

MEENESTER'S FORRIT

Less Favourit Airts (LFAs) mak' ap a baag pairt o' oor fairm lan' i the Noarth an ir hame tae the feck o' oor suck coos an breedin' yowes, forebye monie o' oor maist veluable habitats an bonny leukin lan'scapes. They ir a veluable asset fer the airt an hit's gyely important at onie government hefts ansuer the needs o' LFAs, bes richtly airted an' bes saen tae bae guid velue fer catter.

I wrochtin oot an' cairryin oot this review o' heftin arrangements fer the LFAs , mae Depairtment hes gaithered an' leuked aa a gye braid range o' evidence an' wittens tae infoarm the need fer, an' the contribution o', onie LFA hefts i tims tae cum. I daein thon we hae thocht aboot the ap cummin changes tae EU laa at governs the nattu o' LFA hefts. Forebye thon we hae leuked fer the notions o' oor stakehoulders aboot thon process. Thae notions wur significant an' gyely veluable. A wairmly welcum thon engagement an' leuk forrit tae thair oangaein active involvement es pairt o' the policy development process.

The review paiper sets oot the beckgrun tae the gien o' LFA hefts an' haes a comprehensive an' detailed boadie o' evidence. Fae thon evidence base, the futtur roull o' hefts hes bein wrocht oot an' fower differ approaches tae futtur LFA hefts hae bein put forrit. Noo we need tae tak' the notions o' es braid a range o' stakehoulders es bes possible oan the analysis we hae carriet oot an' the chuses pit forrit. A wud ax onieboadie wantin' tae get a summin' ap o' aa the evidence an' chuses pit forrit tae raid Chapter 12 o' this paiper.

Alangside cairryin oot this review, the Depairtment bes maakin inpits forebye tae a review o' the designation o' LFAs bein' led bae the EU Commission. The mair at thon bes a a differ process fae the review o' LFA hefts gien wi' this paiper baith issues ir sib. Thon's fer wie, i maakin a final decision aboot futtur LFA hefts, A wul gie richtfu consideration tae the apcummin conclusions o' the EU re-designation process an hits possible implications.

This bes a gyely important consultation fer thaim lee'in i kintra airts i the Noarth an A wud ax aa boadies an' consairns at hae an intherest i the issue tae think lang aboot baith the evidence an' the chuses gien an' tae let iz hae yer notions.



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