1. I am writing to you to give supporting evidence towards the cause of the Hedges Bill that is currently going through the Scottish parliament procedures. I have been actively trying to get my neighbour for many years to agree to a solution and suitable hedge height that would be agreeable to both parties unsuccessfully, to the point that when I tried to cut it away from my house the police were called to alleviate the tensions.

2. Originally when the hedge was planted some 25 years ago, a gentleman’s agreement had been made with the previous owner of the neighbouring property allowing the height to be kept below an agreed level, but when the new owner moved in the hedge has not been cut since now stands at approximately 40 foot high and less than 5 ft from my house. The height that the hedge has grown and now depletes my property of any natural light. Even on a bright sunny day I still need to use artificial light in at least 3 rooms in the house. As you can see in the first picture the hedge top is so high that the owner cannot actually reach the top thus the hedge is leaning over my house which raises a great concern for a serious fire hazard. (he regularly has a bonfire lit within close proximity).

3. The 3 photo’s I have provided have been copied from actual Google map images and have not been doctored in any way. Further images can be obtained using Google earth using the above address.

4. I would be grateful for any assistance that you and your team will be able to offer me and look forward to the forthcoming hedge law introduction.

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   Note: Photographs of a private property were provided with the submission, but are not reproduced online.

6. Google Map aerial view of the overgrown row of leylandii trees. This row of trees blocks all natural light into the house requiring the use of indoor lighting at all times of the year through the day.

7. Google Map aerial view showing the distance from the owner of the trees and his own house marked at point “A” to the row of trees and the extreme proximity of the hedge to my house.

8. Google map view of the house from the front. Note the leylandii trees have grown above the apex of the house.