

Template 2B

Northern Ireland Future Agricultural Policy Framework Consultation Response.

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I firmly support the retention of entitlements as the basis of direct support until and beyond the new Agricultural Policy Framework, as it believes that direct support through CAP payments has been critical in maintaining, sustaining and growing the local industries competitiveness, provided assurances and confidence to the sector and going beyond Brexit will continue to be important to the industry. Also, the Framework should clearly identify and maintain the level of entitlements including the basic rate payment to be retained as an area-based payment and not linked to headage or production, to help sustain and grow the rural communities, required for the ten years post Brexit through domestic resources.

I recognise the importance of the Young Farmer, the need to incentivise this grouping to keep them in the industry, which will be critical to help maintain the future sustainability and growth of the industry. This payment should continue for as long as the participants are eligible (five years) from a direct fund rather than a reserve, and this scheme should continue for new participants into the future and post Brexit. The Council believes the Framework should identify the additional funding required to deliver this initiative post Brexit for a period of ten years.

This has been consulted upon previously, it should not be rolled back in any future proposals.

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I would welcome this approach with industry engagement with formal training initiatives (up to level 2 attainment and not the Level 3 as mentioned in your consultation Framework Document), again consideration must be given to peripheral areas, small farms and areas of disadvantage, it is suggested new support must be above and beyond the existing investment (funding) and there is a need for on line delivery and the use of new technologies. It is suggested that an indicative budget

should be included in the Framework for this work.

I recognise the challenges faced by the local industry and uncertainty brought about by fluctuating costs, extreme weather and animal and crop disease, the farm resilience support measure needs to be in place but recognising as a priority those smaller farms, and those at highest risk (peripheral and poorer land quality) and to have plan/ arrangements in place to react much quicker. The failure to react quickly in providing the resilience support will very often lead to farms collapsing. It is suggested that an indicative budget should be included in the Framework for basic farm resilience support and this will bring about assurance and confidence in the industry.

I support the reinstatement of ANC Schemes, that would help mitigate against some shocks.

I firmly believe arrangements must be in place to react much quicker, provide guidelines and a national/ financial resource must be immediately available and easily accessible for such circumstances. It is suggested that an indicative budget should be included in the Framework for this work and this will bring about assurance and confidence in the industry.

I recognise that the farm resilience support measure must be in place but recognising and giving priority to those smaller farms, and those at higher risk (peripheral, poorer land quality and disadvantage) and having arrangements in place to react much quicker. It is this sector that if not supported through this scheme would be likely not to survive, with direct and indirect impact on their rural communities. Again, it is suggested that an indicative budget, easily accessible should be included in the Framework for this work and this will help bring about assurance and confidence in the industry.

I would disagree with the introduction of anti-cyclical/insurance type measure whether sector specific as it would be to the disadvantage of those in peripheral areas, smaller farmers, disadvantaged etc, that they would be challenged with additional insurance costs and if they were unable to finance would be vulnerable to an unforeseen crisis and the financial consequences. Again, it is suggested that an indicative budget should be included in the Framework for this work and this will help bring about assurance and confidence in the industry.

All Agricultural budgets should be ring fenced so that the farming industry can have some sort of security in the future otherwise farming as we know it will die.

I would support the reintroduction of the ANC scheme for farmers in the severely disadvantaged areas to sustain the farming industry on marginal land.

Signed:

Dated: _____

The names of individuals who responded using this variation of Template 2

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Paul	Smyth
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