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Subject: High Hedge Bill

With regards to the announcement on the stage of the High Hedge Bill I wish to submit the following

- Definition is required for "reasonable enjoyment"
- Definition is required for "detriment"
- Consideration needs to be given to the maintenance of a border hedge, has it been well maintained, is the owner prepared to pay for this maintenance
- Consideration needs to be given to the distance the hedge is from the complainants house
- Consideration needs to be given to the difference in the height of the neighbours foundations to the owner of the hedge IE if the complainant foundations are 8 feet higher than the hedge owner, the hedge will require to be higher to provide privacy to the owner
- People in bungalows have bought bungalows to have privacy, nobody looking out of bedroom windows etc, the building of upstairs on a neighbouring bungalow may give reason to grow hedges higher and not complain over this building change, this needs to be taken into consideration in a complaint.
- If a house backs onto a bungalow the occupants should be allowed to grow and maintain a hedge which provides privacy to some extent
- All cases must be investigated on own merit, not a general height requirement of so many feet

Submitted for consideration in the next phase of the Bill

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