1. I am writing in response to your request for views on the proposed High Hedges legislation.

2. With regards to my own situation, I have lived at the above address for 20 years. My house is in the country and adjoins land belonging to .

3. When the houses were built, planted Sitka spruce trees on the boundary with a view to screening the houses from his view.

4. These trees have grown at a fast rate, and consequently have caused us major problems.

5. First of all we no longer get winter sunlight resulting in the garden being permanently frosted in winter. My greenhouse is now redundant because there is no longer sufficient light to grow anything.

6. Worst of all I lost my TV signal because the trees blocked out the satellite signal. This lasted for 3 years. Satellite is the only way to receive television in my area.

7. Mediation was a waste of time I’m afraid. As were personal approaches.

8. The trees are not fully grown yet. If something is not done the situation could become dangerous as they are a matter of a few yards from my house, and bearing in mind the weather we have had this year they could well be blown over if they get bigger.

9. I read with dismay that deciduous trees were not being included in the equation. In my case the farmer could cut down the spruce and replace them with these trees and I would be back to square one, albeit a few years further down the line.

10. Legislation is needed as a matter of urgency. If legislation had existed a few years ago we would not be in this situation now.


12. Please feel free to visit my home any time to see the problem for yourself.

13. In fact, visit people who have suffered from this form of tyranny, it would be an eye opener.

14. I am investing in solar energy. If this legislation is not passed for some reason, the trees at the back of my house will eventually block out the sunlight rendering my investment useless.

15. No doubt I would then have to look to Human Rights Legislation.