

## EFS AGREEMENTS COMMENCING 01 JANUARY 2023

<b>NPI Name:</b>	<b>Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stake</b>
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<b>NPI Code:</b>	<b>SNS</b>
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<b>NPI Payment:</b>	Year 1: £5.22 per Stake
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<b>NPI Aim(s):</b>	To protect newly created EFS Options and to facilitate remedial management of EFS(H) sites.
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<b>Scheme Applicability:</b>	Wider – EFS(W) <input type="checkbox"/> Higher – EFS(H) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group – EFS(G) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>This NPI is:</b>	Permanent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rotational <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>NPI Description and Outcome:</b>	‘Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stakes’ 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). Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stakes’ will support newly planted trees as well as existing young trees.
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<b>No. of traps Permitted:</b>	<b>Minimum</b> 1 <b>Maximum</b> Not Applicable*
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\*The number of ‘Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stake’ applied for must be indicative of the EFS Option area or length they are associated with.

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### Requirements and Controls:

Code	Non-productive investment requirements (capital works)	Control type <sup>1</sup>		
		Admin	CwRS	OTSC
SNS1	'Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stakes' must be erected by the end of Year 1.	✓		✓
SNS2	The claimed number of 'Parkland/Fruit/ Standard native tree stake(s)' must be erected in the in the field(s) where they have been approved.	✓		✓
SNS3	New stakes must be used.	✓		✓
SNS4	The newly erected 'Parkland/Fruit/ Standard native tree stakes' must be erected to comply with the Specification detailed below.			✓
SNS5	Field records must be kept detailing location, number and date erected for the 'Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stakes'.	✓		✓

<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 'Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stake' must:

- be at least 73 mm diameter;
- be new, pressure treated timber; and
- be erected and maintained as detailed in the ssRMP, for EFS(H) sites.

### Further Advice:

The 'Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stake' should be at least 1.80 m long. When planting fruit trees the stake, fixed with a rubber tie at least 30 cm above ground level, is needed to support the tree for between one and five years after which both should be removed. It is important that the stake and the tie allow the top of the tree to flex in the wind as this encourages the stem to thicken.

The 'Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stake' should be placed between the tree and the mostly likely direction of the prevailing wind so that the tree pulls away from the stake instead of rubbing against it.

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'Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stakes' should be secure in the ground to provide adequate support.

Trees should be attached to 'Parkland/Fruit/Standard native tree stake' preferably using rubber tree ties.