



**Agricultural Law Association
Northern Ireland Region & Northern
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Dear Agricultural Adviser,

As you are possibly already aware the Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) is currently engaging with the wider farming, food and environmental sectors on a possible future agricultural policy framework for Northern Ireland (<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/news/daera-seeks-views-future-agricultural-policy-framework-ni>).

Before this was announced at the beginning of the August, ALA NI Regional Group and NIRVA were both in contact with DAERA lobbying for this engagement to be commenced as soon as possible and have now proceeded to arrange a joint event where DAERA will present their proposals and representatives of the Ulster Farmers' Union will be given an opportunity to respond. Of particular interest to professional agricultural advisers is Question 15 "*What other initiatives by government and/or industry should be pursued to facilitate restructuring and investment and drive productivity?*" so we have also arranged for Aisling Meehan of Aisling Meehan Agricultural Solicitors in Newmarket on Fergus in County Clare to give a presentation on the Republic of Ireland's Agri-Taxation Review to which she was a leading contributor.

This event will take place on Monday 10th September 2018 from 10am-1pm at the Tullylagan Country House Hotel 40B Tullylagan Road Cookstown County Tyrone BT80 8UP (www.tullylaganhotel.com). We believe that this is a unique opportunity for all those who advise the agricultural community to hear from those who have drafted the proposals and the main group affected by them combined with an opportunity to hear details about the scheme which is already operating in our neighbouring jurisdiction by someone who was involved in its inception and the currently ongoing review.

You will note that there is a significantly reduced charge for ALA & NIRVA members and existing members and indeed those who wish to join prior to or at the event will also be eligible to stay for lunch and an event after lunch where the organisations will separately produce their responses to the questions posed by the Department about their proposals with assistance from some of the speakers and representatives of both organisations which should be concluded by 4pm.

We would encourage all those involved in advising the agricultural community, particularly in relation to land mobility / generational renewal and longer term leases which feature specifically and prominently in the proposals, to attend. Indeed anyone who wants to help shape the initiatives which the Department and industry in general should consider making use of to achieve land mobility and generational renewal to "*facilitate restructuring and investment and drive productivity*" should consider joining ALA and / or NIRVA as appropriate and participating in their proposed responses. Details of how to join each organisation can be found at their respective websites at <https://ala.org.uk/> and <http://www.nirva.org.uk/> and if you join before or at the meeting you can take advantage of the reduced members rate for the event itself.

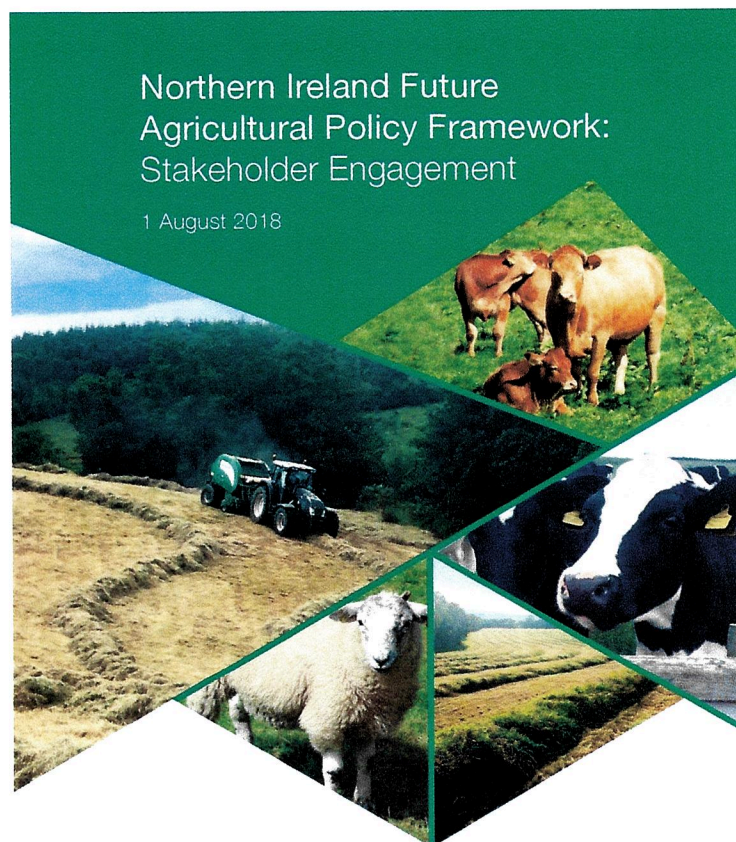
Yours faithfully,

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Agricultural Law Association (NI Regional Group) & Northern Ireland Rural Valuers' Association



**DAERA Northern Ireland Future Agricultural Policy Framework
Stakeholder Engagement Meeting
Monday 10th September 10am – 1pm
Tullylagan Country House Hotel**



The Agricultural Law Association NI Regional Group and Northern Ireland Rural Valuers' Association are pleased to invite you to their Future Agricultural Policy Framework Stakeholder Engagement event at Tullylagan Country House Hotel, Cookstown, Co. Tyrone on **Monday 10th September 2018**.

Speakers:

Norman Fulton - Deputy Secretary DAERA, Head of Food & Farming & Departmental lead the Departmental lead for Brexit preparations will talk about the Department's proposals with particular reference to investment and restructuring including land mobility (expansion of existing businesses and the establishment of new entrant farmers) and longer term land leases

Wesley Aston - Chief Executive of the Ulster Farmers' Union, started his career with the UFU in 1991, headed up the Policy Team from 1995 and has been centrally involved in the UFU's activity on virtually all of the major issues affecting Northern Ireland's farmers over the past 20 years including Brexit and will address the Union's response to the DAERA Framework Proposals

Aisling Meehan - operates her own niche agricultural law and tax practice from offices located at her home farm and takes an active part in shaping agricultural legal and tax policy. She was a leading contributor to the Joint Initiative by the Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine and the Department of Finance on the Agri-Taxation Review which she will talk about

Venue:

Tullylagan Country House Hotel 40B Tullylagan Rd Cookstown BT80 8UP www.tullylaganhotel.com

Cost and Payment:

£25 per person (NIRVA & ALA members) £75 per person non-members (including VAT). Please either send a cheque made payable to the 'Agricultural Law Association' to **Agricultural Law Association, PO Box 10489, Oakham, LE15 0GL** or to pay by BACS please use the details below:

BACS DETAILS:

Account No: 51283383
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More information about the ALA & NIRVA: Visit www.ala.org.uk / www.nirva.org.uk/



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DAERA Northern Ireland Future Agricultural Policy Framework
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Please complete and send this RSVP page to **Mike Holland** at **AGRICULTURAL LAW ASSOCIATION, PO BOX 10489, OAKHAM LE15 0GL; Tel: 07885 643341; email: enquiries@ala.org.uk**

For those who are not Members of the ALA or NIRVA, please tick the box below if you would like to be contacted by us with details of relevant events in the future and for us to hold your email contact details.

I/We would like to be contacted with details of future ALA / NIRVA events