



Boundaries to properties in the Western Escarpment Conservation Area

The Western Escarpment is an important part of the National Park. Boundary treatments contribute significantly to the character of the area. Traditional boundaries such as hedgerows and rural fencing work well as they fit comfortably into the landscape.

Great care needs to be taken to ensure that new boundary treatments are sympathetic and do not detract from the special character of the area.

This note offers practical guidance on traditional boundary treatments, where to obtain advice and find out if planning consent is needed.



Picket fencing

Picket fence in front of hedge

Consider traditional boundary treatments...

- ▶ Indigenous/native hedging
- ▶ Picket fencing
- ▶ Post and wire fencing
- ▶ Post and rail fencing
- ▶ A combination of post and rail fencing with native hedgerows
- ▶ Timber five bar and wicket gates
- ▶ Chestnut paling

rather than...

- ▶ Close boarded fencing and panels adjacent to the highway and public footpaths
- ▶ Tall suburban style security fences and gates with lights
- ▶ Planting *Lleylandii*, laurel or similar non-native hedging



Timber five bar gate.



Post and rail fencing.



Post and rail fencing with native hedgerow.

Guidance on planning:

- ▶ Some boundaries will require planning consent. If in doubt, please check!
- ▶ Refer to the Planning Portal www.planningportal.gov.uk
- ▶ Contact the New Forest National Park Planning Service hotline 01590 646615 (between the hours of 08:45 and 13:00).

Further guidance:

- ▶ **Western Escarpment Conservation area** leaflet
- ▶ New Forest National Park Authority: **Western Escarpment Conservation Area Character Appraisal**
- ▶ New Forest National Park Authority: **Design Guide** pages 65 - 68
- ▶ Leaflet produced by the New Forest National Park Authority in association with the Forestry Commission and the Verderers: **Advice and guidance for owners of properties adjoining the Forest**
- ▶ **A guide to ancient trees for landowners and Native species: Hedgerow Planting Guide**
- ▶ www.newforestnpa.gov.uk

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