

**NPI Name:** Tree pollarding

**NPI Code:** ATP

**NPI Payment:** Year 1: Actual costs

**NPI Aim(s):** To encourage new growth and prolong the life of veteran trees in order to enhance the landscape and maintain the trees' biodiversity and historic value.

**Scheme Applicability:** Wider – EFS(W)  Higher – EFS(H)  Group – EFS(G)

**This NPI is:** Permanent  Rotational

**NPI Description and Outcome:** 'Tree pollarding' is eligible where it will maintain and enhance the landscape and biodiversity value of EFS(H) sites and is included in the site specific Remedial Management Plan (ssRMP). Tree pollarding will restore and prolong the life of veteran trees.

**No. of trees 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.

**Pre-approval documentation:**

You must apply for and receive written pre-approval for all capital items which are paid on an actual cost basis (see EFS Terms and Conditions).

## Requirements and Controls:

| Code  | Non-productive investment requirements (capital works)  | Control type <sup>1</sup> |      |      |
|-------|---|---------------------------|------|------|
|       |   | Admin                     | CwRS | OTSC |
| ATP1C | The claim form, invoices and receipts must be returned by the end of Year 1.  | ✓                         |      |      |
| ATP2C | The invoices and receipts must meet the required Specification.   | ✓                         |      |      |
| ATP3C | The claimed 'Tree pollarding' must be completed in the correct location in the field(s) where it has been approved.   | ✓                         |      | ✓    |
| ATP4C | The claimed 'Tree pollarding' must be completed to the Specification detailed below.  | ✓                         |      | ✓    |
| ATP5C | Field records must be kept detailing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) requirements, date(s) completed, location and name of qualified person who completed the 'Tree pollarding'. | ✓                         |      | ✓    |

<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

- 'Tree pollarding' must be carried out by a suitably qualified chainsaw operator/tree surgeon (see Further Advice web link);
- 'Tree pollarding' must be carried out between 1<sup>st</sup> September and 28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> February; and
- the tree pollarding must be completed as detailed in the ssRMP.

## Consents:

If a tree is protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), the Local Council's consent is required before it may be pruned. Your local area planning office will be able to provide information on protected trees and the location of conservation areas in your area.

For information on the TPO, please check the attached link:

<http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/index/information-and-services/property-and-housing/repairs-planning-and-building-regulations/the-planning-system/tree-management-and-preservation.htm>

## Further Advice:

Cut material should be stacked close to the tree.

Cut material should not be burned.

All health and safety guidelines should be adhered to when tree pollarding is being completed. For further information on Health and Safety guidelines, please check the attached link to Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER 98):

<https://www.hseni.gov.uk/articles/equipment-work>

and

<http://www.hseni.gov.uk/guidance/industries/agriculture-3-column.htm>