SUBMISSION FROM JANET AND HAZEL FINLAYSON

1. As advised by Scothedge I am writing to express my opinions about the necessity for a High Hedges Bill in Scotland. Having had neighbours who have caused my parents continuous problems about a mutual hedge for approximately 30 years I feel that they were never able to find a solution to the problem.

2. Now that my Mum is widowed the problem has become more serious with solicitor’s letters, concerned neighbours and police intervention. On many occasions the aforementioned neighbour has shouted abusively in the street because she does not want to see the 12 feet+ hedge reduced.

3. It should be noted that on the other boundary with a hedge on my mother’s property there is a neatly trimmed hedge of about 4 feet and the other 2 boundaries have no hedging.

4. A 12 foot+ hedge causes problems in the Winter when branches bend with the snow and we have been unable to gain access into our drive and visibility on one side is marred when leaving the driveway onto a busy A road.

5. Our problems with high hedges have caused embarrassment, fear, stress and costly fees to solicitors. None of this would have been necessary if there had been a High Hedges Bill in place and a way of achieving resolution to the problem of a mutual hedge dispute. It would offer victims of, “Hedge Rage” a form of protection and put an end to the malicious planting of fast growing boundary hedges like leylandii which my Mum's neighbour has recently planted.