



# Hedgerow removal notice



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If you want to remove a hedgerow, or part of a hedgerow, you will need to complete the Hedgerow Removal Notice to comply with regulations which are designed to protect important hedgerows in England and Wales.

## Definitions

**Hedgerow:** is not separately defined in section 97 of the Environment Act 1995 or in the Regulations. The Oxford English Dictionary definition (2nd Edition, 1989) however states that it is 'a row of bushes forming a hedge, with the trees, etc growing in it.'

**Remove:** the term remove defined in section 97(8) of the 1995 Act as 'uproot or otherwise destroy.' A judgement on whether the proposed work or other activity constitutes removal will be made according to the circumstances of the individual case.

**To submit an application for Hedgerow Removal, apply online at the [Planning Portal](#) or complete our form:**

- [Hedgerow Removal Notice application form](#)
- [Help notes for completing application form](#)

Information required for a Hedgerow Removal Notice application:

- [National requirements \(Part 1\)](#)
- Local requirements (Part 2) - we are working on a Local List, please submit your application in accordance with national requirements

To process an application we require the information detailed in Part 1 above to be submitted with the application. The period for deciding the application cannot start until all the information has been received.

Please make sure you submit **one original plus one copy** of the application form, together with **one original plus one copy** of the plan at 1:2500 metric scale. This must show clearly the location / length of the hedgerow to be removed and where any part of the

hedgerow to be removed was planted less than 30 years ago indicate X - X on the plan and provide evidence of the date of planting.

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