

ANNEX G – Discussion with my neighbour on 22 August 2024

On Thursday 22nd August 2024 at 1635hrs my neighbour Simon came to discuss the 5 Laurel cherry bushes/trees and asked if he could borrow my step ladders which I duly obliged. He stated he would tidy up the bushes/trees and lower them but only slightly. I told him I would look at them once done and decide from there if I feel I have to go back to the council. Simon further stated that the government recommendations were not enforceable and that he did due diligence when he brought the bushes/trees. He did not elaborate who he sought due diligence from. I informed him about the government recommendations and the possibility of a £1000 fine if the council find in my favour should he not reduce the height of the bushes/trees. Simon further stated that he did not want to fall out over this which I agreed.

On returning my step ladders Simon did not want to engage or discuss the matter, and since then it has been very difficult to communicate with him.

On looking at what Simon had done it appears that he has done very little to reduce the height and it appears that only about 12" had been removed from one tree only.

Up to the submission of this complaint I have given Simon the benefit of doubt that he would cut the bushes/trees to the acceptable government standard, but this has not been forthcoming. With Spring now upon us and the trees beginning their growth after winter and the summer on its way it would be nice to get this resolved.