For arable/fallow:

1. ‘Modernisation’ (fertilisers, herbicides, big machines, undersowing, non-native varieties, deeper ploughing etc.)
2. Simplification (fewer crofters, larger parcels, apportionment, etc.)
3. Availability of seed & machinery
4. Administrative/legal questions (right to control geese, technical issues with e.g. agri-environment rules)
For rest of machair system:

5. Loss of viability: decline in livestock
6. Continued social decline: ageing crofters, fewer young entrants
7. Inappropriate modernisation & lack of perceived alternatives
8. Control of geese