

15a. What kind of options for arable farmland wildlife do you have that are funded by AE schemes? (please bear in mind that not all of these might be available to you now)

- Floristically enhanced grass margins
 - Unharvested cereals
 - Beetle banks
- Rotational wild bird cover (1-2 years)
- Permanent wild-flower cover (minimum five years)
- Cultivated uncropped margin for rare arable flora/weeds
 - Conservation headlands (low input cereal headlands)
- Supplementary overwinter food for wintering birds
 - Stubbles with cover crops
- Methods for predation management (such as fencing for nests)
 - Other

15b. Which of these additional AE measures for arable farmland wildlife would you be interested in taking up, if they were available to you? (please choose a maximum of five)

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16. What are the main reasons you have taken up AE schemes for arable farmland wildlife? (please choose a maximum of five)

- Good value for money
- Improve the image of my farm
- Help the environment (e.g. water, air, climate)
 - Help the fauna and flora on my farm
 - For shooting interests
 - Due to input from an advisor
 - Help control pests
 - Help to improve my soil
- Creates an added value for my produce (for example through a wildlife label)
 - It makes me feel good about my farm
 - Little extra work for the money
 - Measures fit easily in my farm
 - Solution for my less productive arable land
 - To have a fixed basic income
 - Other

- 17. To what extent do you agree with the following statements regarding the inspection of AE schemes for arable farmland?
 - I am happy with the current inspection system
 - I think some form of inspection is necessary
- I feel that I have more inspections than farmers without AE schemes
- Inspectors should give prompt feedback (positive or negative)
 - I want the inspector's report within the financial year
 - AE scheme inspectors should have leeway
- Inspections could be carried out by individuals other than governmental inspectors (e.g. non-governmental bodies)
- I would like to nominate the individual/organization who comes to inspect me
- I want to be able to correct mistakes within a certain period to avoid penalties
 - I prefer to do self-assessment
 - I would prefer that inspections are done by using a satellite system.
 - My advisor(s) should be present during an inspection

18. What kind of advice is needed when entering arable farmland AE schemes? (please tick the top five that apply)

- Option choice
- Practical management of measures
 - Legal aspects
 - Financial implications
 - Environmental benefits
- How does the AE scheme benefit wildlife
 - To optimize the game on my farm
- I don't think advice is important generally
 - I don't need advice
 - I don't have an opinion on this
 - Other

19a. Would you pay for advice?

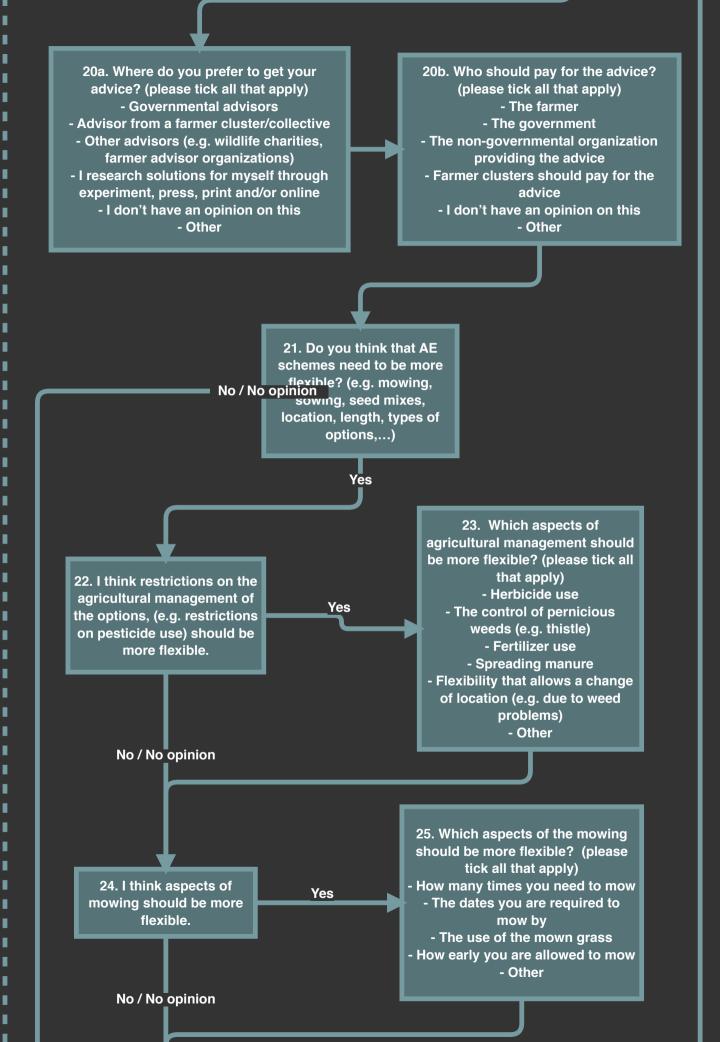
- Yes
- No.
- I don't have an opinion on this
 - Other

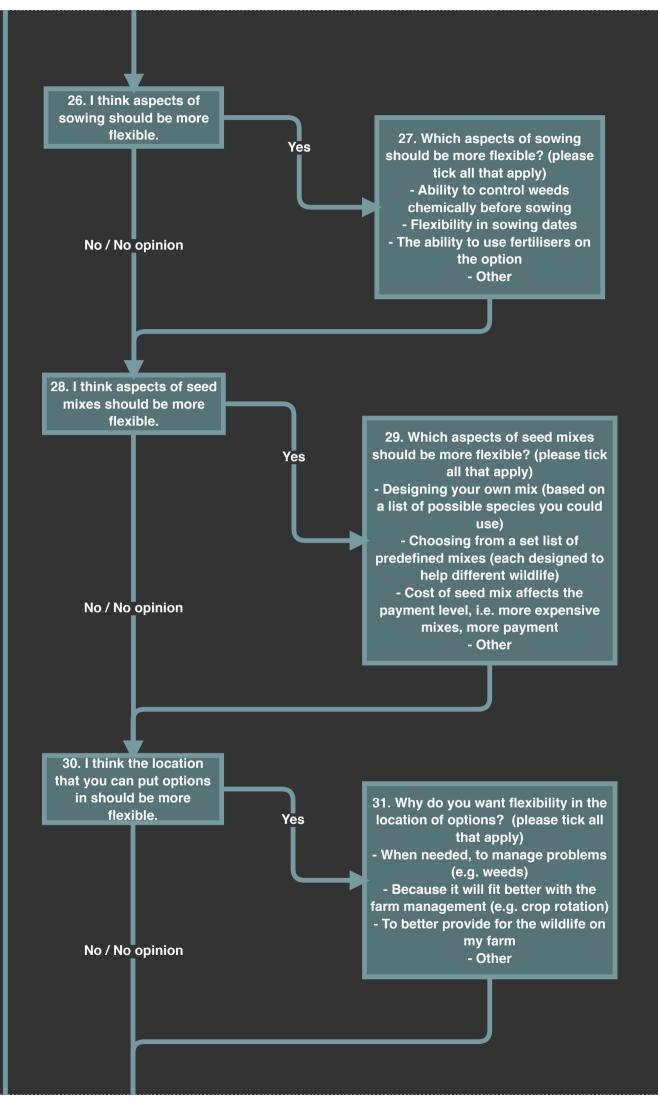
19b. Is it important to have an advisor available throughout the course of your AE scheme agreement?

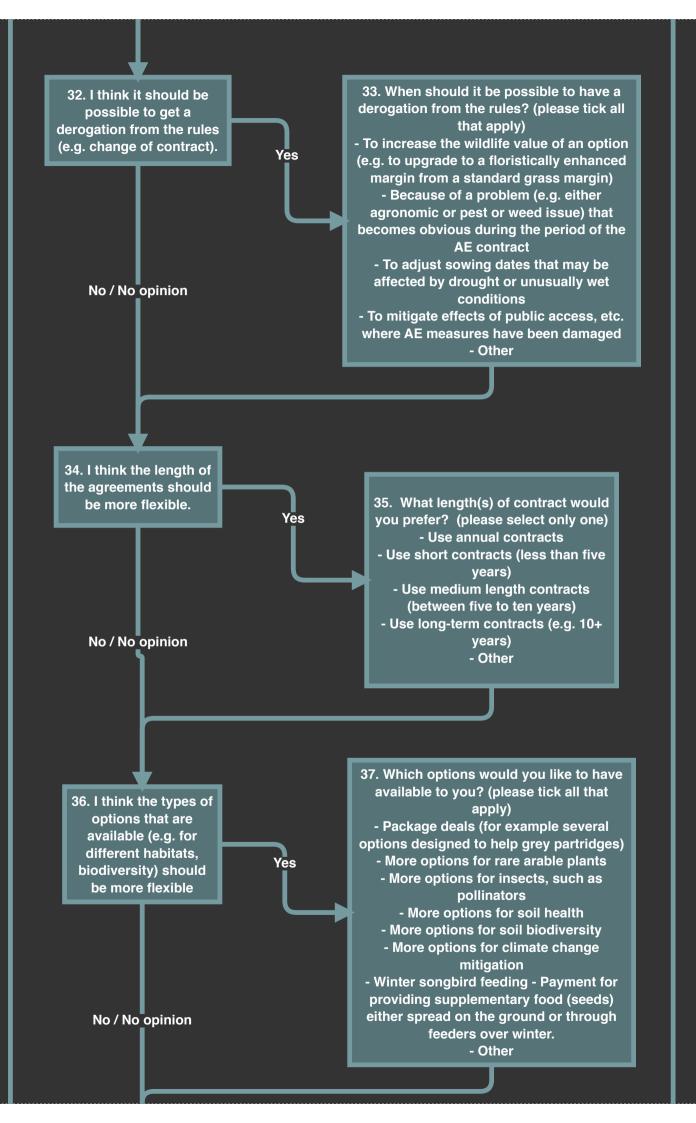
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- No
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 - Other

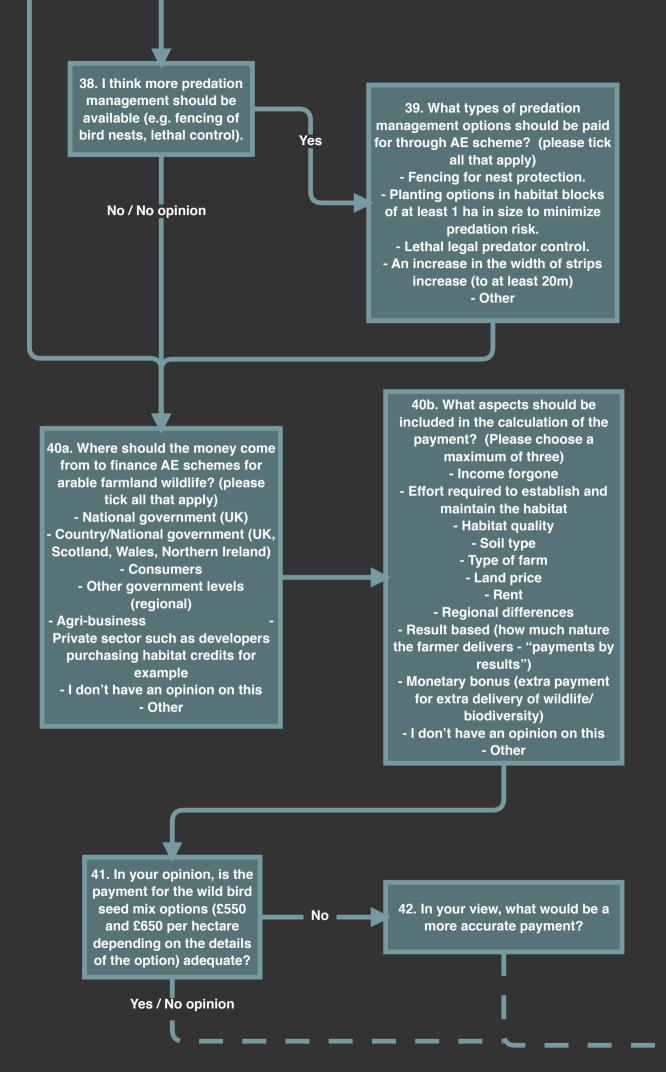
19c. How often would you like advice?

- Once a year
- Two or three times a year
- Only when starting an AE scheme
 - When I request it
- I don't have an opinion on this
 - Other









43. Why don't you have AE options for arable farmland wildlife? (please tick all that apply)

- I have never heard of AE schemes
- I already do measures for the environment for free
 - I have applied for AE schemes but was not successful
- AE schemes for arable wildlife are not available in my area
- I know about AE schemes, but I am not interested in joining them
 - I had an AE scheme for arable farmland wildlife in the past, but it didn't work for me

- Other

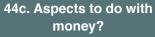
44. What would persuade you to take up AE options for arable farmland? (please tick all that apply)

44a. Aspects to do with bureaucracy?

- Fewer inspections or other means of control
 - Self-assessment instead of inspection
- If it was possible to join AE schemes in your region
 - Less administration
 - Lower penalties
- No long-term legal restrictions when the AE scheme contract comes to an end
- Permission of the landowner that owns the land / farm
 More trust in the government
- The ability to shoot on the AE option (in some regions and countries shooting is not allowed on the area managed in an AE scheme option)
- If land in AE schemes could count towards my greening requirement
- If I were assured that I would not receive an unwanted nature designation

44b. Aspects to do with flexibility?

- More flexible contracts (for example length of the contract, timing of contract)
- More flexibility in the management of options (for example, dates of ploughing, weed problems)
- A way to help distribute any excess manure that would be produced (restrictions apply in some areas regarding the spreading of farmyard manure on land in AE scheme)



- Higher payments
- Payments for results
- If the payment was reliably paid

44d. Aspects to do with advice?

- Better written information
- If better face-to-face advice on these measures was available to me

44e. Aspects to do with the results of AE options for arable farmland?

- If there were AE options that fit the conditions of my farm
 - If I could work together with other farmers
- If there was measurable evidence that AE schemes deliver more wildlife
- Increased recognition from society for having AE options
- If these options would increase the value of my produce (e.g. through a wildlife label)
- If these options would result in more wild game on my land

44f. Other

45. If it were possible or the circumstances on your farm/shoot area were different, what kind of AE options for arable farmland wildlife would you choose? (please bear in mind that not all of these might be available to you now)

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- 46. To what extent would you agree with the following statements regarding the inspection of AE schemes for arable farmland.
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47. What kind of advice would you need when entering arable farmland AE schemes? (please tick all that apply)

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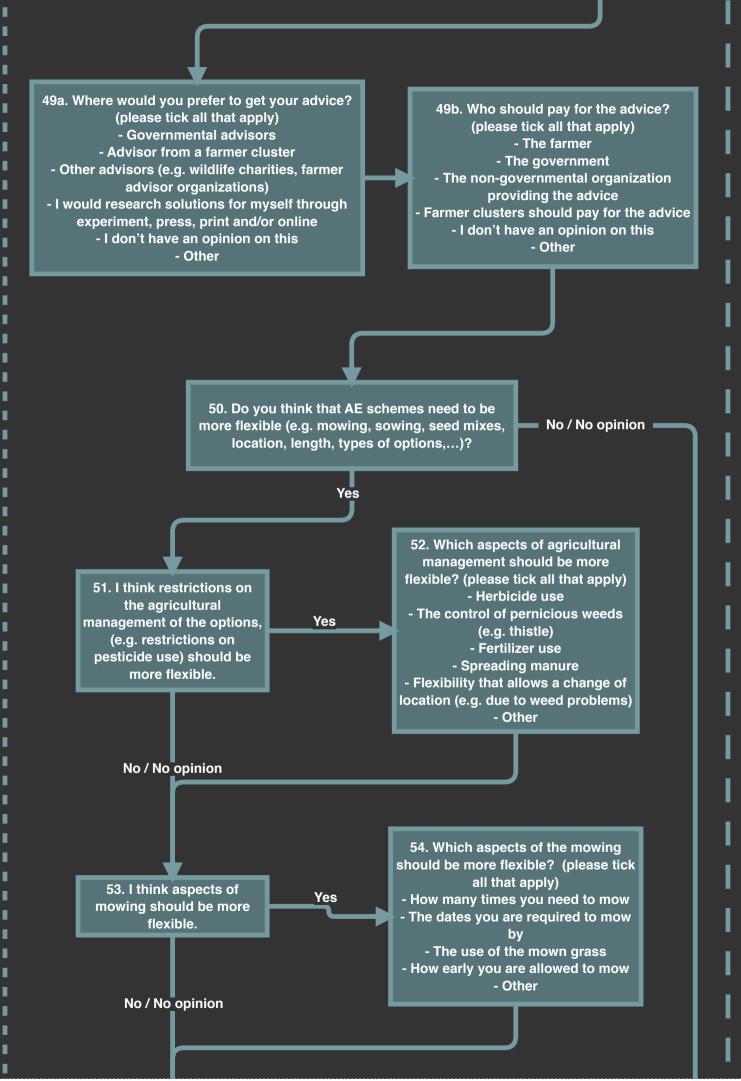
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 - Other

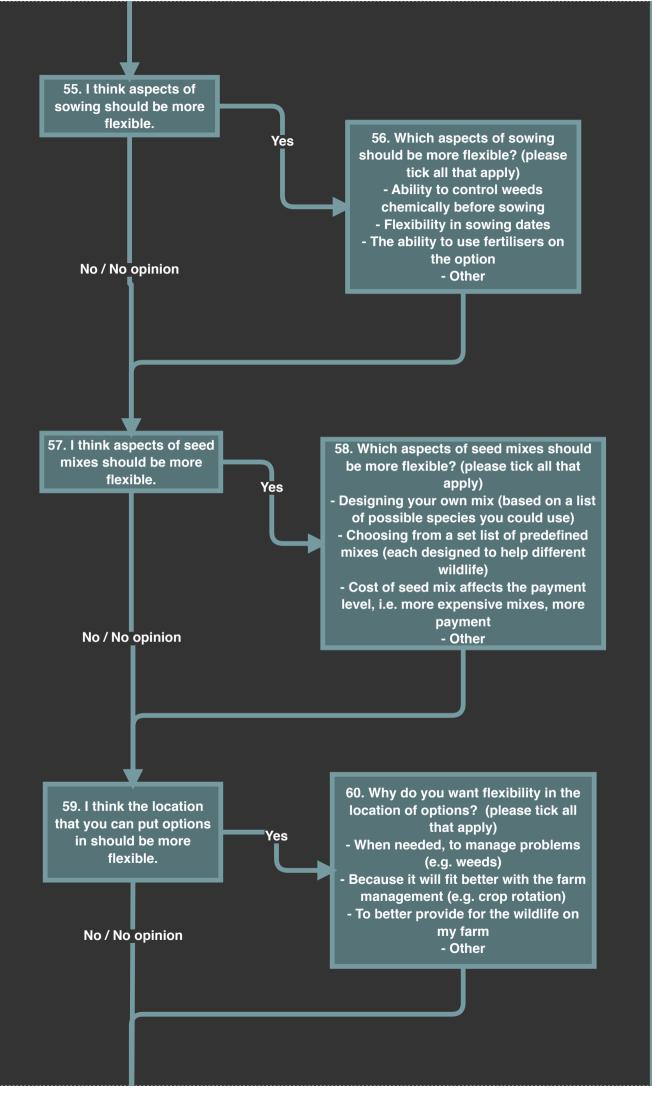
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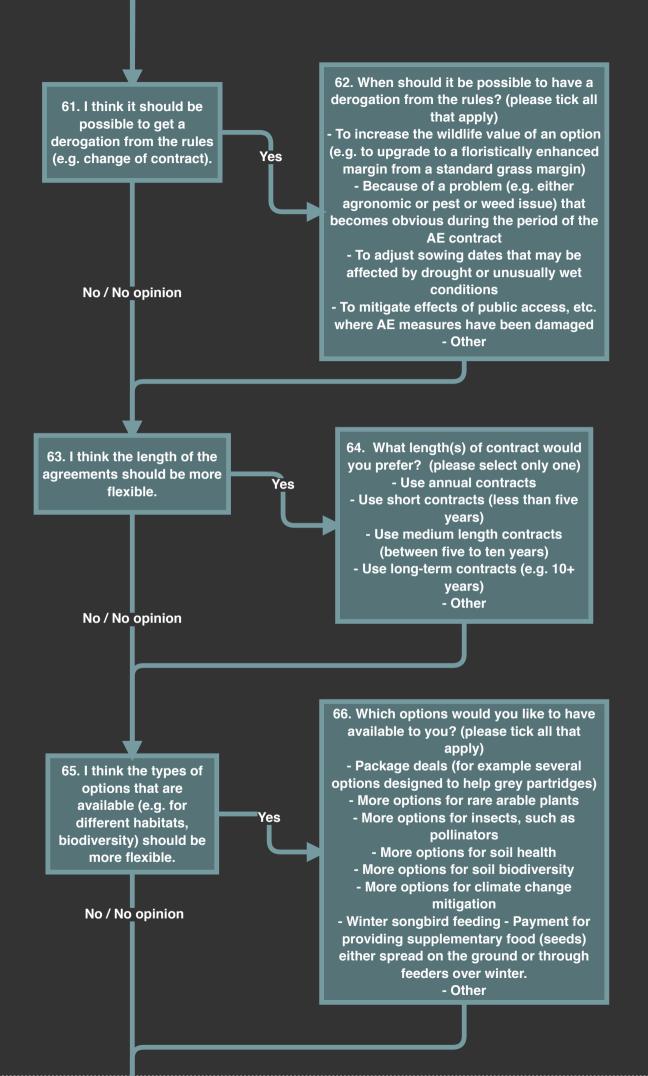
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48c. How often would you like advice?

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 - Other







67. I think more predation management should be available (e.g. fencing of bird nests, lethal control).

68. What types of predation management options should be paid for through AE scheme? (please tick all that apply)

- Fencing for nest protection.
- Planting options in habitat blocks of at least 1 ha in size to minimize predation risk.
 - Lethal legal predator control.
 - An increase in the width of strips increase (to at least 20m)
 - Other

No / No opinion

69a. Where should the money come from to finance AE schemes for arable farmland wildlife? (please tick all that apply)

Yes

- National government (UK)
- Country/National government (UK, Scotland, Wales, Nortern Ireland)
 - Consumers
 - Other government levels (regional)
 - Agri-business
 - Private sector such as developers purchasing habitat credits for example
 - I don't have an opinion on this
 - Other

69b. What aspects should be included in the calculation of the payment? (Please choose a maximum of three)

- Income forgone
- Effort required to establish and maintain the habitat
 - Habitat quality
 - Soil type
 - Type of farm
 - Land price
 - Rent
 - Regional differences
- Result based (how much nature the farmer delivers "payment by results")
- Monetary bonus (extra payment for extra delivery of wildlife/biodiversity)
 - I don't have an opinion on this
 - Other

