

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Make a high hedge complaint

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What have you done to try to settle this matter?:Approached neighbour/hedge owner and asked to discuss problem, Asked neighbour/hedge owner to try mediation, Informed neighbour/hedge owner of intentions to complain to council

Approached neighbour/hedge owner and asked to discuss problem::First of all, I need to refer you to our original high hedge complaint dated 21st January 2022 Ref 22/00056/HEDGE. We sent two letters, one offering to come to a mutually acceptable height and to do the work ourselves and then, as we had no response, we offered to meet with a mediator but again received no response. You have copies of both of these letters as they were submitted with our previous application. Following our complaint Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council inspected the site and in March 2023 we received notification that the council had upheld our complaint and that the trees be reduced to 4.25 metres in height. However, the owner of the trees, Ms Amelia Bridgewater of Sheepy Lodge, Twycross Road, Sheepy Magna, Atherstone, CV9 3RT appealed this decision which we also counter appealed and as a result of this an inspector from The Planning Inspectorate, A Edgington, visited the site on 11th June 2024. A decision was received dated 3rd July 2024 which again upheld our complaint and the council decision stating that the hedge must be reduced to a height of 3.75 metres. This work was carried out in January 2025. The Planning Inspectorate stated that if the trees were allowed to grow unchecked to a height of 16.6 metres they would be an unacceptable and highly incongruous intrusion into the landscape and would have a seriously adverse effect on the living conditions of occupiers of ourselves at No.2 as well as Nos 1 and 3. We did query if the north boundary of the trees were also included in the notice as surely they are also incongruous to the landscape but the inspector stated that there was nothing to indicate they were part of the original complaint. For this reason , we are submitting this complaint as the trees on the north boundary of the field really do now look strange in the landscape now. They are currently approximately 7 metres tall.
Appeal References: APP/HH/2140 & APP/HH/2149

Asked neighbour/hedge owner to try mediation::Yes as per letter attached to 22/00056/HEDGE

Informed neighbour/hedge owner of intention to complain to council::Yes as per letter attached to 22/00056/HEDGE

Anything else you wish to detail::We have attached a photo of the trees and a site map highlighting the trees, Sheepy Lodge where Ms Bridgewater lives, and our property 2 Cotton Fell, Twycross Road, Sheepy Magna, CV9 3RT

Is the hedge - or the portion that is causing problems - made up of a line of 2 or more trees or shrubs?: Yes

Is it mostly evergreen or semi-evergreen?: Yes

Is it more than 2 metres above ground level?:Yes

Even though there are gaps in the foliage or between the trees, is the hedge still capable of obstructing light or views?: Yes

Is it growing on land owned by someone else?:Yes

Is the complaint the owner or occupier (eg tenant) of the property affected by the hedge?: Yes

Please select what applies to you::Owner

Is the property residential?: Yes

Please describe the problems actually experienced as a result of the hedge being too tall, and say how serious they are. It will save time and help your case if you stick to the facts and provide all relevant information to back up the points you are making:: Following the reduction of the trees on the west boundary behind our property as per the Planning Inspectorate decision the trees on the north boundary really do now look out of keeping with the rest of the landscape and are effecting the views from all three properties. We are raising this on behalf of all three properties. We were assuming that all the trees would be cut but apparently we now have to raise a new notice for the trees on the north boundary.

Please provide a photo of the hedge and a plan or sketch of both the site where the hedge is growing and the property it is affecting, with the hedge clearly marked on it:: I wish to upload the photo and plan or sketch now

Please upload the plan of the premises (Maximum size 5 MB)::North Boundary Conifers Site Map.jpg, Photo of North Boundary Conifers June 2025.jpg

Has a formal complaint been made to the council before about this hedge?:No

Are you an agent or another person acting on behalf of the complainant?:No

Complainant details:

Title:	First name:	Surname:
Mrs	Hayley	Meyrick

customer_address:

Service Address
2 Cotton Fell, Twycross Road, Sheepy Magna, CV9 3RT

contact:

Email address:	Phone number (mobile or landline with area code):	Alternative phone number:

Is the complainant content for us to contact them by email, at the address provided?:Yes

Do you know the address of the site where the hedge is growing?:Yes

Hedge address:

Postcode or street name	fullAddress_sender
CV9 3RT	Sheepy Lodge Twycross Road, Sheepy Magna, CV9 3RT

Do you know the name of the person living at the address of the site where the hedge is growing?: Yes

Name of the person living at the site of the hedge:

Title:	First name:	Surname:
Ms	Amelia	Bridgwater

Do you know the contact details of the person living at the address of the site where the hedge is growing?: No

Please provide copies or correspondence with your neighbour about the hedge::I have already provided the copies or correspondence

Would you like to provide any other documents you have mentioned in your complaint?:No

I confirm that I have completed as much of this form as a I can and that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided is accurate:: Yes

Name:: Hayley Meyrick

Date: 12/06/2025

Would you like to pay online now?: Yes