Catchment Sensitive Farming Assessment Form

To be completed by Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) where its support & approval is required by applicants, for certain capital items and options, before they can apply for Countryside Stewardship (CS) Capital Grant or CS Mid-Tier.

This form must be completed by CSF, external supplier working on behalf of CSF or a CSF partner, prior to the application deadline and then submitted by the applicant to the Rural Payments Agency (RPA).

Applicant name	Samantha Mitchener
Farm Business name	Shane Mitchener Ltd.
CPH number	45/149/0088
SBI Number	111776606
Farm address and postcode	Marr Green Farm, Collingbourne Road, Burbage, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 3RT
WFD Water Management Catchment	Hampshire Avon
River Basin District	Wessex – South West
Form completed by: (CSFA or external supplier)	
Name	William Razey
Company if applicable	CSF
E mail address	
Telephone number	
Any additional comments	
Pollutant priorities and pressures:	

Pollutant priorities in the catchment as targeted by CSF:

Water quality in the Hampshire Avon catchment is impacted by diffuse agricultural water pollution. The water quality concerns that exist in the Hampshire Avon catchment are elevated levels of nutrients (phosphates & nitrates), sediments, faecal indicator organisms (FIO) and some pesticide issues. Diffuse pollution from agriculture is cited as one of the reasons for these elevated levels and issues.

Nutrient enrichment of surface waters can cause an increase in plant and algal growth and in excessive cases lead to the eutrophication of watercourses. The main diffuse pollution issues arising from agriculture in the Hampshire Avon catchment are linked to slurry and manure management, land use and farm infrastructure.

This catchment, is considered one of the most biologically diverse chalk rivers in Britain, supporting habitats and species that are rare or threatened on an international scale.

Farm description:

Marr Green Farm is primarily a beef and calf rearing enterprise. The herd consists of approx. 300-400 livestock, mostly angus. The farm makes use of it's own buildings and land for grazing and housing. When housed, livestock are loose housed on an FYM based system. However, this farm is surrounded by large areas of arable land. A good number of the surrounding farms have

SSSI or similar diverse grassland habitats which require grazing livestock to maintain. Marr Green Farm provide a great service to surrounding habitat maintenance by providing grazing for farms without livestock.

Pollutant pressures on farm i.e. water, air, natural flood management:

Marr Green Farm sits in a high priority area for water quality, has land in both high and medium priority areas for flood risk management and sits in a NVZ. The key priority pollutants for Marr Green Farm are surface water nitrates, sediments and phosphates. The closest water course is the river Bourne which is approx. 170m from the yard for the proposed options.

The following items & / or options are approved by CSF for inclusion in a CS agreement:

CS Item / option code (e.g. RP15)	Field Number (e.g. AB 1234 5678)	Max agreed total to be applied for (e.g. 20m, 20m², 2m³, 2 units)	Additional text to be included in agreement document e.g., description of item / option, what is being covered, reference to any specific conditions set out in this form below etc.
RP15	SU2360 1251	700m²	*The RP15 concrete must be laid as per the requirements and technical specifications in the capital grants manual.* *Do not roof over (even at your own expense) an outside yard receiving grant aid through this item.* *Ensure any relevant advice or consents are obtained before construction.* *If yard is 'clean' with some light soil, settle runoff into a sediment trap to remove sediment and discharge to a soakaway. Alternatively shed concrete into French drains and soakaway.* *Yard runoff should be settled to remove any sediment prior to entering highway drainage.* *Areas of yard where livestock frequently stand are classed as 'dirty' and runoff from this yard must be directed to the dirty water system or slurry store.*

			Do not allow dirty water from fouled yards to contaminate clean yards. *Do not store silage/Farmyard Manure on any concrete funded through countryside stewardship.* *Take before, during and after photos to evidence the construction is the correct depth/specification* *The area must be re-measured once work has been completed prior to completing/ submitting the claim form*

Any other supporting information or documents – please include a map or annotated aerial photograph to confirm the location of the approved capital items & / or options which have been agreed

Yard plan of proposed RP15, including drainage plan:

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Parcel details

Shane Mitchener limited

Parcel ID: SU2360 1251

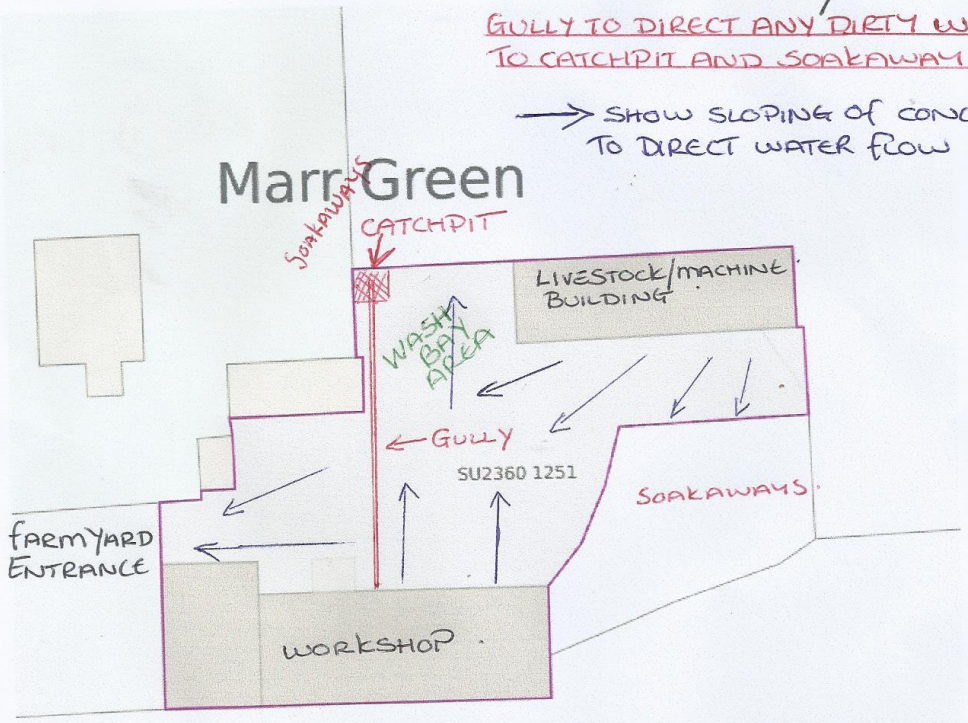
This is a summary of the land parcel information Rural Payments currently holds for this land.

Summary	
BPS eligible area (ha)	0.00
Total area (ha)	0.11

FARMYARD 700m² / 0.07 HECTARES.

GULLY TO DIRECT ANY DIRTY WATER TO CATCHPIT AND SOAKAWAY

→ SHOW SLOPING OF CONCRETE TO DIRECT WATER FLOW



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Photograph of proposed area for RP15:



Additional requirements:

Planning Permission – *Some capital items e.g., buildings, concreting etc. will require evidence of planning permission or confirmation from the relevant planning authority that it is not needed. Therefore, applicants will need to refer to the relevant CS specification and submit the relevant evidence with their grant claim where required.*

Public Right of Way *- If any works affect a public right of way applicants will need to contact the relevant highways authority to discuss the proposal and seek any necessary consents or support.*

Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Scheduled Monuments (SM) – *Where either a SSSI or SM are present on the farm, the relevant land parcels must be included within a CS Mid Tier agreement, and an appropriate option placed on them where available.*

CSF score (if approved)

High		**Medium**	**X**	**Low**	

Justification to support the CSF approval and score or reasons for declining:		
ALERT probable overland flow pathway map:		



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Form completed by:		
Name:	**William Razey**	
Signed:		**Date: 15/11/2023**
Countersigned by CSF where applicable:		
	N/A	
		Date

This approval will be valid for up to 24 months from the date of CSF signature, provided that the details relating to the items and options which were approved have not changed.