Local Government and Regeneration Committee
Stage 1 scrutiny of the High Hedges (Scotland) Bill
December 2012

SUBMISSION FROM CAROL GLOVER

1. I have for several years complained to my MSP - - regarding the issue of trees within the next door garden.

2. I have attached a letter which I sent to MSP which gives an idea of the position of my house within , and the problems with the trees.

3. I have also attached correspondence from March 2012 where I felt let down as the new legislation would possibly not help my case.

4. I fully understand trees are important to the environment - but what good are trees that are dangerous to neighbouring properties?

5. Please also note I have questioned my neighbour if his insurance would cover any damage to my home - as one of the offending trees could be deemed not suitable for a domestic garden but only suitable for a park or woodland area.

6. My neighbour could not answer me and has never got me back to say he has looked into this.

7. Surely in cases similar to mine there should be a law to protect me?

8. There must be other vegetation that could be planted by the owner of the offending trees that would not in any way block my view, sun, light and potentially cause major damage.

9. Please note the points below I wish taken into account regarding my plight - my neighbours also have the same concerns and have complained:
   - The trees in question have blocked my view of the and from my kitchen window and other windows are also affected.
   - Loss of sunlight in the garden in the morning
   - loss of light
   - Loss of value to my home if trying to sell as a surveyor/home report would mention the problem of the roots and potential damage to foundations/drains
   - Loss of value to my home due to lack of sunlight in the garden and light in my kitchen.
   - Drains to the back of the house could be affected by tree roots and damage caused
   - Foundations of could also be affected by tree roots which would cause major damage
   - Issue of Health & Safety regarding falling trees due to high winds
   - House Insurance cover by the house owner may not cover damage/major damage caused by the offending tree/s (see note above)
• Mess from falling leaves and pine needles which I or my retired husband have to sweep up, bag and carry upstairs then deal with in the appropriate manner.

Note: Copies of correspondence were provided with the submission, but are not reproduced online.