

# HS2 Capital Item – Deer Fencing

## How much will be paid

£8.55 per meter

## Where to use this item

Must be undertaken within the target area for woodland creation or PAWs restoration where deer fencing is the method of protection.

## Where this item cannot be used

Appropriate protection measures will be agreed with a Woodland Officer. Where a deer fence is used additional payments will not be made for tree shelters within the fenced area.

## How this item will benefit the environment

It will protect newly created woodland or areas of PAWs restoration from deer browsing as part of a wider woodland creation or woodland management project.

## Requirements

Agreement holders are likely to need to:

- meet the fence specifications set out in the tables below (and in the Forestry Commission's technical guide [Forest Fencing](#))
- Clear debris from the line of the fence
- Make the line of the fence smooth enough that the bottom of the fence sits with the ground (there must be no gaps that deer can enter through)
- Make sure the fence is regularly inspected
- Maintain the fences so that deer cannot enter the land until the trees are large enough that they no longer need to be protected

### Specifications for the fence's woodwork

Species of deer	Endposts and turning posts (m by cm)	Struts (m by cm)	Intermediate stakes (m by cm)	Maximum stake spacing (m)
Roe	2.8 by 10 to 13	2.5 by 8 to 10	2.5 by 5 to 8	10
Muntjac	2.8 by 10 to 13	2.5 by 8 to 10	2.5 by 5 to 8	10
Red/sika/fallow	2.8 by 12 to 18	2.5 by 10 to 13	2.6 by 8 to 10	10

### Specifications for the height of the fence and the size of the mesh

Species of deer	Minimum fence height (m)	Maximum mesh size (mm)
Red and sika	1.8	200 by 300
Fallow	1.8	200 by 220
Roe	1.5	200 by 150
Muntjac	1.5	80 by 80

The above specification does not include deer gates. These can be applied for as a separate capital item if required. The deer fence must be deer proof on completion.

### Timing

Fencing is to be installed at the same time as deer gates and prior to tree planting taking place.

### Keeping records

Agreement holders will need to keep the following records and supply them on request

- any consents or permissions connected with the work
- receipted invoices, or bank statements where a receipted invoice is unavailable