

High Hedges Complaint Form

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 current fee is £350

The Council will rely on the information you provide so 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 neighbour/hedge owner and asked to discuss problem

1.2 Asked neighbour/hedge owner to try mediation

1.3 Informed neighbour/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?
- 2.2 Is it mostly evergreen or semi-evergreen?
- 2.3 Is it more than 2 metres above ground level?
- 2.4 Even though there are gaps in the foliage or between the trees, is the hedge still capable of obstructing light or views?
- 2.5 Is it growing on land owned by someone else?
- Who can complain?*
- 2.6 Is the complainant the owner or occupier (e.g. tenant) of the property affected by the hedge?
- Please delete whichever does not apply
- 2.7 Is the property residential?

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 of the hedge and a plan or 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?

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

Date Reference Number

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 including postcode	<input type="text"/>		
Daytime Telephone no	<input type="text"/>	Mobile Telephone No	<input type="text"/>
Fax No	<input type="text"/>	Email Address	<input type="text"/>

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

	Title	Forename	Surname
Name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address including postcode	<input type="text"/>		
Daytime Telephone no	<input type="text"/>	Mobile Telephone 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 including postcode	<input type="text"/>		
Daytime Telephone no	<input type="text"/>	Mobile Telephone No	<input type="text"/>
Fax No	<input type="text"/>	Email Address	<input type="text"/>

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 including postcode	<input type="text"/>		
Daytime Telephone no	<input type="text"/>	Mobile Telephone 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 above and if known.

	Title	Forename	Surname
Name	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Address including postcode	<input type="text"/>		
Daytime Telephone no	<input type="text"/>	Mobile Telephone 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 of the hedge

An Ordnance Survey Plan 1:1250 scale showing the location of the hedge and surrounding properties

Copies of correspondence with your neighbour about the hedge

Copies of any other documents that you mention

If you are submitting this complaint as an email attachment, please tick if some/all of your supporting documents are to follow via external mail

7. Sending the complaint

7.1 Please tick the boxes to confirm the following action:

Tick Box

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.

If you are submitting this complaint as an email attachment, please tick if some/all of your supporting documents are to follow via external mail

Please send a copy of this form to the people identified in Section 5 above

I enclose the appropriate fee (as shown on the front page)

7.3 POST OR EMAIL THIS FORM AND ALL ENCLOSURES TO:

City Development
Civic Centre
Paris Street
Exeter
United Kingdom
EX11JN

email: Josh.Bennett@exeter.gov.uk

web: exeter.gov.uk/planning