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Hedge Height Consultation Long Overdue - Tolson

Commenting as the Scottish Government launches its consultation on how best to resolve neighbourhood disputes over the height of hedges, MSP for Dunfermline West and Local Government Committee member Jim Tolson said:

"This consultation is welcome but long overdue. Urgent action is needed to address this problem. Liberal Democrats have long recognised that the problem of hedge wars is a serious issue and have been pushing the SNP Government to take action on this since they came to office.

It is an issue that affects many people across Scotland. I myself have been contacted by many constituents in Dunfermline and West Fife area whose lives have been blighted by the size of neighbours' hedges. I would urge anyone suffering from this problem to take part in the consultation process which ends on 6 November 2009.

I hope that this consultation is concluded quickly and that Ministers take swift action to help people affected by the problem of high hedges and the un-cooperative neighbours who grow them."

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Notes to Editor

1. A consultation on high hedges and other nuisance vegetation
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/08/14122714/0>
2. <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/08/14100256>