

## EFS AGREEMENTS COMMENCING 01 JANUARY 2023

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| <b>NPI Name:</b> | <b>Spiral tree guard and cane</b> |
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| <b>NPI Code:</b> | <b>TGC</b> |
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| <b>NPI Payment:</b> | Year 1: £0.63 per guard and cane |
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| <b>NPI Aim(s):</b> | To protect newly created EFS Options, facilitate remedial management of EFS(H) sites and contribute to the protection of soil and water. |
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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> | ‘Spiral tree guards and canes’ 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). ‘Spiral tree guards and canes’ will protect newly planted trees, particularly from rabbit damage. |
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| <b>Number Permitted:</b> | <b>Minimum</b> 1 <b>Maximum</b> Not Applicable* |
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\* DAERA reserves the right to limit a Higher Level agreement value where it considers appropriate to ensure value for money.

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### Requirements and Controls:

| Code  | Non-productive investment requirements (capital works)  | Control type <sup>1</sup> |      |      |
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|       |   | Admin                     | CwRS | OTSC |
| TGC1C | All 'Spiral tree guards and canes' must be installed by the end of Year 1.  | ✓                         |      | ✓    |
| TGC2C | New 'Spiral tree guards and canes' must be used.  | ✓                         |      | ✓    |
| TGC3C | The claimed number of 'Spiral tree guards and canes' must be erected in the fields where they have been approved. | ✓                         |      | ✓    |
| TGC4C | The claimed number of 'Spiral tree guards and canes' must comply with the Specification outlined below.           |                           |      | ✓    |
| TGC5C | Field records must be kept detailing location, number and date(s) erected for the 'Spiral tree guards and canes'. | ✓                         |      | ✓    |

<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:

- 'Spiral tree guards' must be at least 0.60 m tall and a minimum 38 mm diameter;
- all canes must be a minimum 90 cm long; and
- 'Spiral tree guards and canes' must be erected and maintained as detailed in the ssRMP for EFS(H) sites.

### Further Advice:

Approval should be sought from DFI TransportNI before new 'Spiral tree guards and canes' are erected along a roadway.