

Morvern Deer Management Group

Effects of new woodlands and fencing of old woodlands on deer densities

MDMG supports the establishment and extension of woodlands behind sound deer fences. Where a member opts to establish or expand woodland without fences, it is expected that they will take necessary steps to avoid damaging the interests of their neighbours or causing welfare issues.

When a new deer fence is to be erected, the following should be considered

1. the need for compensatory culling
2. dangers of road traffic accidents
3. welfare issues resulting from movement restrictions and loss of shelter and grazing
4. impacts on neighbours
5. impacts on neighbouring woodlands
6. impacts on agricultural land
7. impacts on designated sites
8. impacts on archaeological features

Best Practice Guidance should be used to guide decisions and MDMG should be consulted and informed of the resolution of the above criteria.

