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## Fencing guide helps explain rules

A new pamphlet and guide have been developed to help explain existing fencing rules in Selwyn to people considering building or adding fences.

People are able to choose their own fencing, but need to make sure the fence complies with District Plan requirements, which include rules about how and where fences can be established, depending on the location of the fence.

In Living Z areas, a residential zone in parts of Rolleston, Lincoln and Prebbleton and in the Lowes Road Outline Development Plan area in Rolleston, specific fencing rules are in place affecting the sides of properties facing either road or reserve boundaries. These rules allow for individual styles of fencing, depending on the location and the intended purpose of the fence within certain parameters that affect the height and way fences are built, as stated in the District Plan.

“These rules are in place to help create attractive, safe neighbourhoods,” says Gabi Wolfer, Urban Designer at Selwyn District Council.

“Fencing is more than just a physical barrier defining the edge of a property. Fencing is part of the street scene. If it is well designed, it can complement the environment and can help to make a neighbourhood into an attractive and a pleasant place to live and visit.”

Gabi says that fencing also plays an important role in providing security both for people living in a section, and for adults and children using a footpath, road or reserve.

“The rules are designed to ensure that the parts of the property which border street corners or reserves are visible, which helps to reduce the risk of tagging and crime, while also improving sight lines for motorists and making it safer for people using public spaces nearby.”

Property owners, builders and developers who are looking at building fences in these areas need to refer to the District Plan rules and the guide for advice on fencing. Copies of the guide and a shorter pamphlet summarising the guide are available online at [www.selwyn.govt.nz/fencingguide](http://www.selwyn.govt.nz/fencingguide) and from Council libraries and service centre.

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