

Concerns over the height of your 5 Laurel Trees'

Sorry to have to put pen to paper but I am having concerns regarding the height you are allowing your 5 Laurel Trees to grow, now estimated at approximately 4 metres and the impact this is having on both Jan and myself and the future impact in our garden.

I have over the past 3 years asked you on several occasions if you would lower the height of the bushes/trees to an acceptable height, but as yet nothing has been done to rectify this by yourself.

Concerns I have regarding your trees are:

- They deprive us of light and sunshine to some of our garden and our morning breakfast patio.
- The summer berries falling into our garden are poisonous to our pet dog if ingested, are staining our garden pathway and are reseeding in our flowerbed.
- The bushes/trees have now outgrown the height of the netting I have put up each year during the berry season to try and avoid berries falling into our garden.
- Very concerned that the roots as the trees mature each year will cause damage to the foundations of our Garden Room and the lifting of our garden pathway.
- Over the last 3 years I have been cutting back the overhanging branches with your permission but due to the height of your trees it is becoming very difficult for me to climb the ladders due to my age and hip injury.

As we have had no response to our requests we sought advice from Hinckley & Bosworth Council as to where we stand, they need us to show that we have tried to resolve this problem ourselves before they will get involved hence us having to put in writing our concerns and to invite you to see the issues if you so wish.

I don't want to escalate this or cause any bad feelings between us but I'm afraid if this matter cannot be resolved amicably, I will be obliged to ask Hinckley & Bosworth Council to intervene on our behalf.

The GOV.UK guidance regarding 'High Hedges: complaining to the council' (attached) in part 3 – What sort of complaint the council can look at, states, if we can answer 'yes' to all the points listed below, the local council is likely able to consider our complaints.

- Growing on land owned or occupied by someone else?
- Made up of a line of 2 or more trees or shrubs?

- Mostly evergreen or semi-evergreen?
- More than 2 metres tall?
- A barrier to light or access (even if there are any gaps)?

As you can see we can answer yes to all of the above so I kindly ask that you accept our concerns and comply with the requirements regarding the height of your 5 laurel trees and lower them to the 2 metre requirement by the end of August 2024.

Sorry to have to put this into writing but I have been left with no choice.

Regards

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