

The Campaign

For the past nine years legislation has been considered appropriate but has never been delivered.

When the SNP came to power in 2007, Fergus Ewing, Minister for Community Safety undertook to find a solution to this inequity within an extensive review of antisocial behaviour.

In 2008 his aides met with Scothedge to learn about their long running campaign.

In April 2009 a major meeting with the Scothedge team secured a quick and helpful promise to launch a Public Consultation to evaluate the seriousness of the issue in Scotland.

THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION IS ALL ABOUT YOUR PROTECTION FROM NUISANCE TREES AND HEDGES

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The Problem

Whilst a flagpole may require approval by the Local Council and garden fences over 2 metres certainly require planning approval, a growing hedge, whatever the height, requires no communal authorization even if it seriously devalues a neighbouring home.

The right to grow to any height does not acknowledge any right of a neighbour to protection. Any complaint can be rebuffed with impunity secure in the knowledge that no challenge can be mounted.

This is against all common fairness. Complainants must plead for relief as an act of generosity, which is easily denied. Hedges and trees can be planted vindictively, with complete freedom, to maliciously hurt a neighbour.

Bitterness, stress and inequity is sanctioned by poor law which traps the victim in a dispute which cannot be ended. No agency can resolve the dispute since none has the authority to intervene.

This catapults civilised happy living into bad land frontier conflict. The victim can only resort to personal confrontation in the most unequal of fights with no rules or rights, and where abuse and antisocial behaviour often follow.

THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE

IT CAN ONLY BE PREVENTED BY LEGISLATION SIMILAR TO THAT NOW IN FORCE IN ENGLAND AND WALES

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SEEKING JUSTICE FOR THOSE ENDURING VEGETATION TYRANNY

Join the campaign which has secured the Scottish Government's vital 2009 **CONSULTATION ON HIGH HEDGES AND OTHER NUISANCE VEGETATION**

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