SUBMISSION FROM HELEN SMITH

1. I do not agree with the definition of a high hedge as my garden is very small and 2 metres would still be too high. I think 5ft would be more appropriate.

2. I have no opinions on other forms of vegetation.

3. I agree with the proposals regarding the approach to dispute resolution as set out in the Bill.

4. There is an awful lot of time wasting open to abuse involved in the enforcement procedure. In cases where the council owns the properties involved it would seem to be a straight forward case and needn’t be time wasting unless the Bill makes it so.

5. Again I come back to council owned property which in my opinion should never have been allowed to grow a high hedge, so as a victim on benefits I would not be in favour of me paying any fees to the council whose job it is to look after their property anyway. I think it would be fairer for the council to pay me for having to put up with this monstrosity of a hedge for many years but that’s very unlikely to happen.

6. It seems to me that this bill has been made with home owners and land owners in mind, perhaps some more notice should be given to private or public rented accommodation where it seems to me that the owners or councillors are not particularly bothered and the inconvenience of taking action to get rid of the high hedge is not urgent. Having to live with the problem as a tenant makes it urgent.