

COMPLAINT FORM: HIGH HEDGES

Use this form to submit a complaint to the Council about a high hedge, under Part 8 of the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003. It should be completed by the person making the complaint or their representative.

Before completing this form, please read the guidance notes sent with it and the leaflet '*High hedges: complaining to the council*'. Please use BLOCK CAPITALS and black ink.

YOU MUST PAY A FEE WHEN YOU SEND IN THIS FORM. The High Hedge fee is £250.

The Council will rely on the information you provide so please make sure it is clear and accurate.

1. ATTEMPTS TO RESOLVE THE COMPLAINT

Please describe what you have done to try to settle this matter. Give dates and say what the result was. Please provide copies of any letters that you mention.

1.1 Approached hedge owner and asked to discuss problem

1.2 Asked hedge owner to try mediation

1.3 Informed hedge owner of intention to complain to council

If you have not tried all the above steps, the Council might not proceed with your complaint.

1.4 Anything else

2. CRITERIA FOR MAKING A COMPLAINT

About the hedge

- 2.1 Is the hedge, or the portion that is causing problems, made up of a line of 2 or more trees or shrubs?

Yes ☐ No ☐

- 2.2 Is it mostly evergreen or semi-evergreen?

Yes ☐ No ☐

- 2.3 Is it more than 2 metres above ground level?

Yes ☐ No ☐

- 2.4 Even though there are gaps in the foliage or between the trees, is the hedge still capable of obstructing light or views?

Yes ☐ No ☐

- 2.5 Is it growing on land owned by someone else?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Who can complain

- 2.6 Is the complainant the owner or occupier (eg tenant) of the property affected by the hedge?

Yes ☐ No ☐

Please delete whichever does not apply.

☐ Owner/Occupier

- 2.7 Is the property residential?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If you have answered 'No' to any of the questions in this section, the criteria have not been met and so the Council cannot consider your complaint.

3. GROUNDS OF COMPLAINT

Please describe the problems actually experienced as a result of the hedge being too tall, and say how serious they are. It will save time and help your case if you stick to the facts and provide all relevant information to back up the points you are making.

To help the Council understand your situation, please provide a photo(s) of the hedge and a location plan or a clearly defined sketch of both the site where the hedge is growing and the property it is affecting, with the hedge clearly marked on it.

4. PREVIOUS COMPLAINTS TO THE COUNCIL

4.1 Has a formal complaint been made to the Council before about this hedge?

Yes ☐ No ☐

4.2 If you have ticked 'Yes', do you know the date and/or reference number of the Council's decision letter?

Date Ref. No.

4.3 What has changed since the Council last looked at this?

If nothing has altered, the Council might not proceed with your complaint.

5. WHO'S WHO/THE PARTIES

5.1 Complainant's contact details

	Title	Forename	Surname
Name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>		
	<input type="text"/>		
City/Town	<input type="text"/>		
County	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Daytime Tel. No.	<input type="text"/>		
Mobile Tel. No.	<input type="text"/>		
Fax No.	<input type="text"/>		
Email Address	<input type="text"/>		

Is the complainant content for us to contact them by email, at the address provided?

Yes ☐ No ☐

5.2 Address of the property affected by the hedge and name of the person living there, if different to 5.1

	Title	Forename	Surname
Name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>		
	<input type="text"/>		
City/Town	<input type="text"/>		
County	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Daytime Tel. No.	<input type="text"/>		
Mobile Tel. No.	<input type="text"/>		
Fax No.	<input type="text"/>		
Email Address	<input type="text"/>		

5.3 Contact details of Agent or other person acting on behalf of the complainant (if any)

	Title	Forename	Surname
Name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>		
	<input type="text"/>		
City/Town	<input type="text"/>		
County	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Daytime Tel. No.	<input type="text"/>		
Mobile Tel. No.	<input type="text"/>		
Fax No.	<input type="text"/>		
Email Address	<input type="text"/>		

Is the Agent, or other person named above, content for us to contact them by email at the address provided?

Yes ☐ No ☐

5.4 Address of the site where the hedge is growing and name of person living there, if known

	Title	Forename	Surname
Name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address or description of location	<input type="text"/>		
City/Town	<input type="text"/>		
County	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Daytime Tel. No.	<input type="text"/>		
Mobile Tel. No.	<input type="text"/>		
Fax No.	<input type="text"/>		
Email Address	<input type="text"/>		

5.5 Name and address of the person who owns the property where the hedge is situated, if different to 5.4 and if known

	Title	Forename	Surname
Name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>		
	<input type="text"/>		
City/Town	<input type="text"/>		
County	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>
Daytime Tel. No.	<input type="text"/>		
Mobile Tel. No.	<input type="text"/>		
Fax No.	<input type="text"/>		
Email Address	<input type="text"/>		

6. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

6.1 Have you enclosed the following:

Tick box

A photo(s) of the hedge

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A location plan or a clearly defined sketch of the hedge and surrounding properties

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Copies of correspondence with your neighbour about the hedge

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Copies of any other documents that you mention (please list these separately)

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7. SENDING THE COMPLAINT

7.1 I confirm that I have completed as much of this form as I can and that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided is accurate.

Tick box ☐

7.2 I enclose the High Hedge fee of £250.

Tick box ☐

Name

Date

7.3 POST OR EMAIL THIS FORM AND ALL ENCLOSURES TO:

Telford & Wrekin Council
Development Management
Darby House
Lawn Central
Telford Town Centre
Telford
TF3 4JA

Tel: (01952 380380)

E-mail: planning.control@telford.gov.uk

7.4 Please also send a copy of this form to the people identified in Section 5.4 and/or 5.5 above.

Tick the box to show you have done this. ☐

You can also download this complaint form from our website at www.telford.gov.uk

Telford & Wrekin Council Development Management (Planning) will only use your information to investigate your high hedge complaint in accordance with the Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003, associated guidance and in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. This is a statutory requirement, however, please note this form is not confidential and will be seen by other parties involved/affected by the complaint and will be publicly available online together with any supporting information.

For further details please view the [privacy page](#) on the council's website.