

*These notes refer to the Land Registration Act 2002
(c.9) which received Royal Assent on 26 February 2002*

LAND REGISTRATION ACT 2002

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON THE SECTIONS

Part 6: Registration: General

Boundaries

Section 60: Boundaries

107. For practical and historical reasons, the current register has been compiled using the “general boundaries rule” which means that although the plans are usually mapped to a feature, the exact line of the boundary is left undetermined, e.g. which side of the boundary the feature lies. Rules permit those with an interest to apply for boundaries to be fixed. Section 60 for the first time incorporates the general boundary principle into statute, and provides for rules to be made in relation to the fixing of boundaries. That may happen in two situations. First, as now, the parties may request it. Secondly, the Act enables rules to be made providing for boundaries to be fixed when that is required, for example on the resolution of a boundary dispute or one over adverse possession. Rules will cover when boundary fixing can occur, how it will be done and what procedures will be used. Rules will also stipulate how the fact that the boundaries are fixed is recorded in the Registry’s records including the register of title.