Local Government and Regeneration Committee

Submission by Mr. & Mrs. J. MacGregor,

of written evidence to Stage 1 of consideration of the High Hedges (Scotland) Bill.

We feel that 2m. is perhaps, generally acceptable and helpful in an urban situation, but in a more rural situation (as in our case) where landowners have a "set aside" agreement, states that hedges must be a specific distance from a boundary, and hedging only allowed to grow inward. Hedges must be trimmed regularly to a height of 3 or 4 feet to stop branches spreading into an adjoining property. We fully endorse the Committee's approach to dispute resolution. We also agree with the enforcement procedures set out in the Bill.
The cost of correction of faults must be those created in the first place by the landowner responsible.

The aspects of this Bill, as we see it, would have no positive or negative effects on equality.

Thank you for inviting us to comment and we would like to think our responses have been positive.