1. I have now had a high hedge dispute with my neighbour for the past few years, despite asking, indeed even offering to cut the trees under my neighbour's guidance he has continued to ignore my request and the impact to my property. Over one third of my garden is in the shade of his trees including our greenhouse which is now permanently in the shade, gardening is no longer the enjoyable past time it once was. My local MSP also viewed this situation when he last visited the village ( ) recently.

2. I wish to point out that the current description of "High Hedges" in the draft High Hedges (Scotland) Bill draft 1.1 is currently inadequate for the purpose of the said bill. My current "high hedge" problem is being created by deciduous trees in a single row and double row, however coppicing of the said trees in the past has ensured that there is more canopy spread than would otherwise be normal for the tree species. Given our geographical position in a narrow valley, sunlight is limited in coming from the south, the high hills to the east and west limit the full power of the sun, and with the shade from our neighbour's trees it is causing real issues of property maintenance and using our garden for recreation and relaxation.

3. It is therefore of vital importance that the proposed bill includes in the description single deciduous trees and more importantly deciduous trees whether in single or double rows.