

Is it possible to buy land in the countryside and to change its use?

This rather depends on what you want to do with the property. Properties located in areas that are not "urbanised" where formerly subject to certain rights of pre-emption of neighbours, but these have recently been abolished. Some agricultural land can never have a change of use, for example where the land is an important archaeological site. Other agricultural land can have its use changed but this requires firstly the land to be brought within the designated urban zone of the local authority (if it is not already within it) and secondly the payment of taxes for the authorisation of change of use. It is often easier for a local seller to deal with these requirements with the local authority, so a purchaser may wish to consider making the purchase subject to the land being urbanised and having an approved change of use.