

**NPI Name:** Deer Fence

**NPI Code:** DEF

**NPI Payment:** Year 1: £8.50 per m

**NPI Aim(s):**

To protect newly created EFS Options, facilitate remedial management of EFS(H) sites and contribute to the protection of soil and water.

**Scheme Applicability:**

Wider – EFS(W)

Higher – EFS(H)

Group – EFS(G)

**This NPI is:**

Permanent

Rotational

**NPI Description and Outcome:**

A 'Deer fence' is eligible where it will maintain and enhance the biodiversity value of EFS(H) sites and is included in the site specific Remedial Management Plan (ssRMP). A 'Deer fence' will help control grazing livestock, deer, protect environmental features and facilitate implementation of the ssRMP.

**Length Permitted:**

**Minimum** 1 m

**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:

Code	Non-productive investment requirements (capital works)	Control type <sup>1</sup>		
		Admin	CwRS	OTSC
DEF1C	All 'Deer fence(s)' must be completed by the end of Year 1.	✓	✓	✓
DEF2C	All existing fencing material must be removed before erecting the new 'Deer fence'.		✓	✓
DEF3C	New materials must be used for the 'Deer fence'.	✓		✓
DEF4C	The claimed length of 'Deer fence' must be erected in the correct location in the field(s) where it has been approved.	✓	✓	✓
DEF5C	The claimed length of 'Deer fence' must be erected to the Specification outlined below.			✓
DEF6C	Field records must be kept detailing location, length and date erected for the 'Deer fence'.	✓		✓

<sup>1</sup> The possible control types for each requirement may be:

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

## Specification:

- The fence must be erected to at least BS 1722-2:2006;
- the minimum overall height of the fence must be at least 1.80 m from the ground to the top of the wire;
- the maximum mesh size must be 200 mm x 220 mm;
- galvanised woven high tensile, mild steel or welded rectangular mesh must be used;
- straining posts must be equivalent in strength and durability to 125 mm top diameter round timber;
- straining posts must be set at centres not exceeding 100 m or at each change in direction or gradient;
- struts must be equivalent in strength and durability to 73 mm top diameter round timber;
- struts must be mortised into the straining post;
- intermediate posts must be equivalent in strength and durability to 73 mm top diameter round timber and set at centres not exceeding 10 m;
- all posts must be free of bark, tanalised or treated with an approved preservative;
- the 'Deer fence' must be properly strained and secured to posts with galvanised staples; and
- the 'Deer fence' must be erected as detailed in the ssRMP, for EFS(H) sites.

**Further Advice:**

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.

Straining posts should be at least 2.80 m long.

Struts should be set at least 450 mm into the ground.

Intermediate posts should be at least 2.60 m long.

To allow for future adjustments and to prevent damage to the galvanising, staples must be driven in at an angle, but not fully home.

Approval should be sought from DFI TransportNI before a new 'Deer fence' is erected along a roadway.

The 'Deer fence' should not be attached to trees, hedgerows or electricity poles and should not block or restrict rights of way.