

## Environmentally Sensitive Areas Information Sheet

### South Wessex Downs ESA

This sheet contains essential information for farmers about the South Wessex Downs ESA. It should be read in conjunction with the booklet *Guidelines for Farmers*.

You will need to refer to this information when making an application for a Management Agreement or Conservation Plan (Forms ERDP/GEN1 and ERDP/ESA1) in the South Wessex Downs ESA.

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#### Tiers and Payment Rates

|                |   |             |                              |   |             |
|----------------|---|-------------|------------------------------|---|-------------|
| Tier 1 Part 1  | – All Land  | £8 per ha   | Tier 2 Part 2                | – Reversion of Arable Land to Permanent Grassland | £230 per ha |
| Tier 1 Part 2  | – Permanent Grassland (for existing agreement holders only) | £35 per ha  | Tier 2 Part 3                | – Conservation Headlands                          | £80 per ha  |
| Tier 1 Part 2A | – Improved Permanent Grassland                              | £11 per ha  | Tier 2 Part 4                | – Permanent Grassland Enhancement                 | £80 per ha  |
| Tier 1 Part 2B | – Low Input Permanent Grassland                             | £42 per ha  | Extensive Grazing Supplement |   | £60 per ha  |
| Tier 1 Part 3  | – Downland Turf   | £65 per ha  | Woodland Tier                |   | £17 per ha  |
| Tier 2 Part 1  | – Downland Turf Creation                                    | £330 per ha | Public Access Tier           |   | £350 per ha |



