Title: Countryside Stewardship Mid Tier Agreement Extension Offer: v1.0

Subject: Countryside Stewardship Mid Tier (CSMT) – we are inviting you to extend your agreement enter agreement reference

SBI: enter SBI

Agreement reference: enter CSMT agreement reference

Business name: enter Business name

Our ref: CSMT 25 extension (v1.0) + enter CRM reference

Dear Sir or Madam

Your current CSMT agreement is due to end on 31 December 2025. Please respond to this email by 27 November 2025.

We are inviting you to extend your current agreement for a further 12 months, until 31 December 2026. This means you can continue to deliver important environmental outcomes and receive payments.

Your extended agreement will include all the revenue options in your current agreement. You cannot use this extension offer to make amendments to your agreement.

Your extended agreement will not include:

- revenue options which last for less than 5 years and are due to expire
- capital works that have not yet been completed and claimed for by the time the extension starts

What you need to do

Read the <u>CSMT extension guidance</u> on GOV.UK to check you can meet the obligations of the extension.

When you have read the guidance and confirmed you are eligible, please reply to this email to tell us whether you want to accept or decline your CSMT agreement extension offer by 27 November 2025.

If you are unable to reply to our email, you can post your decision to the address below. Please include your SBI and agreement reference, at the top of this email, on anything you send to us. We recommend that you send any post via First Class to make sure we receive it on time.

By accepting a CSMT agreement extension, you are making a legal declaration that you will continue to meet your current CSMT obligations on the land in your agreement for a further 12 months and are eligible to do so.

If you do not tell us that you want to accept your extension offer by 27 November 2025, we will withdraw your extension offer and your agreement will end as planned on 31 December 2025

Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

If you have parcels in your agreement which are within a SSSI and you want to extend the agreement, you will need to <u>request SSSI consent</u> from Natural England and send the consent to RPA when you receive it. You can accept your agreement extension offer before you do this, but you must not carry out any work on the SSSI until you have secured consent.

If you have any questions about this email

You can contact us in one of the following ways:

- reply directly to this email
- complete a query form in the <u>Rural Payments service</u> to do this, sign in to your Rural Payments account and go to 'Create or view a query'
- call us on 03000 200 301 (Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm)

Yours faithfully

Karen McKimmie Service Delivery

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