

	<p>2.7.12. confirmation from the soil scientist or agricultural specialist that all reasonable measures have been considered in the micro-siting of the proposed development to minimise fragmentation and disturbance of agricultural activities;</p> <p>2.7.13. a substantiated statement from the soil scientist or agricultural specialist with regards to agricultural resources on the acceptability or not of the proposed development and a recommendation on the approval or not of the proposed development;</p> <p>2.7.14. any conditions to which this statement is subjected;</p> <p>2.7.15. where identified, proposed impact management outcomes or any monitoring requirements for inclusion in the Environmental Management Programme (EMPr); and</p> <p>2.7.16. a description of the assumptions made and any uncertainties or gaps in knowledge or data.</p> <p>2.8. The findings of the <b>Agricultural Agro-Ecosystem Specialist Assessment</b> must be incorporated into the Basic Assessment Report or Environmental Impact Assessment Report, including the mitigation and monitoring measures as identified, which are to be contained in the EMPr.</p> <p>2.9. A signed copy of the assessment must be appended to the Basic Assessment Report or Environmental Impact Assessment Report.</p>
<p><b>MEDIUM SENSITIVITY RATING</b> - Land capability evaluation values of 6 – 7.</p> <p>Medium sensitivity areas are likely to be very marginal arable land.</p> <p><b>LOW SENSITIVITY RATING</b> - Land capability evaluation values of 1 – 5.</p> <p>Low sensitivity areas are likely to be non-arable land, and is therefore land onto which most development should be steered.</p>	<p><b>3. Agricultural Compliance Statement</b></p> <p>3.1. The compliance statement must be prepared by a soil scientist or agricultural specialist registered with the SACNASP.</p> <p>3.2. The compliance statement must:</p> <p>3.2.1. be applicable to the preferred site and proposed development footprint;</p> <p>3.2.2. confirm that the site is of "low" or "medium" sensitivity for agriculture; and</p> <p>3.2.3. indicate whether or not the proposed development will have an unacceptable impact on the agricultural production capability of the site.</p> <p>3.3. The compliance statement must contain, as a minimum, the following information:</p> <p>3.3.1. contact details and relevant experience as well as the SACNASP registration number of the soil scientist or agricultural specialist preparing the assessment including a curriculum vitae;</p> <p>3.3.2. a signed statement of independence;</p> <p>3.3.3. a map showing the proposed development footprint (including supporting infrastructure) with a 50m buffered development envelope, overlaid on the agricultural sensitivity map generated by the screening tool;</p> <p>3.3.4. confirmation from the specialist that all reasonable measures have been taken through micro-siting to avoid or minimise fragmentation and disturbance of agricultural activities;</p> <p>3.3.5. a substantiated statement from the soil scientist or agricultural specialist on the acceptability, or not, of the proposed development and a recommendation on the approval, or not, of the proposed development;</p> <p>3.3.6. any conditions to which the statement is subjected;</p> <p>3.3.7. in the case of a linear activity, confirmation from the agricultural specialist or soil scientist, that in their opinion, based on the mitigation and remedial measures proposed, the land can be returned to the current state within two years of completion of the construction phase;</p>