1. I disagree with part of this new proposed legislation in that a hedge is formed by a row of two evergreen trees.

2. I was forced to grow a few large evergreen trees after my local council passed a neighbour's large extension. The neighbour's house at my back garden towers above my house due to a slope and despite the council stating there is a six foot fence and isolated conifer trees this extension looks straight into my kitchen and living room. The two evergreen trees I have obscuring the aforementioned windows are 3 metres high on my side but is only 2 metres or so high at their ground level. The trees are about a metre apart and are not a hedge as such but are vital to provide us with privacy.

3. Council are particularly bad for giving permission for ludicrous extensions therefore why should people not be allowed to grow trees to have some privacy from this? Do you propose not growing a couple of trees but build an extension instead - which is far more intrusive upon people's light!

4. The definition of a hedge should be changed to more than 2 evergreen trees for this very reason.