



Earlier in the year DEFRA published guidance on proposed changes to the future of farm support schemes. The Lake District National Park geographic area is a famous and unique landscape in England. These proposed changes could have a significant impact upon the industry in the Lake District, and the need to look at business resilience and planning is a necessity for all farms in the area

DEFRA released some funding under the Future Farm Resilience Pilot project, through which they have funded 9 projects across England to look at the impact of these changes across farm sectors and investigate what help farmers might need going forward.

SAC Consulting (a division of Scotland's Rural College) has been awarded a pilot project focussing solely on the Lake District National Park area.

How can you get involved?

SAC will be holding 4 Webinars on 1st/2nd/6th/7th October between 7 and 9pm . At these webinars, we will outline the proposed changes and key features of the Agriculture Bill and discuss with you as a group what impacts you feel this will have not just for your own business but those around you. We will also discuss “hot topics” such as Climate Change and Carbon Auditing.

Following these webinars, we have funding for 20 farmers who, on a first come first served basis, can receive a free business review/carbon audit. This will include both financial and environmental factors and provide an individual action plan of points to consider for your business.

Finally, we will finish the project with 2 workshops which will be used to share key findings from the business reviews, allowing other businesses to consider what options they might have going forward. Every farm business is different and there will be no “one size fits all” solution, but these workshops will allow discussion and help businesses to think about what comes next.

These are trial projects, and DEFRA will use the results of the Future Farm Resilience Pilots to develop and plan farm support going forward. As such, we will collect some demographic data when you register for the event, and your business will be asked to complete an entry and exit survey to see how useful you feel the project has been. This is a compulsory element of your involvement. All data is anonymised, and DEFRA will not receive individual details from any one business.

In order to attend the webinars, booking is essential. Please contact us at SAC Kendal on 01539 769059 or by email to bookings@sac.co.uk

Please be aware, we will be required to take some basic information about your business at the time of booking.