



# High Hedges



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The law requires everyone with a high hedge to consider the effect they have on their neighbours.

You do not usually need permission to plant a hedge in your garden, but you have a responsibility for looking after the height of the hedge so it doesn't block light to your neighbour's property.

Under [legislation \(under Part 8 of the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003\)](#) we have the power to exercise control over high hedges. Responsibility for investigating formal complaints made by the public lies with our trees team in the Parks section.

The law requires people to have taken 'all reasonable steps' to try to settle their hedge dispute for themselves before making a formal complaint to us.



## Frequently asked questions

Please read our frequently asked questions before contacting us about high hedges.


**What constitutes a 'high hedge' under the Anti-Social Behaviour legislation?** ▾

**Can I make a complaint about a single tree?** ▾

**What responsibilities do I have if I own a fast-growing hedge?** ▾


**Who should I go to if my neighbour has a hedge that is obscuring my view or light to my property?** ▾

How do I make a complaint? 


Who can register a complaint? 


On what grounds can a complaint be made? 

Do I have to pay a fee? And what is it? 

How long will it take to look into a complaint? 

What happens once a complaint has been made? 

What happens if any action is needed? 

Is there a time limit for carrying out works? 

Is there a right of appeal? 

What happens if works are not carried out? 

What does the law say? 

Further reading 

## Related Pages

1. [Tree advice](#)

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1. [High hedges and neighbour disputes](#)
2. [Arboricultural Association Hedges](#)
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