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Herd No: L1511014

Opening of the 2026 Basic Income Support for Sustainability and related area-based schemes

A chara,

I am writing to inform you that applications for the 2026 Basic Income Support for Sustainability (BISS) and related area-based schemes are now being accepted. The **closing date** for receipt of applications under these schemes is the **15-May-2026**.

What do you need to do to apply?

In 2026 you must apply for your BISS and area-based payments using the Department's online facility. Please log onto <https://myagfood-client.apps.services.agriculture.gov.ie/> and click on the BISS/area-based schemes link to start your application. Alternatively, you can authorise a Farm Advisory System (FAS) approved advisor to apply on your behalf. To authorise a FAS approved advisor, please see relevant authorisation forms <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/department-of-agriculture-and-foods-online-services/#information-on-agriculture-agents>. For a list of FAS approved Advisors, please see <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/b41a6-farm-advisory-system/#find-a-farm-advisor>.

You should not share your logon details with anyone, including your agricultural advisor. FAS approved advisors have their own logon details for agfood.ie and should submit applications for the various schemes through their own account and not use the individual logon details of farmers.

Before submitting your BISS and related area-based schemes application, you should note the following:

- You should familiarise yourself fully with the **Terms and Conditions** of the BISS and related area-based schemes before completing your application form, as the onus will be on you the applicant(s) to comply fully with them, in order to qualify for payment. A full copy of the Terms and Conditions is available on the Government's website (www.gov.ie), or, alternatively, can be obtained by contacting the Direct Payments Helpdesk on 057 8674422.
- The BISS scheme is paid based on Payment **Entitlements**. If you wish to transfer entitlements to a third party or require a change to the registration details of your herd number (such as adding or removing a name), it will be necessary to complete a 2026 Transfer of Entitlements application on <https://myagfood-client.apps.services.agriculture.gov.ie/>. All entitlements allocated under BISS, and the National Reserve are subject to a two-year usage rule. Any entitlement that remains unused for two consecutive years will revert to the National Reserve. Further information on your payment entitlement position, types of transfers and usage of entitlements is available on <https://myagfood-client.apps.services.agriculture.gov.ie/> and at <https://www.gov.ie/en/service/3f1f2-transferring-farm-entitlements/>.

- Enclosed with this letter you will find a **statement of land** declared by you under the 2025 BISS with associated maps for the land parcel(s) listed. While your enclosed statement of land and maps were correct at the time of printing, the online application system will provide the most up-to-date land details and maps. The enclosed maps should now be examined to identify any new ineligible feature(s) such as buildings, farmyards, quarries or other ineligible area(s) or new eligible areas such as re-claimed land. It is not enough to simply reduce the claimed area on the land parcel(s) i.e., all ineligible feature(s) **should be mapped**. Please submit any mapping changes using the Department's online mapping facility. As the inclusion of ineligible land can impact your payment, please ensure any ineligible land is delineated properly.
- The person claiming the land must be the person farming and/or managing the land i.e., the **Active Farmer**. The farming activities can include meeting a minimum stocking rate (0.10 livestock unit per forage hectare), producing crops, cutting hay/silage, maintaining landscape features etc. If you are not the person farming/managing the land, you should not be declaring the land on your 2026 BISS application.
- All land parcels must be available to you on 31st May 2026, and have an agricultural activity carried out by you on the parcel, for them to be eligible for payment. Please ensure you select the correct crop type for each parcel on your application. Applicants may be asked what agricultural activity they are carrying out on specific parcels. In the case of rented or leased land applicants may be asked to provide a copy of the rental or lease agreement.
- The **Area Monitoring System (AMS)** will monitor all area-based schemes 2026. The AMS will interpret satellite imagery to provide decisions on agricultural activity on all your declared land parcels. If required, you or your FAS approved advisor should respond promptly to any AMS notifications the Department issues during 2026, so as to not delay your payments in 2026.
Applicants and their advisor should check the application for each land parcel to:
 1. Ensure that the correct crop has been claimed,
 2. That any ineligible features, including beneficial features, within the parcel have been correctly delineated, and
 3. That the correct area has been claimed.
- The other area-based schemes covered in the online application system are the Eco-Scheme, Complementary Redistributive Income Support for Sustainability (CRISS), Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers (CISYF), Protein Aid, ANC, and SIM. In addition, approved applicants in the Organic Farming Scheme and Agri Climate Rural Environment Scheme (ACRES) also make their annual claim through the online application system.

If you experience any difficulties in logging on to the Department's online facility, please contact the agfood.ie helpdesk on 049 4368288. If you have any queries in relation to completing your online application, please contact the Direct Payments Helpdesk on 057 8674422

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Thomas Harty
Direct Payments Unit

Statement of Land Details

PLEASE NOTE:

This information can be used as a reference for your 2026 application. Please retain for your own records. Further details such as your claimed area are available on the Department's online system. Please do not submit this form as this is not an application form and it cannot be accepted as an application. You must apply Online in 2026 at

<https://myagfood-client.apps.services.agriculture.gov.ie/>.

1 Herd Number	2 Townland	3 Land Parcel Number <small>* indicates a Natura parcel # indicates ESPG parcel % indicates Gaec2 parcel</small>	4 Commonage Fraction	5 Digitised Area (ha)	6 Eligible Area (ha)	7 ORL <small>O = Owned R = Rented-In L = Leased-In</small>	8 Parcel Use
L1511014	DERREEN	T1720400001%		0.4	0.4	O	Permanent Pasture
L1511014	DRUMLAHARD	T1721100001%		10.27	10.27	O	Permanent Pasture
L1511014	JAMESTOWN	L1663400022		6.16	6.16	L	
L1511014	PORT	L1511700001		0.06	0	O	Building
L1511014	PORT	L1511700003		0.06	0	O	Building
L1511014	PORT	L1511700004		0.8	0.8	O	Designated Habitat
L1511014	PORT	L1511700005		0.73	0.73	O	Permanent Pasture
L1511014	PORT	L1511700006		0.16	0	O	Farmyard
L1511014	PORT	L1511700007		0.2	0	O	Farmyard
L1511014	PORT	L1511700009		20.67	20.57	O	Permanent Pasture
L1511014	PORT	L1511700010		0.47	0.38	O	Permanent Pasture
L1511014	PORT	L1511700011		0.15	0.13	O	Permanent Pasture
L1511014	PORT	L1511700015		0.31	0	O	Inactive
L1511014	PORT	L1511700016		2.36	2.36	O	Permanent Pasture

Legend

-  Drain
-  Farm Structure
-  Forestry Plots
-  Hedge
-  Land Feature
-  Margin
-  Published Parcels
-  Utility
-  Water



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**For Basic Income Support for Sustainability, Areas of Natural
Constraint Scheme and other Area Based Scheme purposes
only**

Year: 2026
Name: BERNARD & FRANK WHITNEY
Address: PORT
LEITRIM VILLAGE
CO LEITRIM

Herd Nos: L1511014
Townland Code : L15117
Townland Name: PORT

Parcel	Digitised	Eligible Hectare
L1511700001	0.06	0
L1511700003	0.06	0
L1511700004	0.8	0.8
L1511700005	0.73	0.73
L1511700006	0.16	0
L1511700007	0.2	0
L1511700009	20.67	20.57
L1511700010	0.47	0.38
L1511700011	0.15	0.13
L1511700015	0.31	0
L1511700016	2.36	2.36

Parcel	Excl	Area	Red%	Elig	Type
L1511700009	0005	0.19	40	0.11	Trees
L1511700009	0007	0.11	60	0.04	Scrub
L1511700009	0115	0.1	100	0	Farm Road
L1511700009	0120	0.19	40	0.11	Scrub
L1511700010	0112	0.09	100	0	Farm Road
L1511700011	0117	0.02	100	0	Ineligible

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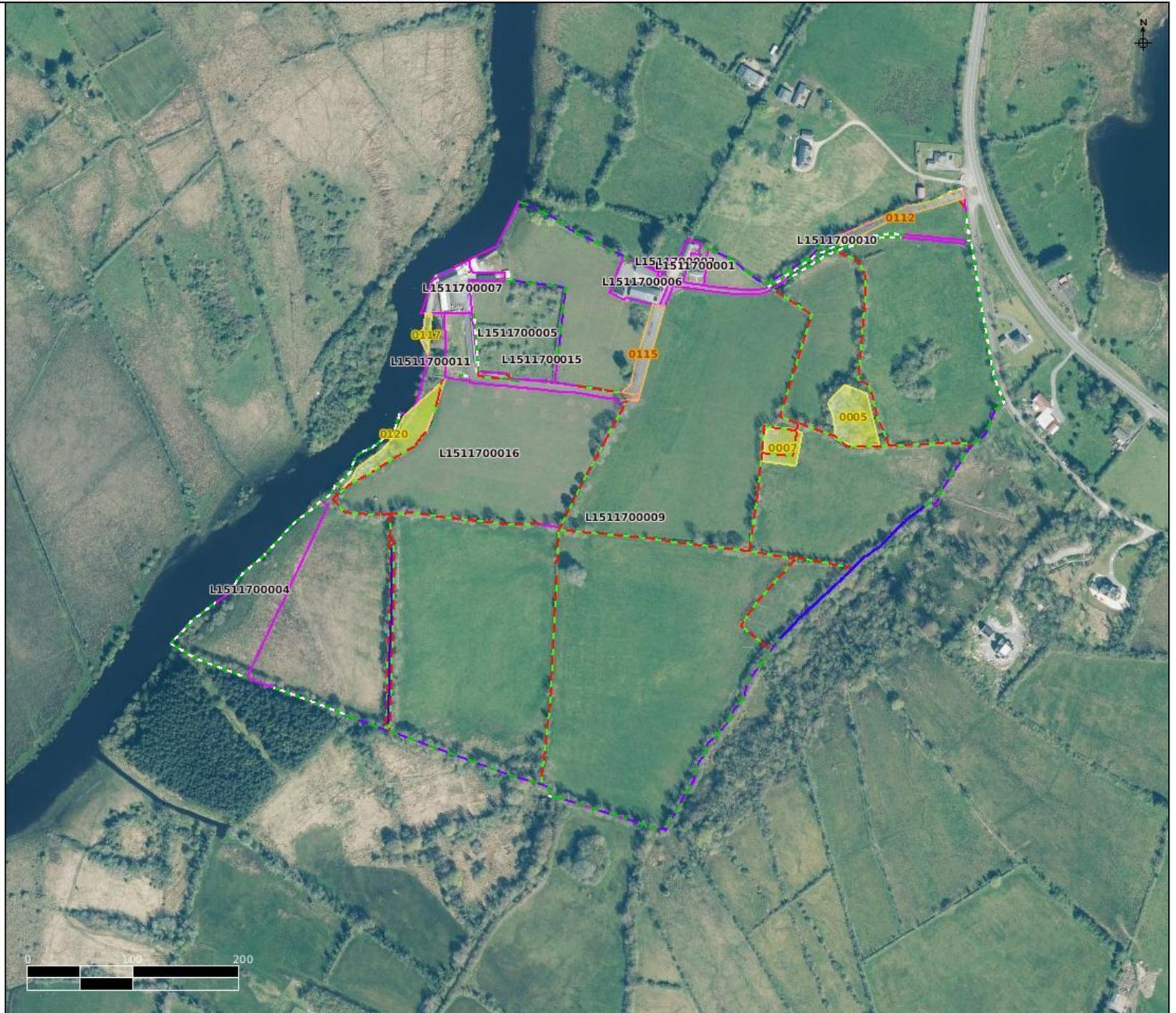
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Herd Nos: L1511014
Townland Code : T17204
Townland Name: DERREEN

Parcel	Digitised	Eligible Hectare
T1720400001	0.4	0.4

Townland Code : T17211
Townland Name: DRUMLAHARD

Parcel	Digitised	Eligible Hectare
T1721100001	10.27	10.27

Exclusions					
Parcel	Excl	Area	Red%	Elig	Type
T1721100001	0001	0.88	100	0	Scrub
T1721100001	0002	0.03	100	0	Scrub
T1721100001	0003	0.27	100	0	Scrub
T1721100001	0004	0.34	60	0.14	Scrub

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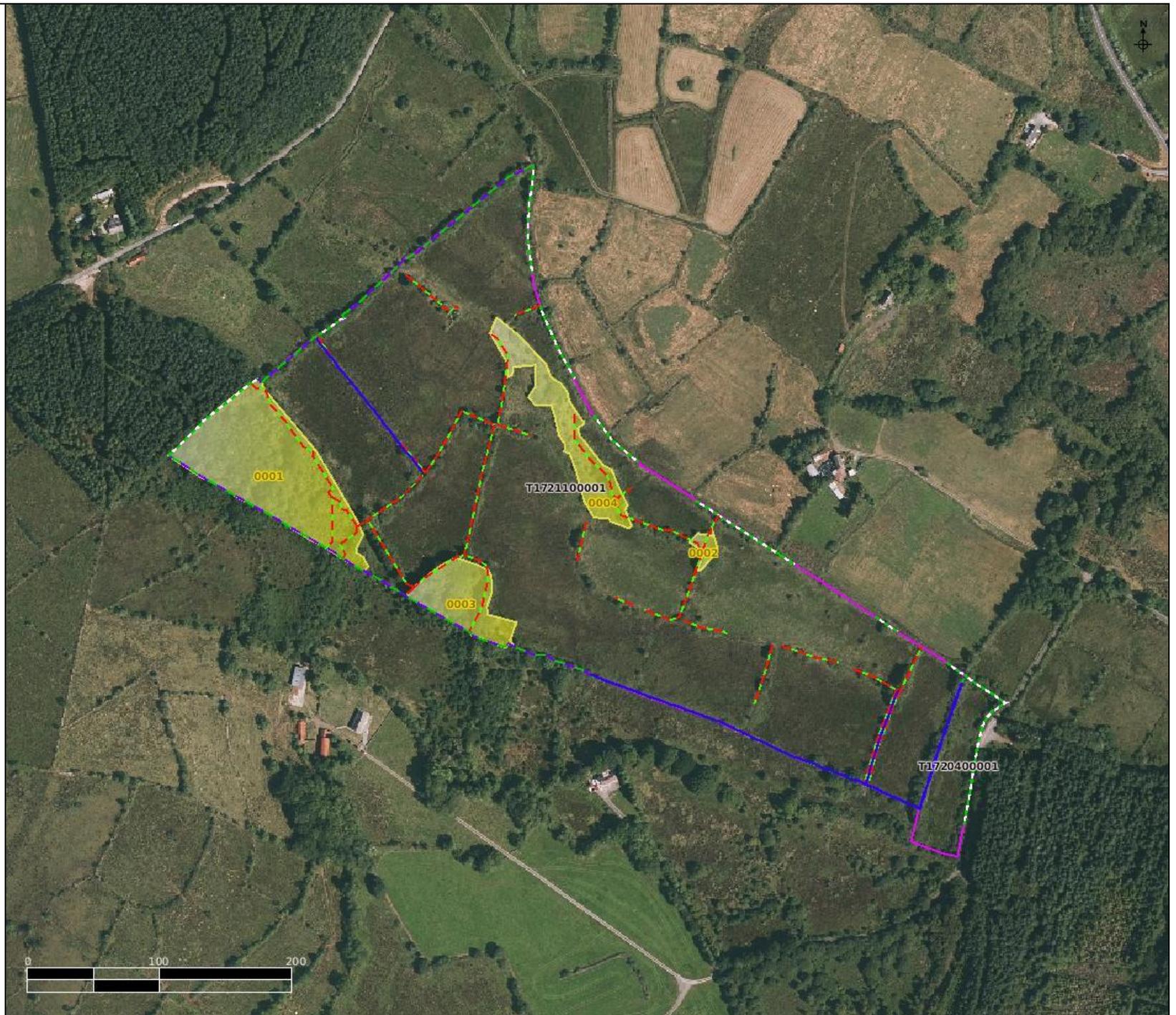
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Herd Nos: L1511014
Townland Code : L16634
Townland Name: JAMESTOWN

Parcel	Digitised	Eligible Hectare
L1663400022	6.16	6.16

Parcel	Excl	Area	Red%	Elig	Type
L1663400022	0292	0.44	100	0	Scrub

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