Dear Sirs,

I read your article in our local paper, and would like the High Hedges Bill to be amended to restricting the hedges to 2 metres high. I can’t understand why a fence and a wall have to be 2 metres high, but trees can be any height the owner wants. 

I have had to live with a hedge about 10-12 ft high for over 20 years. I have asked my neighbours on a few occasions to lower the height, but I always get a very terse ‘no’. The only thing I have achieved is that they are prepared to have their gardener cut my side of the hedge when he is doing their side. The hedge doesn’t interfere with light into my house, but my garden is in constant shade for about 6 months of the year. As you may gather I have a smallish garden, and I always find it very selfish of people who enjoy all the sunshine God gives out, but I have to suffer the shade for about half the year.

My sympathies go out to all the people suffering from a high hedge, and truthfully negotiations very rarely work. I know it wouldn’t work in my case.

So please listen to the people who are suffering from the effects of the hedge problem and make the law that all hedges, no matter what type of tree, to be 2 metres high and no more. If the neighbour does not comply, then let the sufferer have the right to go to the council, without paying them anything, and get them to deal with the problem, charging the owner.

Regards,

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