPI-Taken delivered

Available on CP Only

Submitted scorecard only

Inspected at applicable times





Thank You

Further Questions

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