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| **NPI Name:** | **Barn Owl Box** |
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| **NPI Code:** | **BOB** |
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| **NPI Payment:** | Year 1: | £130.00 |
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| **NPI Aim(s):** | To facilitate remedial management of EFS(H) sites and provide breedingopportunities for the declining Barn Owl population. |
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| **Scheme Applicability:** | Wider – EFS(W) |  | Higher – EFS(H) | **✓** | Group – EFS(G) | **✓** |
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| **This NPI is:** | Permanent |  | Rotational | **✓** |  |
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| **NPI Description and Outcome:** | ‘Barn Owl Boxes’ are eligible where they will maintain and enhance thebiodiversity value of EFS(H) sites and are included in the site specificRemedial Management Plan (ssRMP). ‘Barn Owl Boxes’ will providenesting sites for the barn owl population and facilitate implementation ofthe ssRMP. |
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| **No. Permitted:** | **Minimum** | 1 | **Maximum** | Not Applicable\* |

\*DAERA reserves the right to limit a Higher Level agreement value where it considers appropriate to ensure value for money.

**Requirements and Controls:**

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| **Code** | **Non-productive investment requirements (capital works)** | **Control type1** |
| **Admin** | **CwRS** | **OTSC** |
| **BOB1C** | All ‘Barn Owl Boxes’ must be erected by the end of Year 1. | **✓** |  | **✓** |
| **BOB2C** | New materials must be used for ‘Barn owl boxes’. | **✓** |  | **✓** |
| **BOB3C** | The claimed number of ‘‘Barn Owl Boxes’ must be erected in thecorrect location where they have been approved. | **✓** |  | **✓** |
| **BOB4C** | The claimed number of ‘‘Barn Owl Boxes’ must be erected to theSpecification outlined below. |  |  | **✓** |
| **BOB5C** | Field records must be kept detailing number, location and dateerected for each ‘Barn owl box’. | **✓** |  | **✓** |

 The possible control types for each requirement may be:

‘Admin’ – administrative checks, ‘CwRS’ – Control with Remote Sensing, ‘OTSC’ – On-the-Spot Check

**Specification:**

The ‘Barn Owl box’ must:

* be constructed according to the dimensions in the diagram below;
* have an entrance hole at least 130 mm square;
* the bottom of the entrance hole must be at least 460 mm above the floor;
* have a lipped tray (approx. 500 x 250 mm) at the front of the ‘Barn owl box’ to let

young owls walk out of the box and exercise their wings;

* have permanent access, if the ‘Barn owl box’ is placed in a building;
* have a removal lid for ease of cleaning out after nesting must be present; and
* be erected and maintained as detailed in the ssRMP for EFS(H) sites.

Further Advice:

The ‘Barn owl box’ should measure at least 400 mm x 500 mm x 600 mm.

Do not attach ‘Barn owl boxes’ to electricity poles.

The floor should be lined with two - three centimetres of woodchip or similar material.

The ‘Barn owl box’ should be securely fixed at a height between 2.40 - 4.50 metres above

the ground.

‘Barn owl boxes’ should be regularly maintained.

**Diagram of a Barn owl box – Barn Owl Trust Design**

