Local Government and Communities Committee

Post-Legislative Scrutiny of the High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013

Submission from John Williamson

I went through the process of having a notice served on my neighbour’s hedge through West Lothian council. The notice was served March 2015 to be applied by my neighbour in August 2015.

The notice stated hedge to be cut to 3.2m and not allowed to grow more than 3.5m. The way the notice is applied it does not solve my problem of light loss calculated by the council to be 2.200m to 2.500m anything above that gives off shadow into my garden. In August 2016 the hedge was cut back to 3.5m but won’t be cut again till August 2017 allowing the hedge to grow over 4.2m this year.

I feel that paying 380 pounds for high hedge notice which is outside the new law. To date the problem is still ongoing with the council over 2 years later and in the hands of the S.P.S.O. If the council used the guide lines given on the new law I feel my problem would be solved.

Yours truly

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