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Subject: Re: Suggestions for consideration

Hi,

I recently saw an article where compensation is being sought in the next CAP or budget for SAC and SPA lands. I believe NHA lands should also be included as these lands are also subject to restrictions similar to SAC and SPA lands. I own NHA land and have failed to get approval for planting Native woodland establishment. Yet 4.5 hectares of these lands were excluded under the single farm payment scheme. However these 4.5 hectares were subsequently approved for Native Woodland Conservation, which was later withdrawn. This is confusing.

I believe that a Knowledge Transfer programme should be considered so that these land owners will use appropriate experts to advise on beneficial protective policies to protect and enhance the landscape, biodiversity and particularly the rivers, streams and lakes. These rivers, streams and lakes should be monitored by Hydrologists and payments should not be made to land owners where farmers fail to comply with the appropriate tests. I have some deer coming onto the land which is damaging to the woodland regeneration going forward. These lands could become a carbon sink and aid in the reduction of green house gas emissions if they were farmed in an appropriate environmental way. I believe that the stocking density should also be reduced for these lands so that they are not damaged by excessive livestock. I try to farm that portion of my lands in an environmentally way. I also have pheasants in the woodland as well as lots of wildlife. These lands are different and should be treated accordingly.

I also believe that the single farm payment should be capped at 30,000 EURO. Additional payments could be considered for environmentally enhancing schemes. I believe we need a maximum stocking density applied for all land owners if we want to reduce green house gas emissions and control pollution which may be contributing to the increase in admissions with superbugs in our hospitals. It should be noted that these anti microbial resistant bacteria have the potential to kill 50 million by 2050. We have had no new antibiotics in the last 30 years. I believe some of the CAP funding should be allocated to research for the development of new antibiotics to deal with this problem. The global patent has been reduced by the EU Commission from 15 years to five years, because it was submitted that it was anti competitive and was in breach of Competition law. the pharmaceutical companies are more concerned with their shareholders than patients

I wish you well in your deliberations.

Kind Regards,

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