ELMs Schemes on Commons

Test & Trial for Defra
Demonstrating by Doing
Documenting and Disseminating
There are over 3900 Farmers who are Commoners in England

39% of open access land is common land

11% of scheduled monuments are on commons

82% of commons are in national parks & AONBs

21% of all SSSIs are common land
What can we Learn from Commons?

What do we Seek from Commons?

What will Motivate Commoners?
Our Defra ELM Test & Trial

Part 1: Co-design and co-develop a Delivery Model for creating commons specific land management plans

Part 2: Trial and refine the prototype delivery model for ELM
What does Commons Proofing Mean?
Factors to Consider for Commons

- Finances
- Assets
- Designations
- Relationships
- Home Farm
- Motivation
- Skills
- Land Tenure
- Alternative Options

Foundations for Common Land - A gathering of those who care to protect common land and their future
1. Land Management Plan (LMP)
   1. Whole holding natural capital assessment
   2. Baseline current situation
   3. Signposts to potential
   4. Include agronomic potential too?
   5. Expert adviser to assist completion.

2. Possible, Stackable Design Elements
   - Facilitation Funding
   - Payments for Coordination
     - Agglomeration bonus? £+
     - Outcome bonus or uplift? £+
   - Parcel or feature scale Payment
   - Whole area payment

3. ELM Agreement
   - Online
   - Amendable
   - Public

Baseline Land and Business Eligibility
A few simple criteria TBC. Unpaid.

ELM Knowledge Platform

These slides represent current Defra thinking. Nothing is confirmed.
Test & Trial Activities

- Commons Health Check
- Decide on the Outputs
- Design Governance
- Agree Funding
- Document the Arrangements
- Delivery