

Glebe Farm Equestrian Centre

FENCING SPECIFICATION AND EXAMPLES

APPLICATION P/2023/0147





As the bunding to the north of the application site is proposed and approved to be a bund for biodiversity, the proposal is to follow the Countryside Stewardship TE8: Tree guard (wood post and wire) requirements and guidance.

The government website states for Tree planting and protection –

Biodiversity

This item has been identified as being beneficial for biodiversity. All Countryside Stewardship habitat creation, restoration and management options are of great significance for biodiversity recovery, as are the wide range of arable options in the scheme. Capital items and supplements can support this habitat work depending on the holding's situation and potential.

The connectivity of habitats is also very important and habitat options should be linked wherever possible. Better connectivity will allow wildlife to move/colonise freely to access water, food, shelter and breeding habitat, and will allow natural communities of both animals and plants to adapt in response to environmental and climate change.

How this item will benefit the environment

If successful, this item will protect trees from damage caused by grazing animals and wild animals.

Requirements

- erect tree guards at least 1.5 m high with posts placed far enough apart that grazing animals cannot reach within 0.5m of the tree stem **(To adhere to the wording of condition 4, the fence is to be erected at 2m from the ground level when erecting).**
- the design of the tree guard must allow access for:
 - carrying out formative pruning
 - applying a mulch
 - clearing vegetation around the base of each tree
 - top and bottom rails that are 5cm in diameter
 - with sheep netting attached between the top and bottom rails
 - increase the height of the guard if needed, using longer posts and an additional strand of wire strung above the sheep netting
 - wrap 2 strands of plain or barbed wire spirally around the guard to prevent animals from rubbing against it

Do not:

- fasten guards to the tree
- attach guards so that they rub against, constrict or the damage the tree in any other way