

NPI Name: Gate and two gate posts - deer fence

NPI Code: GPD

NPI Payment: Year 1: £215.00 per gate and two posts

NPI Aim(s): To protect and provide access to 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 'Gate and two gate posts - 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 'Gate and two gate posts - deer fence' will help control grazing livestock, protect environmental features and facilitate implementation of the ssRMP.

Number 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:

Code	Non-productive investment requirements (capital works)	Control type ¹		
		Admin	CwRS	OTSC
GPD1C	All 'Gate and two gate posts - deer fence' must be completed by the end of Year 1.	✓	✓	✓
GPD2C	New materials must be used for the 'Gate and two gate posts - deer fence'.	✓		✓
GPD3C	The claimed number of 'Gate and two gate posts - deer fence' must be erected in the correct location in the field(s) where it has been approved.	✓	✓	✓
GPD4C	The claimed number of 'Gate and two gate posts - deer fence' must be erected to the Specification outlined below.	✓		✓
GPD5C	Field records must be kept detailing location, size, number(s) and date(s) erected for each 'Gate and two gate posts - deer fence'.	✓		✓

¹ The possible control types for each requirement may be:

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

Specification:

- The gate, gate posts and gate hangers must be galvanised to the relevant British Standard;
- the minimum standard for a gate is a galvanised ten bar gate with bracing **or** at least six bars with suitable infill. Gates must be soundly framed and constructed with steel piping or rectangular hollow section or similar metal;
- the overall height of the gate must be at least 1.80 m from the bottom of the bottom rail to the top of the top rail;
- the minimum width of the gate opening must be 4.27 m;
- gate hanging and closing posts must be at least 114 mm diameter x 3 mm thick galvanised steel piping or similar galvanised metal;
- gate hanging and closing posts must be set in concrete;
- the gate must be fitted with all fittings needed for its operation and be hung in a satisfactory manner;
- the gate must not open outwards on to a public road;
- the infill pattern for the gate may be altered as detailed in the ssRMP; and
- 'Gate and two gate posts - deer fence' must be erected and maintained 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.

Approval should be sought from DFI TransportNI before a 'Gate and two gate posts - deer fence' is erected along a roadway.

The steel piping or rectangular hollow section or similar metal of the gate should be at least 1.50 mm thick.

Gate hanging and closing posts should be at least 2.95 m long and set 0.75 m deep into the ground.