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| **NPI Name:** | **Woodcrete bat box** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **NPI Code:** | **BAT** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **NPI Payment:** | Year 1: | | £70.00 per box | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **NPI Aim(s):** | To facilitate remedial management of EFS(H) sites and contribute to the  protection of bats. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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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:** | ‘Woodcrete bat boxes’ are eligible where they will maintain and enhance  the biodiversity value of EFS(H) sites and are included in the site specific  Remedial Management Plan (ssRMP). ‘Woodcrete bat boxes’ will  provide roosting, nesting and hibernation sites for bats and facilitate  implementation of the 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** |
| **BAT1C** | All ‘Woodcrete bat boxes’ must be erected by the end of Year 1. | **✓** |  | **✓** |
| **BAT2C** | New ‘Woodcrete bat boxes’ must be used. | **✓** |  | **✓** |
| **BAT3C** | The claimed number of ‘Woodcrete bat boxes’ must be erected in the  correct location where they have been approved. | **✓** |  | **✓** |
| **BAT4C** | The claimed number of ‘Woodcrete bat boxes’ must be erected to the  Specification outlined below. |  |  | **✓** |
| **BAT5C** | Field records must be kept detailing number, location and date  erected for each ‘Woodcrete bat box’. | **✓** |  | **✓** |

The possible control types for each requirement may be:

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

**Specification:**

* be constructed of a mixture of wood and concrete;
* have an entrance slit between 15 - 20 mm wide and there should be no gaps where the sides and top join;
* have a permanent top that cannot open; and
* be erected and maintained as detailed in the ssRMP, for EFS(H) sites.

**Further Advice:**

Woodcrete’ is a mixture of wood and concrete. The ‘Woodcrete bat box’ should be located

where bats are known to feed, sheltered from strong winds and only exposed to the sun for

part of the day.

The ‘Woodcrete bat box’ should be attached to a suitable structure, for example a tree or

building. The overall height of the ‘Woodcrete bat box’ should be at least 3 m from the

ground to the bottom of the box.

When securing the ‘Woodcrete bat box’ to a tree, use a strap or hang the box from a branch.

Do not attach ‘Woodcrete bat boxes’ to electricity poles.

‘Woodcrete bat boxes’ should be regularly maintained.

If you intend to complete this NPI on a march boundary, you should ensure that you have

fully discussed and agreed that you can carry out the NPI requirements and controls on the

march boundary with the person who has control of the neighbouring land.