



**Catchment
Sensitive
Farming**

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Catchment Sensitive Farming Assessment Form

Applicant name	Chris Gallop
Farm Business name	C J & K J Gallop
CPH number	45/143/0147
SBI Number	106880486
Farm address, postcode and telephone number(s)	Oakwood Farm, Upper Minety, Wiltshire, SN16 9PY
WFD Water Management Catchment	Gloucestershire and The Vale
River Basin District	South East and Thames
Form completed by:	
Name	Michael Borchart
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Pollutant priorities and pressures:	
Pollutant priorities in the catchment as targeted by CSF (for some or all of the holding area):	
Nitrates: Nitrate Vulnerable Zone, Surface Water Nitrate priority area	
Pesticides: Y (medium and high priority areas – surface water pesticides)	
Sediment: N	
Phosphates: Y (medium and high priority areas)	
Flood Risk Management: Some land in Flood Zones 2 and 3	
Groundwater: Some land in Kemble Forest Marble ground waterbody area	
Farm description:	
Oakwood Farm is a dairy enterprise with approximately 450 livestock including milking cows and youngstock. All cattle are housed on straw, the milking cows cubicle housed. Milking is twice daily; the yard includes slurry storage and clamped and baled silage is produced. Approximately 250 acres is owner – occupied with the holding and this land is all located around Minety, a further 100-150 acres is rented. As well as the grass, some wheat is grown on the holding. Predominantly, there are slowly permeable loamy and clayey soils in this area.	
Pollutant pressures on farm i.e. water, air, natural flood management:	

Water quality is a significant pressure, with strong surface water connectivity across large areas of the holding (and in some areas, the permeable soils over the ground waterbody) meaning the risk of pollutant losses to both surface and groundwater receptors needs to be minimised.

With a large number of housed livestock and the dairy system producing slurry, it is important to ensure all dirty water / slurry being produced is contained in storage, and that this is compliant with the requirements under the Storing Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil regulations ([SSAFO](#))- in terms of store construction and capacity.

Away from the yard, it is important to minimise areas of bare ground (including poaching from livestock) because this can result in mobilised sediment and contaminated runoff towards nearby surface water receptors. Fertilisers need to be carefully managed both when stored and during application, to minimise the risk of these being lost to the environment.

The following items are supported and approved by CSF for inclusion in a possible Capital Grants offer:

Capital Grant Item code	Field Number	Max agreed total to be applied for	Value of grant (£)	Additional text to be included in a possible Capital Grant offer e.g. description of item, what is being covered etc.
RP4	SU0092 8122 (160 metres), SU0092 1822 (230 metres), SU0092 3028 (130 metres)	520 metres	£23207.60	Hardcore track
TOTAL			£23207.60	

Any other supporting information or documents

Plan of works

- The applicant proposes two lengths of hardcore track, for frequently used routes moving livestock on the holding, these currently having an unmade surface.
- Track section 1 is a length of 160 metres through parcel SU0092 8122. This will provide a continuation from an existing track south of this parcel, back towards the yard. Going straight through this parcel, the applicant considered different route options, and this is by far the shortest option across this parcel and for accessing surrounding land parcels.
- Track section 2 is a length of 360 metres through parcels SU0092 1822 and SU0092 3028. There is road access at the west edge of 1822 and this track section will provide effective access to the surrounding grazing parcels. The track route is adjacent to the field boundary in both these parcels.



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Proposed track routes shown in red above.

Site visit photos

Track section 1:

The site visit was taken during a prolonged dry period, even so there was evidence of ground damage currently occurring with livestock movements (and vehicular movements to access the livestock) in this area of the holding. The bare ground is evident in the photos below, this increasing the risk of contaminated runoff and sediment (and sediment bound phosphate) being lost to nearby receptors.



Surface water connectivity in parcel 8122 where this track section has been proposed is significant, including a ditch along the southern edge of the parcel (in the tree line in the photo below left) and at the north end of the proposed track.

There is also a ditch approximately halfway along and perpendicular to the proposed track route. This was dry during the visit, but the applicant explained there can be significant flow here, and that they plan to construct a culvert in this section. This area is shown in the photo below right – a depression in the field is clear.



Track section 2:

Again, there was evidence of some ground damage in this area, and there is significant surface water connectivity. In the photo below left, there is a ditch adjacent to the treeline on the left (running along the edge of both parcels) and also a ditch in the treeline at the far end of the parcel (this being the boundary between 1822 and 3028, the ditch is already culverted at the parcel boundary).





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ALERT mapping has been included below for both track sections, and this provides further context of surface water connectivity in these areas of the holding. Track section 1 is shown on the left, and section 2 on the right. Both track sections are in relatively flat areas of the holding, with significant slopes limited to field features and therefore a limited number of overland flow pathways (though there are some particularly around the second track section). Some of the ditch sections described previously in this report are not included on these outputs, but despite this, there are ditch sections shown in very close proximity to both proposed tracks. These ditches create connectivity to the [Swill Brook](#), this having a moderate ecological status including high phosphate.



Above: track sections shown with white lines ; blue lines – permanent watercourses ; yellow arrows – overland flow pathways ; yellow / red / purple areas – slope exceeding 3 / 7 / 12 degrees)

Additional requirements:

Please keep all invoices and photo evidence of before and after the works are completed. These should be sent to the RPA once a claim is ready to be made.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure they comply with all relevant regulations and Capital Grant guidance (including specific Capital Grant option requirements) with the proposed works.

Documents for applicant

- [Applicant's guide: Capital Grants 2025 - GOV.UK](#)

RP4 hardcore track-

- In view of the soil type in this area the applicant has been advised that a geotextile membrane will be required.
- With both track sections having little slope, cross drains will not be required to control runoff. A slight continual camber on the track will shed water and this should be into vegetation (grassland beside the track).

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.



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Justification to support the above approval or reasons for declining:

The proposed tracks will address the current issue of ground damage and bare ground occurring, from which sediment (and bound phosphate) contaminated runoff can result. Given the proximity to ditches and ultimately the connectivity with the Swill Brook, the hardcore surface preventing bare ground will minimise the risk to that sensitive receptor. With the high phosphate status of the Swill brook, and phosphates being targeted in this area, the proposal will help to address local pollutant priorities.

Form completed by:

CSF Adviser: Michael Borchart

Date: 31/07/2025

Countersigned by CSF (where this form has been completed by an external supplier working on behalf of CSF)

N/A

Date N/A

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